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evening for purpose of considering points. the advisability of appointing a Second prize, \$20.00, was awardpital at this point.

lines suggested was given by points. Messrs Barker and Laurie. It to take up the work of organization, was cut 2 points for weeds, 1 gather information necessary to points for "Apparent Yield," its consumation. A site for the which section considers vigor of Hospital has already been pro- growth, uniformity, size of head, ferred and the deed to the land stifness of straw, thickness of will be placed in the bank to be stand and state of maturity. This surrendered to the Hospital Com- wheat being lodged a little lost mittee. Those present were of the some points on that score. unanimous opinion that a hospital should be located at Cardston.

appointed to gather information on purity of seed, 1 point on freewith regard to Hospitals and sub. dom from weeds, 1 point for smut mit their report at a meeting to be and 5 points for apparent yield held in the Assembly Hall next This wheat was also lodged a little. Sunday evening at 8.30 p. m. The Committee was also instructed to confer with the Bishop and was docked 1 point for weeds, 2 the officers of the Mutual In- points for purity of seed, and 6 provement Association with regard points on apparent yield, being o securing the Hall on that date. rather badly lodged.

Special Prize for Thomas Woolford

Mr. T. H. Woolford has been apprised of the fact that he was the lucky winner of the special prize offered by the North West Jobbing Company at the bridge Fair for the most won by any one man. The prize is a Weber Fanning Mill and Mr. Woolford is very proud of the same. This will make a trio of Fanners that he has and the first thing may expect from Woolford is complete Baseball Nine. We are pleased to know that Mr. Woolford was so successful, at the Fair.

Nominations at Magrath

Last Monday Nominations for the offices of Mayor and Councillors for the Municipality of the Town of Magrath were taken the Returning Officer, Mr. George Thompson. The following were nominated for the office of Mayor for the new town. Messrs Levi Harker and Christian Jensen. A dozen were named to fill the places aix councillors. They are as follows. James Stacey, Andrew Hudson, Daniel Fowler, Austin R. Bennett, George A Hacking, George W. Heathershaw, C. W. Stoddard, O. A. Woolley, C. W. Sanders, John L. Gibb, George J. Forsyth and J. B. Ririe.

tickets in the field. Those under and 14-all told-over 80. There the Mayorship of Levi Harker were six between 70 and 80, thus have taken the name of THE 20 crops out of 29 scored over 70 PEOPLE'S PARTY and the points. others are known as THE CIT-IZENS PARTY. There will be a lively election held there on Monday next and if you hear something "drap" don't put up the quilts and think there is a another of those 'little hailstorms' coming

In keeping with the notice published in the last issue of THE First prize, \$50.00, was awarded STAR, a public meeting was held in to hur Pitcher on a field of the Assembly Hall last Monday Alberta Red which scored 92

Hospital Committee with a view to ed to S. M. Woolf on a field of the future establishing of a Hos- Alberta Red which scored 911

Mr. Mark Spencer was called to Third prize, \$20,00, was awarded the Chair with E. N. Barker as to Thomas Woolford on a field of Secretary. Information along the Alberta Red which scored 91

THE FIRST PRIZE.

was decided to form a committee This was a very fine crop which collect funds for the same and point for purity of seed and 54

THE SECOND PRIZE. This was also a very good crop A Committee of five was of Alberta Red but lost two points

THE THIRD PRIZE. Another excellent crop which

The next crops in order of points were: N. W. Tanner, Alberta Red 89 points; Arthur Perrey, Alberta Red 89 points; Horace Williams, Preston 88½ points; J. W. Woolf, Alberta Red 884; Edward Pitcher Alberta Red 88; D, E. Harris, Alberta Red 871; (marked, "rather late.") Walter Pitcher, Preston 84; Adam Gedleman, Alberta Red 83½; H. R. Eldribge, 80½; J. A Hammer, Alberta Red 80; W. T Ainscough, Alberta Red 80; Wilham Sharp, Alberta Red 76; L, Thompson, Soft Wheat 751 James Anderson, Preston Edward Leavitt, White Fife 71; Johanas Anderson, New Zealand 71; W. Sorrenson, Alberta Red 71; Elias Pilling, Alberta Red 66 Chance Layton, Alberta Red 65; James Layton, Alberta Red 641; James Hansen, Alberta Red 64; J. C, Cahoon, Alberta Red 64; D. C. Hyde, Preston 59; C. T. Marsden, Jr. Alberta Red 43; Dr. Brant, Preston 42; C, T. Marsden, Alberta

Mr. McKillican was kept busy for five days judging these fields and he pronounced most of crops as first class. Anything that scores over 85 points is considered high class and anything over 80 is counted good. Some of the crops that scored very low marks were fine looking crops bu in some cases were cut the full 25 points for being badly mixed with wild oats and some being tainted with smut. Some of the crops were too heavy so that the ears were small and the crops had lodged.

There were 25 entries with three There are two full and complete crops going over 90, nine over 85

> Those who entered this competition can obtain the official score them a chance to see wherein they failed and wherein they scored.

The presence of other varieties of grain in a crop, wild oats, mustard and other weed seeds, with smut in some, seems to have been By an oversight last week we the chief factor in reducing the failed to make mention of the scores. Another thing that told mention two weeks ago and also prize on that fine horse of his. the chief cause of lodging Most Act.

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of those faults can be eliminated with a little care 'exercised in the farming operations.

The scores noted above, are, however, very encouraging for, as the competion was strong and the entry heavy, the judge could not be lenient and scored against the crops all that was coming to them. The fact that so many came well is a feather in the cap of the district and speaks well for our

We Have Improved It.

On Saturday last we had the extreme pleasure of meeting and talking to Mr. A. M, Ten Eyck, Professor of Acronomy, Kansas State Agricultural College and Experiment Station, Manhatten, Kansas. It appears that the good word has gone abroad that the grain brought to Southern Alberta from Kansas some four years ago had been greatly improved by the Albertans. The Kansas Board of Regents hearing of this held a meeting and appointed Mr. Ten Eyck to come and investigate the condition for himself as the representative of the Board. He states that he was more than pleased with the Winter Wheat which had been produced from the old Kansan produce and that he would be compelled to admit the truth of the report regarding the Messrs Ephraim Harker, C. E. recommending to the Board that they make their purchases for experimental purposes from the district south west of Lethbridge. It would be nard to find a better cards of their crops by applying to Professor Ten Eyek and the fact the thrifty farmer. He knows that he has been in the district for that the bright sunshine may last fields and talking to the prac-

facf that James Hansen was the against some of the crops was too bered sections after survey de not medicine for these diseases, should

Advanced Methods of Poultry Raising

The Department of Agriculture has issued its bulletin No. 1 treating on Advanced Methods in Poultry Raising. The Bulletin is now ready for distribution and farmers applying to the Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, can procure one for their information and instruction along this

Wilcox Mine Leased

Messrs Duggan & Huntrods have leased the Wilcox mine for a term of years and will go into mining on a large scale, they intend to put in considerable new machinery, such as cutting machines, fan, pumps etc. and it is their intention to get a railway to the mine as soon as they can if the right of way can be secured. The opening of this mine means much to the town and there should be little difficulty in getting the right of way for a railroad. Both these gentlemen have been in the employ of the Canada West Coal and Coke Co. and are practical men in

We wish them success in their enterprise.—Taber Free Press.

improvement and also that he was Snow, Robt. Ibey and Edward J. Wood have large interests. -Ed.

about two weeks looking over the but a day and he prepares for the showers which are so liable to toltical farmers convinces us that he household. Dysentery, diarrhoea and cholera morbus may attack some member of the home without warning. Chamberlain's NOTICE is hereby given that Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Repersons squatting upon odd num- medy, which is the best known acquire any right thereto, and o. n- always be kept at hand, as imthat Mr. Cleveland carried off a the grain was too thick which is visions of the Dominion Lands and delay may prove fatal. For sale by all druggists and dealers.

FINDS NEW STARS ON PHOTOGRAPHIC PLATES

66 TT IS all in the day's work," Miss Annie J. Cannon will remark, laconically, when any one congratulates her upon the fact that her record in scientific work includes the discovery

Announcements of the discovery of new stars are not speedily accepted by scientists. There must be long and patient observation to verify the claim. Official verification of Miss Cannon's discovery has come only after several years of such investigation.

Connected with the photographic research department of the Harvard Observatory, it is not part of Miss Cannon's duties to sweep the heavens with a powerful telescope in search of new stellar worlds.

As the discovery of what is now officially designated as Nova Ophinchi No. 3 was made while the young woman was examining photographic plates of the leavens, this enrichment of science was really, as she puts it, "in the day's work."

CINCE her discovery has been officially verified and Nova Ophinchi No. 3 has taken its place in the geography of the heavens, Miss Cannon has beet the recipient of considerable attention from the astronomical world. All this she accepts in the same modest spirit she All this she accepts in the same modest spirit she has always shown when her brilliant work in astronomical research has been praised, and dismisses them by saying, simply, "It's all in the day's work."

For a number of years she has had some of the most important work in connection with the photograph department to do, and it may be said that she has always done it well.

"I am deeply interested in my work here," she said the other day.

'In the examination of the plates there is always the chance of discovering something new—that is how I happened to discover the new star. I do not consider it so wonderful, as it was right in line with my regular work. You know that every clear night here photographs



Miss Annie J. Cannon

are taken of the heavens, and I go over the plates in the

"It was while going over some plates that I found the spectrum seemed to show a gaseous nebula. "I wondered if this were not a new thing, and so I

went over plates taken for several nights previously of that portion of the heavens. 'Finally I found on one of the plates what was apparently a new star, and from then it was a ques-

tion of verification. "The star has been variable in its magnitude, some-

times very much, at other times less, but of late the variation has been very slight.

stars are caused by a body floating through space running into a crowd of meteors.

"The body is heated on the exterior and blazes up, but I do not think the incandescence extends to the core, for then it would take a much longer time to cool and lose its light more than many of these bodies do"

Since coming to the Observatory several years ago Miss Cannon has been given important work to do. Altogether there are sixteen women at the Observatory, under the charge of Mrs. Wilhelmina Fleming, whose appointment as curator of astronomical photographs in 1897 broke, for the first time in 200 years, the Harvard rule that no woman should be given an official position in the university.

One of the most important works assigned to Miss Cannon was a few years ago, when she was given the

Cannon was a few years ago, when she was given the task of cataloguing the spectra of bright Southern stars, the photographs for which were taken with the thirteen-inch Boyden telescope at the Arequipa Station of the Observatory, in Peru.
To catalogue them, she examined 5691 plates of 1122
bright stars, the work being completed some four

years ago.

Following this came a greater piece of work, the complete bibliography of all the variable stars, which she has recently completed.

This work was begun by Profes or Reed, who wrote some 15,000 cards for it. It has since been continued by Miss Cannon, and now contains 34,000 cards, each giving a complete, detailed history of every star.

"New" or "temporary" stars are phenomena of rare occurrence. According to a noted authority, "but few undoubted examples of the class are recorded in the annals of astronomy."

Some "new" stars, it is thought, have been simply variable stars of irregular period, while others, doubtless, have been the result of collisions in the heavens. annals of astronomy.

BEAUTY, A DICTATOR OF FASHIONS, SHE WEARS A WIG

Y HER friends Mlle. Liane de Pougy is called "the handsomest woman in Paris." To a considerable extent she dictates fashions; she has a king at her feet, and her collection of jewels is ranked among the finest in France, if not of any single individual not of royal blood in the world.

Of late, reports of her engagement to a young physician of Paris have caused a gossipy exchange of views in the French capital. And yet Mlle. de Pougy, it has been discovered

of late, wears a wig! Will this set the fashion of wig-wearing in the French capital, and, therefore, throughout the world? is a question which wome everywhere are agerly.

se several years Mile. Liane de Pougy, sometime actress and music hall singer, has reigned, undisputed, in her own sphere. 'Every one to his taste," remarked one who

has been thrown with the celebrated Parisienne considerably of late. "For my part, I find Mademoiselle more amiable than handsome." This, however, is not the opinion of the King of Belgium and other richer, if less notorious, friends to whom she owes that marvelous collection of jewels-reputed to be the finest in Paris-and her position as a

dictator of fashions. Whether it be her beauty or her cleverness that has brought this woman to her present position, and whether a certain exclusive titled set of Parisians approve or not, her actions are watched and discussed like those of the Pompadours and du Barry's of old.

Like them, she sets the fashions in dress and all pertaining thereto, for women of that type in Paris have always owed much of their success to their knowledge of

It is an open secret that most of the great beauties of a certain class are given clothes by the grand couturiers to introduce them into fashion. All Paris remembers a recent automobile accident in which Mile, de Pougy figured; it was cabled in detail

to all corners of the world, and for days afterward occupied whole columns on the front pages of the principal Paris dailies. The most interesting fact, however, brought out by the accident seems to have escaped general notice at the time. This fact is-that Liane de Pougy wears a wig!

Not because her hair is ugly, for it is of a beautiful golden brown color, its present length of three or four inches forming little ringlets all over her head. Mademoiselle de Pougy cut off her hair because it



Mlle Liane de Pougy.

until the simple coiffure that she likes best shall come over which it is held in place by a fine hair net. again into fashion-for Liane is too much a Parisienne of the Rue de la Paix, which hat requires to be sup-



Wig Shall I Wear today.

was a much pleasanter way of getting rid of it than ported by a coiffure like unto that invented by Leonard, sitting for hours under the "marcel" iron until it was the celebrated hair dresser of Marie Antoinette. Liane has two wigs, of course, one of which the Then, too, it is so much easier to have the now hair dresser may arrange while the other is worn, so tashionable elaborate coiffure of waves, puffs and curls that she has a fresh coiffure each day. Just about the edges her own hair is left a little longer so that when it set already done upon one's head. So this clever woman decided upon a plan of her own is combed back it covers the tell-tale borders of the wig,

Leonard's present successor said, "No, I did not have taken to the wig"-a gallant answer, for he had

made it-"but it is no surprise to hear it, for during the last year many of our most 'chic' clients have been

wearing them. "It came about in this way: The more elaborate the coiffure grew the more necessary was it to wear false hair-quantities of it, a crepe underneath to form the pompadour-with bunches of puffs and curls pinned

"A funny thing is that each lady who has taken to not to wear the very latest hat from the grand modiste know that Mademoiselle de Pougy was one of those who the perruque thinks herself alone in an entirely original idea, and naturally I have not undeceived any of them

National Fight on the Tipping



HO has not firmly resolved to abandon, once for all, the pernicious habit of tipping, only to stealthily hand over a piece of silver the very first time thereafter he was served by hotel waiter or Pullman car attendant?

Who has not squirmed and protested-mentally, of course—when sandbagged by this highwayman-like relic of barbarism? Why, in France, according to a statistician, annual tips given aggregate nearly \$75,000,000, over \$20,000,000 of this

being handed out in Paris alone. Rejoice, then, and be exceeding glad, ye weakkneed victims who have been impotent or afraid to protect yourselves; long-suffering humanity is cronsing to sweep the evil at once and forever

THE MOVEMENT against t.pping is assuming pro- and two daughters, the honorarium expected is \$5 portions. Following the example of Missouri, weekly. where the House of Representatives has passed a bill making tipping a punishable offense, the Legislature of Pennsylvania has been sked to take action on which makes tipping an offense punishable with a fine of \$100 or sixty days in jail.

A similar measure applying to the District of Columbia was recently introduced in the National House of Representatives. Further, in order to carry the crusade into every State, an Anti-Tipping Club has been formed by the traveling men of Rochester, N. Y., who are organizing branches in other cities.

The tipping habit, following the natural course of things, in time may embrace all the trades which serve the public. It will be perfectly natural after a while, perhaps, to tip the butcher's driver who serves meat, the man who delivers bread from the baker, and the candlestick maker, whoever he may be; the street car motorman who stops for you at the crossing; the street cleaner who removes the dirt from before your house; the postman who brings your mail; the telephone oper-ator who answers your call, and the newspaper reporters who write up your political meetings. Why not? Is there any reason why you should be continually mulcted by persons in certain occupations, while chers, who serve you as well, if not better, receive no gratuities? Isn't the whole tipping habit the most foolish that ever enchained man?

An extension of the evil will not come to pass, however, nor will the evil itself continue, if the Rochester Anti-Tipping Society and Congressman Murphy, of Missouri, succeed in their crusade, c. if the influence of Tubbs, of Missouri, shall prevail.

Mr. Tubbs actually had an anti-tipping bill passed by the Missouri House of Representatives, and he hopes to see it become a law of that State.

The lower house of the Legislature of Mis cently passed a bill introduced by Mr. Tubbs which provides for the fining and imprisonment of those giving and receiving tips. When a similar bill was introduced into the House of Representatives at Washington by Mr Murphy, of Missouri, the hotel patrons of the city hailed it with thought-huzzas, and there was great rejoicing in the astral plane. Women smiled graciously upon Mr. Murphy and a warm feeling began to burn in the heart of every man who lived in a hotel.

And among the waiters—uproar, indignation meetings, pantomimic execrations in the dining-rooms.

"Secre bley it ever ruin ruin!" headwriters in tree.

"Sacre bleu, it eez ruin, ruin!" headwaiters in irre-proachable dress would exclaim as national legislators passed them. "No tip? Ah, such barbarism, such eruelty! It eez murder, outrage, calamity."

Persons wishing mushrooms on their steak and possessing a taste for pate de foi gras or squabs on toast, with sauces of foreign-languages, continued to tip and to deprecate the attempt to ston the ill-gotten gains of the dining-room barons when importuned. As a fact, nowhere has the tipping evil reached such proportions as in the national capital. The tariff exacted by the waiters is generally 10 per cent. of the bill on large checks, but on small bills of, say, several dollars, 25 per cent. If the bill was less than a dollar, the waiter expected the change.

In the so-called family hotels the tip for each man is \$2 a week and a dollar for each other member of the samily. At a family table where sits a father, a wife

with the signature "Dr. Lang" upon it, and appended the

Every time a piece of baggage is to be removed 25 to 50 cents a week. For bellboys the schedule of a bill presented by Representative ames L. Adams, tips runs like this: Bringing in bags, 25 cents; pitcher the appointed day the plaintiff was not there. of water, 10 cents; drink in .ooms, 25 to 50 cents; brushing coats, 10 cents; stationery, 10 cents. Twenty stalwart men entered Herr Blitzen's apartments and per cent. of the money spent in Washington is said to

fince the tipping evil in Missouri has been given such a blow as the success of the Tubbs' bill in one house of the I egislature-two years ago a similar bill failed of recognition-a great improvement has been noticed. For one thing, hotel proprietors have raised the wages of their employes. Instead of paying to hold jobs in some hotels, the waiters are now on the sal-

Porters at the railroad stations, when offered a tip, smile gratefully-and refuse. Bellboys in the hotels, when slipped a nickel, extend their chests and declare proudly that they are not grafters; waiters when passed a 5-cent tip become purple with indignation and splutter that they are honest men.

And Tubbs—the mark of serving men throughout the country, the man who, when recognized, gets tough steak and bad oysters in eating houses-of him an admiring poet wrote:

> Who is Tubbs? He's the man whose lips Cried, "Curses on These tyrannical tips!" Who hurled the thunder Of eloquence
> Against those avaricious gents
> Who seen their duty
> And who done it— When you had put

What shall I tip a waiter?" rrites a correspondent. "I have been giving 10 per cent. of my bill. But recently in New York, when I rave a waiter a 20-cent tip on a \$2 bill for two, he refused it, and rushed to the head waiter, pointing at me and making faces and significant nods and grimaces."

"Whenever I enter a barber shop," writes another in distress, "I tip the barber 10 cents. He refuses to take less. I usually give the boy who dusts my coat 5 cents. Sometimes when I hesitate he holds on to my

coat and continues to brush. I have to drag him with me to the door, where he gives a parting whisk. When I fail to pay him I have an oppressed feeling. What shall I do? Shall I change barber shops?"

"I went to Atlantic last summer for a week," writes "I went to Atlantic last summer for a week," writes another, "and made up my mind to give no tips. Since then I have been a nervous wreck. I feel ashamed of myself whenever I look at one of those clean, smooth-shaved waiters. Not only did I suffer from physical want, but the mental humiliation has left an indelible impression on my mind. I am convinced no one man can beat down the evil by himself."

Statistics show that hotel employes are the cheapest-paid people in the country. A canvass made by the State Labor Department of Michigan among 946 hotels in seventy-nine counties showed an average wage of 85 cents for a day of 9.6 hours

Traveling men most keenly feel the necessity of

Traveling men most keenly feel the necessity of keeping open their purse strings. Such an organization as that of the Rochester drummers may solve the

THE large amount of entertainment which Alfred Schmipf, a 14-year-old German boy, obtained in his efforts to "get even" with an elderly man of Berlin. named Blitzen, calls attention to queer methods of revenge which have been revealed in the news recently.

As a starter, the Schmipf boy bought a rubber stamp

name to a large number of open postcards full of gross insults to Herr Blitzen. Soon after Blitzen was summoned by the District the head porter gets 25 to 50 cents; elevator boys get Court to answer to an action instituted by "Dr. Lang" to recover a debt of 14 shillings, but when he appeared on

Three days later an ambulance drew up, and four placed him by main force in the ambulance, for conveyance to the nearest lunatic asylum, whence, of course, he was liberated when the doctors discovered him to be

Elegant carriages afterward drove up to take Herr and Frau Blitzen for drives. The boy afterward sent & band of music to play before the house at 4 o'clock in

The climax was reached when a hearse, drawn by six horses and followed by eight mourning coaches, appeared before Herr Blitzen's house. They had been ordered by "Dr. Lang" for Herr Blitzen's funeral.

Nor would the young villain have been discovered and sent to jail had he not betrayed himself by boasting of his deeds to another lad.

An English milkman named Winpenny was discharged by his employer. The next morning he purposely distributed sour milk to all his master's customers, thereby causing his employer to lose a large proportion of them. At Cardiff, Wales, recently, the electric current suddenly went off, and the whole street railway of the town was stopped for twenty minutes. Officials ran to the power house, and found there a dismissed wireman lying unconscious. By way of revenge he had cut two cables, and in doing so he had received a shock which pros-

For days he lay in the infirmary hovering between life and death. Later on, however, he recovered, and was sentenced to nine months' imprisonment, so that altogether he had to pay pretty dearly for the outrage, which might have plunged the town in darkness and

caused a disastrous panic. Burglars who broke into a provision store in an English town and failed to find money set about to ruin as much of the stock as possible. Getting hold of all the mustard they could find, they mixed it to the usual degree of consistency with the aid of rum, sherry, gin and other siquors. After covering the shop floor with a thick layer of this, they scattered over it scores of pounds of tea, coffee and cocoa, tobacco, rice and sugar, with a case of carefully broken eggs.

A French method of "taking it out" of an opponent has been invented by the Marquis de Dion, a prominent member of the French Chamber of Deputies. The marquis got annoyed with the French Government, and in order to embarrass it as much as possible recently advised his constituents in Brittany to withdraw their deposits from the national savings bank. Large withdrawals from the savings bank took place in consequence.

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Hudson Bay Company Planned in Hard -ship, Built up by Toil, Has Reaped Millions

HOSE who look upon trusts as modern growths may be surprised to learn that one of the most powerful on the North American continent is 86 years old. This is the Hudson Bay Company, which probably furnished the muff, collar or the fur evercoat which you are wearing this winter. It is the continent's oldest trust.

Age isn't the chief distinction of this must, however. It can claim, what no other trust can, that it has made a nation; for it would be difficult to exaggerate the Hudson Bay Company's part in creating modern Canada. Many of the great Dominion cities of oday have developed from trading posts essablished by the fur company many years ago.

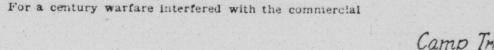
In the forming of this trust and its deeelopment tragedy and romance run riot. The killing of rival traders in close encounter, in duels and in pitched battles; the accidental death of many a man while engaged in his perilous work; the hardship of life in isolated sections, to some of which mail, even at this day, goes only once a year; the commercial romances connected with bay-tree growth of cities in the wilderness—these things might. If inanimate objects could speak, be told by

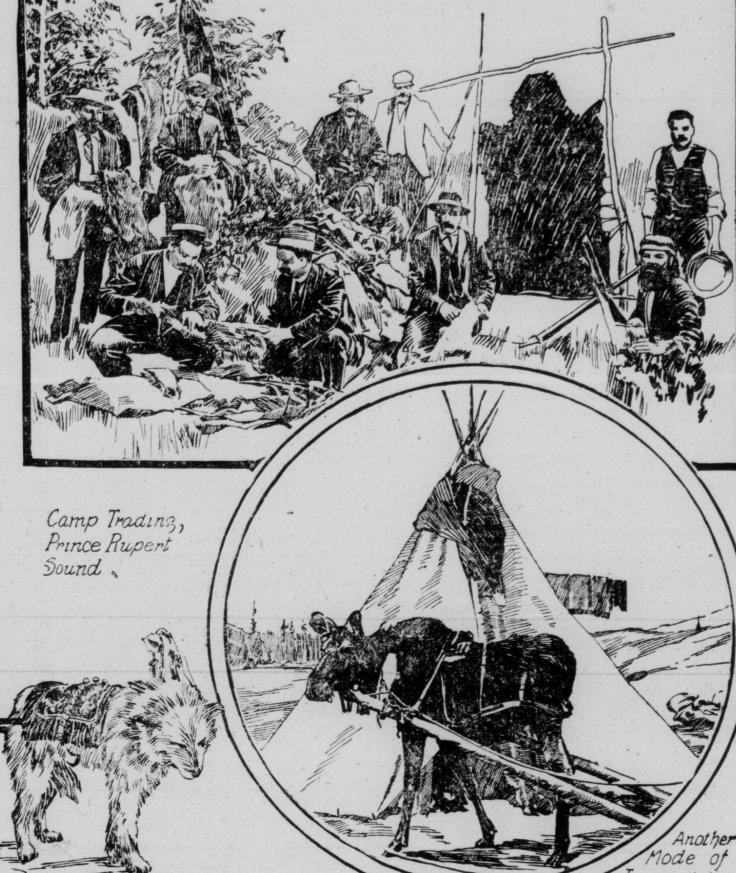


Canada, he exacted as payment only two elks and two black beavers annually, and this only when he should happen to be within the territories granted. If kings and parliaments of this day only had a sense

of humor The fates ordained that these Englishmen, invested with unlimited powers by their government, were not to have things all their own way. The French could appreclate furs, too. In 1627 the company of New France

It is unnecessary to go into the merits of the French and English cententions. Both seriously claimed the territory. Things dragged along until, in 1688, Sieur D'Iberiville headed a hostile expedition, which captured three of the Hudson Bay Company's five forts and several of its





Dog Train Drawing Funs

the fur which drapes feminine shoulders or is exposed for sale in the store window.

Before the Hudson Bay Company absorbed its rival and formed the first trust of the continent its stirring history had already extended over a century and a half, and for a long time enjoyed a monopoly of the rich fur

F THE Hudson Bay Company had not absorbed the Northwest Fur Company, of Montreal, in 1821, thus forming America's first trust, it is perhaps not too much to say that Canada for many years thereafter, perhaps almost to the present, would have been little more than a chain of towns and cities along the St. Lawrence and around Lake Ontario, and a group of semi-

isolated maritime provinces. Not long ago a Toronto writer expressed this opinion, and found none to dispute it. It is not in itself an excuse for the existence of a corporation, as such, although it speaks volumes for the enterprise of this particular

Misled by its name, many people have thought the company's original scope of operation was only in the Hudson Bay district, when, as a matter of fact, it extended from ocean to ocean, and from the latitude of Alaska south as far as the Great Lakes—a country hardly smaller than the whole of Europe. This immense region was populated by about 160,000 Indians, half-breeds and

Only twenty years after the landing of the English at what is now Jamestown, Va.-to be exact, in 1627-the nucleus of the Hudson Bay Company had its birth in a trading post which a Frenchman named Du Pont set up at the junction of the St. Lawrence and Saguenay rivers. He sold merchandise to the Indians and received furs in

Then came the French Fur Company, a few years tater, and, in 1668, an expedition outfitted by Prince Rupert, of England, the first to penetrate the Hudson Bay

Two years later a company was chartered by King Charles II. I.ess than forty years ago this company sold to the Dominion Government for \$1,500,000 its territorial rights to certain lands, but retained its trading privileges. What a romantic story of commerce these less than 400 years have written on the snow-clad topography of British Columbia! And how much more tragic than that recorded may be that which is not known!

ONCE RULED THE NORTH

The Hudson Bay Company is not today what it was perore the Dominion Government became a strongly organized force. Once it was the ruler of the North; its factors exercised the power of feudal barons, declared war and made peace. No other enterprise on this conthont has had such a colorful career.

One of its wars-the one which ended in the consolidation-lasted over forty years. Both the Hudson Bay Company and the Northwest Fur Company realized that further fighting would mean destruction to both, and so, In 1821, "for mutual protection," did what many oil companies, railroad lines, rubber factories, tanneries, sugar refineries and other industries have found it to their advantage to do since then. They consolidated.

And why shouldn't the history of the Hudson Bay Company have been a romance of commerce, when in its very foundation existed such a quaint strain of humor and court atmosphere as one might expect to find in a tome of King Arthur's day?

Witness the fact that when the liberal old English monarch ceded to the stock company of noblemen and gentry, including Prince Rupert, the value a lands in side of the Hudson Bay country, and in 1782 the French admiral, La Perouse, captured Fort Prince of Wales. This was on Cape Prince of Wales, on the coast of Alaska, just south of the Arctic Circle. Today that old fort stands, just as the conqueror left it after he had destroyed it, perhaps the most imposing ruin on the con-

All the time the English had been living comfortably in their seaside quarters, never venturing into the forest, content to let the Indians bring them what furs they would, the more adaptable Frenchman was making his way into the recesses of the forest, living with the Indians, gaining their confidence first, their skins after-

It was not long before the Hudson Bay Company managers realized that the pick of the furs was going overland to Montreal on the backs of French carriers. In this connection, the year, 1774, and the place, Fort Cumberland, on the Saskatchewan river, are important. It was then and there that the French and English traders first met. This was the beginning of that second war, not between the nations, but between man and man, which lasted over forty years.

HAND-TO-HAND BATTLES

At the present day the only thing in this country that can be compared with that struggle is the sheep feuds of the Northwest, in which shots have been taken at shepherds at sight and the sheep driven over cliffs to death. In these battles up in the Canadian wilds guns were freely used. When it so happened that the combatants got close enough together, knives were brought into play. Fists were seldom used-this would have been too mild.

Stirred to commercial competition, the Hudson Bay Company for a time paid the highest prices to the Indians, thus securing the pick of their furs; but the Frenchmen, so it is recorded, got around this by introducing firewater. And, in order to offer a formidable front to the English, the French traders in 1773 organized into the Northwest Fur Company, of Montreal. Soon this company overshadowed its rival.

Instead of paying salaries to its men, as its rival did, the Northwest permitted them to work on commission, or to acquire partnership in the business, and so in a few years it was making annual profits of \$200,000, which in ten years jumped to \$600,000.

The principal "Northwesters," as partners in the Northwest Company were called, formed an exclusive aristocracy in Montreal and Quebec, living in lordly style, yet preserving associations with the superintendents of their trading posts, joining them in pleasures, dangers,

mishaps and novel adventures. When they ascended the streams, it was in magnificent barges, decked with red furs, with every luxury at hand, carrying with them their cooks and barbers-like sov-

ereigns making a progress. colonists came from Great Britain: their coming spurred the French Northwesters on to acts of intimidation and violence. At this time Lord Selkirk acquired a controlling interest in the Hudson Bay Company and determined to punish the pertinacious rivals.

Where they established a fort, he placed one. Every method that artifice, fraud or violence could suggest was adopted to get the skins from the Indians, who cared not who got them so long as the money and firewater were sufficient.

What ruses were tried to gain the upper hand in this odd rivalry! Once the Hudson Bay people, on the pretense of making friends, got up a grand ball with the Northwesters as their guests, and while the merriment was on, a few agents slipped out to meet a company of Indians whom the scouts had reported as headed for the town. When, next day, the Northwesters learned of the Indians' approach, they found them all gloriously drunk and not a skin left.

Another time, two trading parties met in the woods. The Northwesters proposed a fire and a round of drinks. Then, while the others drank, they poured their liquor on the ground.

Finally, when every Hudson Bay man was helplessly drunk, the Northwesters bound them to their sleds, turned the dogs toward the Hudson Bay camp, and then hurried on to the Indian camp. This time they had the skins

Forts were attacked, burned and the settlers and officials made prisoners and terribly maltreated. In vain did the Governor-General of Canada exhort and threaten. These bloody scenes led up to a frightful battle at Fort Garry, the post of the Hudson Bay people, in which seventeen men and three officers of the company, including

Governor Semple, fell, pierced by bullets. Officers and men on both sides were hired with a view to their fighting qualities; prices were sent so high and firewater flowed so plentifully that the trade was ruined. Such was the condition when, in 1821, the cooler heads of both companies got together and formed the first trust on this continenty Like those of today, it was for mutual

Then, talk of your captains of industry of the present day! How small most of them seem beside a young Scotchman who, simply on account of his business acumen, was singled out among all the residents of British Columbia to be head of the new trust and Governor of Rupert's Land, as the fur country was called.

This man was George Simpson-Sir George he afterward became, for he was knighted because of the wonderful ability he displayed in his new position. For forty years he remained at the helm, and his reig was one of peace and prosperity.

When, in 1869, the Hudson Bay Company was induced by the Canadian Government to part with all but about one-twentieth of the immense tract of land in its grant, the money recompense was \$1,500,000.

This ended the romantic, thrilling side of the company's history; it thenceforth became simply a very prosperous corporation, with capital swollen to \$10,000,000, no competition and enormous dividends assured.

MANY VIOLENT DEATHS

As indicating the perilous lives of the hunters and half-breeds in those early days, it is recorded that of those Northwesters who assisted in the killing of Governor Semple and his nineteen associates, sixty-five died violent deaths.

First, a Frenchman dropped dead while crossing the ice on the river, his son was stabbed by a comrade, his wife was shot, and his children were burned; Big Head, his brother, was shot by an Indian; Coutonohais dropped dead at a dance; Battosh was mysteriously shot; Lavigne was drowned.

Fraser was run through the body by a Frenchman in Paris: Baptiste Moralle, while drunk, was thrown into a fire by inebriate companions; another died drunk on a roadway; another was wounded by the bursting of his gun; Duplicis was impaled on a pitchfork; Gardapie was scalped by Indians; another was gored to death by a buffalo, and still another shot by mistake in a buffalo

And so on down the list-there are fact and fate for every one of the sixty-five cases. But, while some people prefer to consider this a punishment for what they term "the massacre," it is per-

haps no more than an illustration of the dangers at-

tending the fur-hunting business on every hand. Today all is changed. Those places which the old school geography designated as trading posts have become prosperous cities, some of them with department stores as elegant and comprehensive as those found in the largest American and British cities.

For instance, near the head offices of the Hudson Bay Company, at the point where used to stand the walls of Fort Garry, one may now see the principal stores of the city of Winnipeg, which is likened to Whiteley's Necessity Store in London, where you may buy a house of anything belonging to or around a house.

Moose in Shafts

TRANSFORMED THE WILDERNESS

The great retail emporium of Victoria is the Hudson Bay Company's store, and in Calgary, the metropolis of Alberta and the Canadian plains, the principal shopping place is the Hudson Bay store.

Since the opening of the Northwest Provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan by the Dominion Government about two years ago, the boom has been continuous. The country is becoming one of the most prosperous and upto-date in America. And yet today, as two centuries ago, the Hudson Bay Company is the greatest of furtrading corporations, and fur trading is today a principal source of its profits.

As in the early days, the Indians come now to the stores with their pack of skins on their backs, to be traded for tobacco, sugar, corn, cooking utensils, lodge turnishings and money.

And today, as of yore, the scouts and agents of the company penetrate to the homes of the more isolated tribes, buy up their skins and "tote" them to the trading post on their backs or by dog team. But they are not the picturesque old fellows with tomahawk and moccasins and muskets and quaint accoutrements; they are prosaiclooking individuals.

Like the commonplace, present-day cowboy on the Western ranch, they have become simply ghosts of van-

SOME CURIOUS FACTS

HERE is a special examination in Austrian cities for female barbers, who are yearly growing more In France it is a penal offense to give any

form of solid food to babies under a year old, unless it be prescribed in writing by a properly qualified medical Turkey will not allow typewriters to be sold in the Balkan provinces that still remain subject to her

control, alleging that they are used to "print" revolutionary literature. A pretty table observance in Danish families is for children, even little ones who can scarcely toddle, to go gravely after dinner to salute their parents and say, "Tak for mad" ("Thanks for the meal"). Even visitors shake hands with their host and hostess and go through the same formality. In German families that hold to tradition the same custom prevails. When

the evening meal is ended the party stand up around

the table and each shakes hands with the neighbor, saying, "Gasegnete Mahlzeit"-blessing the food. A quaint ceremony is witnessed in parts of Normandy twice a year. It is the "blessing of the beasts." The cows, asses, and a few thoroughbred horses, which are raised in that part of France, are brought together in front of the church, whence issues a procession of gayly dressed peasants to the sound of a chant sung by the priest and people. Then the pastor sprinkles a few drops of water on the head of each animal. Sometimes as many as a couple of hundred peasants take part in the ceremony, but not a trace of levity is to be seen on their faces. When the ceremony is com-

pleted the procession passes through the village singing, and then disperses.

The custom of adoption is universal in Japan, where it is practiced to keep a family name from becoming extinct. Indeed, there is scarcely a family in which it has not at some time or other been observed. A person who has not male issue adopts a son, and, if he has a daughter, often gives her to him in marriage. A youth, or even a child, who may be the head of a family, occasionally adopts, on the point of dving a son older than himself to succeed him. of dying, a son older than himself to succeed him.

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DAVIDH, ELTON, Editor and Proprietor

Cardston, Alberta, Canada. Friday, August 23, 1907.

Monday, September 2, HOLIDAY. Don't forget the date. It is the first Monday in September.

The Winnipeg Commercial celebrates its 25th anniversary in one of the finest numbers that tends saving this seed to sow again has ever been published in the and soon expects to have his whole Dominion of Canada. The num- farm seeded with wheat as nearly ber contains nearly two hundred pages and is a marvel of attractiveness and veritably an encyclopedia of useful information both for the farmer and the business man of the West. As a book of handy reference it should take its place among the best in the land. has been spending the week in the

here—here in dead earnest—here the competitors for the field-ofgood and plenty. The people of standing-grain brizes offer by the the Cardston District have great cause to be thankful for the boun- Agricultural Society. He is teous harvest and the splendid accompanied on the trip by Pro. weather. It looked just a little Teneyck, of the Kansas Agricul. "shakey" a few weeks ago but we tural College, who is summering in are pleased to know that every- Alberta. thing portends a splendid season for the gathering of the crops at the present time. It is a source ing, wheat and oats; James Atkinof satisfaction to the farmer who son, Irvin, wheat; Archibald has placed his all in the ground McGillivray, wheat; T. L. Corbett, to see it bring forth in rich abun- wheat and oats; John Evans. wheat. dance and to be permitted to gather the same free from ravaging storms or killing frost. second \$20, third \$10, while in oats When the Governor General the awards are \$20 for first, \$15 Offers his services to the people of CARDSTON - - ALBERTA announces Thanksgiving Day for second and \$5 for third. let us gather together and give thanks. It is a beautiful custom and one calculated to impress the young men and women, the boys and girls, of the utter dependence upon the Father of Mercies. A public demonstration is the proper thing. Let us show our gratitude in this way. When "all is well" is the time to

awaiting the organization of a His heart gentle and kind yet his before the people at all times and active. We extend the most heart create a good feeling towards felt condolence to the bereaved

Warehouse Commissioner

M. Snow Deputy Warehouse Commissioner, Winnipeg, made a brief visit to Cardston on Tuesday In talking with the STAR, Mr. Snow stated that he was highly pleased; to note the very fine crops around hoea come on with out warning Medicine Hat, Lethbridge and the towns along the A. R. and I. He obtained. There is no necessity said that in conversation with Mr. of incurring the expense of a Naismith he had been assured that physician's service in such cases if the loading platform at Welling, Diarrhoea Remedy is at hand. A between Raymond and Magrath, dose of this remedy will relieve the would be attended to this Fall and patient before a doctor could arrive also that the siding would be in It has never been known to fail, working order. Mr. Snow said he even in the most severe and danthought that it would be a good thing if the farmers selling grain druggists and dealers. to track buyers would kindly notify the Commissioner at Winnipeg so that it might be ascertained mond passed through yesterday whether or not they were licensed enroute to their home from the cause certain bonding restrictions were placed npon those who were were accompanied by Miss Fox licenced.

Thos. Woolford Abroad

On Monday and Tuesday, Thes. H. Woolford of Cardston, who is the judge in the standing grain carried on by the Agricultural Soc-ADVERTISING RATES.-Professional cards, iety, drove through the country judging the various fields entered. He is most enthusiastic over the crops. Those of W. H. Pawson of Coaldale come in for particular praise, the judge declaring that the oats on this farm are as fine as any he has ever seen. They stand higher than a man's shoulder and are as thick as they can grow is Mr. Pawson has about two acres of LABOR DAY-A DOMINION wheat, seeded with hard picked seed, that is particularly fine, If his whole farm were of the same quality the crop would be worth \$1,000 more and they are first rate crops at that. Mr. Pawson inperfect as possible to get it,

Wheat in this district is uniformy good both in yield and quality. Lethbridge Herald.

Mr. T. H. Woolford, of Cardston, vicinity of Medicine Hat for the And now the harvest days are purpose of judging the crops of

> The competitors are, Jas. Flem-In wheat the prizes are, First \$30

Medicine Hat News.

Rev. McKillop Passed Away

Rev. McKillop, well known and acknowledge the supreme Power. highly respected in all parts of Alberta, passed away at Leth-We are indeed pleased to bridge the early part of the week. note the general interest that Mr. McKillop was veritably a prevailed at the meeting held on 'land mark' in Western Canada Monday night for the considering of the advisability of the and one of the strongest character establishing of a hospital at types of the age. He was fearless, Cardston. It is not the intention broad minded, consistent and of the promoters of this scheme liberal. For some time ne presthat the hospital will be estab- ided over the little flock in Raylished at once. Not by any means. Their idea is to prepare the way and, little by little, admired and respected by the acquire the finances resquite to people of the dominant faith. He its completion. We all know always, manifested a toletant spirit that the establishing of a hos- towards his fellows with diverse pital, be it ever so small, is no easy thing. It requires capital creeds. The writer calls to mind as well as interest and what the a lengthy conversation with the hospital people are striving to do dear old gentle man just prior to at the present time is to raise the his trip to England some time ago. capital. We hope they will succeed. As stated on the front He was keenly interested in the page of this week's issue, the site wellfare and advancement of the of the building has already been west and looked upon the new donated and the deed for the towns and villages much the same same will be placed in the bank as a fond mother upon her babe. the things that we desire to keep muscle and brawn were strong and widow and children and trust the blessings of heaven may attend them in the hour of their afflic-

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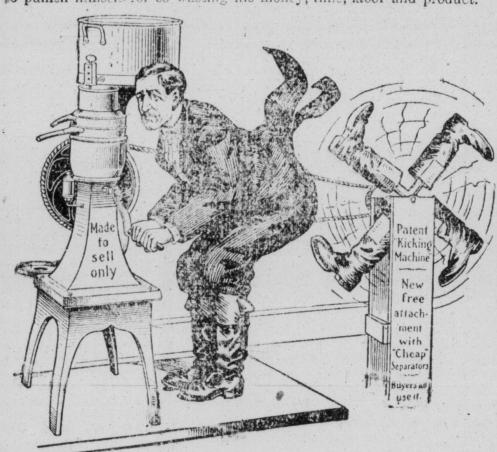
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Local and General.

Vern France returned from Lethbridge on Tuesday.

Mr. Warren Bowden is gloating over the arrival of a fine baby-boy which made his appear- merchandise shipped in every ance on Monday last.

Owing to lack of space we are forced to leave the report of the Quarterly Conference until next

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Ladies! For fall cloth coats, fur coats and collarettes, we have No. 12, which is to be reserved

returned on Wednesday from a spring. two weeks visit to the Kootenai Lakes.

Hilda Peterson left on Monday are reported doing well. for Calgary where they will attend Normal School preparatory to teaching.

Mr. and Mrs. William Burton are off on a little vacation trip as far north as Edmonton and west on the Crow's Nest. Bon Voyage.

Mr. Van Brown and family, Mr. D. E. Wilcox and family, Mrs. D. H. Elton and Miss Viva and Miss Jennie Tanner left on Wednesday morning for the Kootenai

the streets and visitors seeking \$25.00 cash for the best exhibit of way from California, who dares

take my advice" and buy a stack Company. cover? How many dollars would it have saved you last week? W O. Lee & Sons make them, all sizes.

A. E, Humphries, Secretary Treasuser of the Lethbridge Fair and Immigration Agent for the Department of the Interior came the stoutest and best boosters for Southern Alberta.

Hat 7. From this it will be seen

General Freight Agent for the ust 28th and 29th, Canadian Pacific Rallway, Calgary, was a caller at THE GTAK office yesterday Mr. Halstead said that the crops were looking fine in the Cardston District and that he had not seen better crops any where.

Among the Conference visitors from Orton, were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Orr, Mr. and Orr, Miss Mabel Henson, Mr. and be held: Mrs. Milton Scott and Mr, Arthur T. Henson.

AUCTION-Acting under in structions from Mr. A. Kennington I will offer for sale at Cowley Alberta on September 25th. 1907 60 head of pure bred shorthorns all registered, consisting of 27 cows, 8 three year old heifers, 10 two year old heifers, 6 yearling heifers, 8 yearling bulls and one H. Ambrose stock bull. Auctioneer.

Mr. C. A. Gigot, local manager has received notice that he will be changed to another branch. Mr. Gigot is not yet aware as to

cident took place last Saturday Medal, little boy Willie was engaged in transferring some baggage from 26th and 27th, 1907, his home to the station. The other two sons Grant and Laurie, accompanied him He endeavored to cross the track just north of the elevator when the moving train struck the rig and literally ceived severe injuries. The other gains as advertised in THE STAR two escaped unhurt. Mr. Lee This will help all of us. was compelled to leave yesterday with his son Willian for the Lethbridge Hospital. We hope for a

speedy and permanent recovery.

ORTON

August 19th. The residents of this district are looking forward to a banner Ladies! Don't forget the white crop this season. Cutting has wear bargains next week at been in progress for over a week, The only up to date and complete and in the course of a few days will be general.

> Our general store is having day, which is pretty good evidence of the patronage it receives. Mr. Milton Scott, the manager and proprietor, is also carrying the only up-to-date machine on a lumber yard.

The town has recently purfor a public square, and the committee in charge are preparing to Mr. J. T. Scott and company plant trees during the coming

On Aug. 5th. the stork paid a visit to the home of Mr. David Misses Birdie Hudson and Orr. Both mother and David Jr.

up and more contemplated.

A company is being formed plan. here for the purpose of purchasbeen promised us so long.

\$25 Special Prize

The Pilling Realty Company With Autos buzzing through have offered a special prize of Grains and Grasses at the Cardston to remark that we are not going Fair next month. The produce must be the property of one com-As the old lady says after the petitor and the exhibit become the previously paid on it. storm is over; "Why didn't you property of the Pilling Realty

Show Under Canyas

in yesterday to spend a couple the display advertisement of the but as it appeared in evidence alleged to be implicated in certain of days looking over the district. Gillette Pleasure Party playing that the property is now worth funds connected with the sale of Mr. Humphries is greatly inter-under the direction of Dick Sutton. two or three times as much as it lands lots in the Taber Townsite. Mr. T. H. Woolford returned on sides. Especially is this true of defending the action is beyond Simmons is appearing for the de-Tuesday from judging Fields of the Calgary Herard. The show question because he wishes to fence and Attorneys Johnstone Growing Grain in Lethbridge, will be given under canvas located make a better sale of the prop- and Wallace for the prosecution. Medicine Hat and Maeleod. In near the Railway Station and the erty than that entered into with Russell was placed under bonds of Lethbridge there were II entries, prices are reasonable. "Shall we the plaintiff, it seems that the de- \$10,000.00 and Messrs Van Orman in Macleod IO and in Medicine prices are reasonable. "Shall we the plaintiff, it seems that the dethat Cardston had more entries the finest Comedy Dramas ever damage whatever but will be in a 00 apiece. than all these combined. A produced in the West. "The hon-! better position than he would have hooster and a Rooster both have or of a cowboy," is also replete been if the plaintiff had carried Halstead, Assistant eous acting. The dates are, Aug-of the plaintiff had been of such a

Cardston Agricultural Fair

Mrs. George Sillito, Mr. and Mrs. to the presence of the exhibits, dicission provided for by the con- writes: "we have used Chamber-George Simons, Mr. and Mrs. Al- there will be a moving concert. tract itself." bert Henson, Mrs. Sarah McMur On the evening of the second day ray and daughter, Miss Myrtle the following Grand Concert will

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	Ladies Duett	\$4.00	\$2.00
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of the Union Bank of Canada Best choir, each to select their own music, Silver Cup, \$15.00, There will be a full list of his future location. The people Athletic sports consisting of foot of Cardston and the district will races, jumping, vaulting, etc. and

regret to see nim leave, having also \$10 for the best Basket Ball What might have been a very

The Baby Show, best looking boy

The Baby Show, best looking boy serious and probably fatal ac- or girl under one year, Silver

when Mail carrier W. O. Lee's Don't forget the dates, Sept.

Read the advertisements in this wrecked it in pieces, The little week's issue, they will interest and boy was violently thrown be- benefit you. Tell your local mer-neath part of the wagon and re- chants that you are after the bar-

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Important Decision

A decision recently handed down by Justice Stuart at Calgary Many new buildings are going is of considerable interest to those who buy land on the part payment

The purchaser was absent from ing a Well Boring machine, being Calgary at the time a payment government machine which had came due, and on his return shortly afterwards tendered the amount due to the seller. The latter reaggreement was cancelled by the nonfulfillment of the terms of contract, and he preferred to keep the property.

> Justice Stuart finds that the man had a perfect right to keep the property, but if he does so he must return to the other the money

After reviewing the case, the judgement corcludes;

"No doubt, if the defendant Tabor Townsite Trouble could have shown any damages resulting from the default of In another column will be found the amount still in his hands: Orman and William - Probert, The papers are giving this Com- was at the time of the default and the accused were remanded for pany a Royal Good Send Off on all as the defendants real reason for trial in November. Mr. W. C. forgive her," is said to be one of fendant had clearly suffered no and Probert in the sum of \$6,000 with thrilling scenes and courag-jout his bargain. If the default nature as to show that he intended to repudiate the contract, it might

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CHAPTER I



HILANDER BAXTER sat at the antiquated desk in his private office reading a letter which he had just received in the morning mail. Philander's private office was almost as narrow as his mind, and was devoted to the same purpose, the calculation of interest and the figuring of percentages. His wellworn tall hat, of the crop of '62, reposed on the top of the desk, and his cowhide-shod feet were elevated to a position besida it. The letter he was poring over was written on paper bearing the printed head, "Office of Barnes & Snyder, Pension Attorneys, Boston," and read as follows:

"Dear Uncle: - Snyder thinks the Mayo claim will go through all right. He says It would have teen pretty shaky if it hadn't been for them affidavits you got from Doc. Bailey and the rest. How you got 'em I don't see Snyder says that Liphalet's only servin' for three months in the war and then not dyin' for ten year afterwards makes it hard to prove that he got his rheumatism in the army, but he thinks the affidavits will fix it all right. Snyder's a keen one and pretty level-headed, so I guess it will do to bank on. There's so much back pension due now that if the claim goes through, Mellssy 'll have a good-sized wad. What are you up to, anyway? I know you ain't in it for your health. Why don't you give a fellow a tip?

Your loving nephew. Philander read this epistle three times, puckering his eyes thoughtfully behind his spectacles and twisting his grizzled chin beard into a point. Anty Taylor-the nickname being a contraction of Anthony-was a nephew after his own heart. He had early discerned symptoms of promise in the young man, and had been instrumental In getting him the position he held in the Boston attorneys' office. But, Anthony being a prospective heir, Mr. Baxter did not think a tip advisable under the present circumstances.

He pondered over the letter for some time, philosophizing perhaps on the efficacy of a note of hand in someezing affidavits out of unwilling physicians, and then, removing both feet and hat from the desk, stood upon the first and covered his bald head with the second, and left the office.

Ten minutes later he was watking slowly between the box hedges up the path that led to Melissa Mayo's front door. When he reached the turn that led around the house-only strangers and clergymen call at front doors in Orham-he paused a moment to look at the house and its surroundings.

Eliphalet Mayo had fallen heir to a fine estate and some money when his father died, back in the fifties But Eliphalet had succeeded in getting rid of the most of the money before he in turn passed away, and his widow, with the able assistance of her brother-in-law, Napoleon, had spent the rest. There was little left

But the farm was not to be sneezed at, and that was precisely what Philander was "cal'latin" as he stood there. A good-sized orchard and garden, some acres of cranberry swamp, badly run to weeds and bushes, but capable of being made profitable; pasture land, cornfield and the house and barn; that was the list as Mr. Baxter itemized it. A pretty good home for a man to spend his old age in, and the window was a rather pleasing person to spend it with. True, it would require some money to put the place into shape again, but there Mr. Baxter snapped his square jaws together, as one who comes to a decision, and passed on

Napoleon Mayo was sitting on the wash-bench beneath the open window of the dining-room, meditating. Also he smoked. Napoleon was a firm believer in the value of meditation and smoke. Of the value of manual labor, however, he was by no means so certain. Ht thoughts on this particular forenoon were a trifle vague and dealt principally with the ideas that it was a hot day, that the flies were somewhat troublesome, and that The facts that the weeds in the garden were a foot high, and that his sister had begged him to clean them out did not disturb him. in the least. As Mr. Baxter came around the corner of the house Napoleon awoke with a start from his tobacco trance "Hello, Philander! How be yer?" he said, rising and

stretching expansively.

Mr. Baxter snorted. Napoleon was the one item on the wrong side of his mental ledger in the calculation just completed. "Hello, Nap!" he said, rather tartly. "What are you up ter this mornin'?"

"Oh, nawthin' much. I was jest wonderin' if 'twas goin' ter be as hot's this all summer. Don't seem 's so I ever remembered a much hotter spell. Kinder dry fer vegetables, ain't it?"
"Humph!" grunted Mr. Baxter, glancing toward the

garden. "Don't seem ter be too dry fer weeds. Why in time don't yer clear out that patch?" "Wa-a-l, I have be'n goin' ter fer some time, but one

thing er 'nother's come up, and-" 'One thing er 'nother yer granny! I tell yer what 'tis, Nap Mayo, if this place b'longed ter me you'd have ter work harder 'n yer do now. Settin' round all day and sunnin' yerself like a cat. I snum if I wouldn't be

Mr. Mayo's dignity was touched. "I dunno 's my settin' 'round is any of your affairs, Philander Baxter!" he observed.

"I dunno 's 'tis, either-not yet," said Mr. Baxter. Then he entered by the back porch and slammed the door, leaving the namesake of the mighty Corsican to speculate on what the last two words of his remark might mean. It was a subject which required consideration, and Napoleon sat down on the wash-bench again in order to do it justice.

Mr. Baxter's kngck at the back door was answered by Mis. Mayo herself. Melissa Mayo was all that a widow should be being "fair, fat" and the rest of the

"Why, how dy'do, Mr. Raxter!" she exclaimed. "I'm reel glad ter see yer. Walk right inter the dinin'-Philander complied, and after helping himself to a

seat in the best armchair and "hanging up his hat on the floor,'\ proceeded to business. "Melissy." he asked, "yer ain't heard nawthin' more

from that pension, have yer?" "My, Philander, I ain't Yer don't s'pose"-there was a tremor in the widow's voice-"yer don't s'pose there's any chance of my not gittin' it-do you?" Well, yer can't tell. Anything ter do with gov'ment

mighty posartin. However, 1 reckon them affidavits I got 'll feich it through." "Land of Goshen! I hope there won't be no hitch anywhere. I do need that money somethin' dreadful.

What with taxes and groc'ry bills and things like that, seem's if I should go distracted. I should never have thought of a pension if it hadn't been fer you, Mr. Baxter. You've been so kind in all this I dunno what I can ever do ter thank yer." Mr. Baxter waved the thanks away with the air

of a philanthropist to whom such manifestations of gratitude were everyday trifles. "You're welcome," he grunted. "Now-er-Melissy, I come up this mornin' ter have a leetle talk with you on-on-er-a matter of business, so ter speak."

The widow looked a little alarmed, but she said, "Yes. Mr. Baxter?" inquiringly. "Yes. Fact is, Mellssy, you need a man round this

place."

"Well, there's Napoleon." "Napoleon!" scornfully. "I mean a man with some hoss sense. Fact is, Melissy, I allers liked you. You're a good, likely woman and a worker. I don't know's I ever see a better worker 'n you be. Er-er-Melissy, how'd you like ter be Mrs. Baxter?"

The widow turned red, then pate and then red again. "Why-why, Mr. Baxter?" she gasped. "What do

yer mean?" "Jest what I say. You've got a good place here, and you need a man ter run it. I've got some money in the tank and I need somebody ter make a home fer me. Of course, yer understand I think a heap of yer-

love ver better'n anything on airth, and-and all that, yer know," he added, as an afterthought. Mrs Mayo was so entirely taken aback by the un-

expectedness of the proposal that she sat for a moment or two speechless, trying to get her thoughts into some sort of order. "Well, what d' yer say?" inquired the ardent suitor, Then the widow said what others have said before,

though not always with so much reason:
"Fut this—is—is so sudden, Mr. Baxter!" she stam The suddenness of it had not struck Philander before, but he was willing to allow anything in reason.

"Well, I dunno but 'tis," he said. "Tell yer what I'll do, Melissy. S'pose yer think it over till ter-morrer or ter-night and then drop me a line. How'll that do?"

Still trembling. Melissa agreed to this arrangement, and Mr. Baxter got up to go.

"I gin'rally like ter settle anything up right off when I make up my mind ter do it," he said, with his hand on the latch, "but I s'pose 'twas sorter sudden fer yer. However, yer can write me ter-night. Good-mornin':

However, yer can write me ter-night. Good-mornin' I'm goin' ter have that cranb'ry bog cleaned up fust thing."
The last remark showed that Mr. Baxter considered

it already settled Napoleon was still seated on the wash-bench when Philander came out of the house, but the man of business did not deign to notice him. Mr. Mayo's meditations must have been absorbing, for he had allowed his pipe to go out, something he did not do unless under severe mental strain. For some time after Mr. Baxter had gone, he sat there, scratching his chin and drawing absent-mindedly at the dead pipe. Then he got up, put on his hat and moved off toward the village. He hurried a little, too-an almost unbelievable action.

He walked on down the main street, past the postoffice, past Mr. Baxter's real estate office, past Web Faunder's billiard saloon, until he came to the road which led to the shore. Down this he turned and stopped at a little house by the side of the road. This was where Abijah Colton lived, and Abijah himself opened the door in answer to Napoleon's knock. All the gossip in town, beginning with Matilda Bus-

teed and ending with Mrs. Jerry Burgess, were sorry for Abijah Colton. They all said they didn't see how 'Bija Colton made out ter earn a livin'. As Miss Busteed feelingly put it: "He's got more leetle putterin' irons in the fire, and

they don't none of 'em amount ter nawthin'. Leetle mite of an ivster bed here and a leetle mite of a cranb'ry bog there, and doin' a leetle bit of barrel coop'rin' this time er year and a leetle speck of scallopin' and sea clammin' that time er year! Beats me how he keeps As Abijah, being close-mouthed about his affairs,

didn't see fit to enlighten Miss Busteed, the lady hade fair to be "beat" for the term of her natural life. "Hello, Nap," said Abijah, welcoming his caller. "Come in and set down. What's the matter? If twas anybody else but you, I should think he'd been runnin'."

Mr. Mayo was too full of the importance of his news to notice the sarcasm. "Bije Colten," he said, solemnly, "I want ter ask you sunthin' important Be you thinkin' of marryin'

Mr. Colton was surprised. He sat down in a chair rather suddenly and whistled. "Well, I snum, Nap!" he said, after a pause. "That's what the lawyers would call a leadin' question, ain't it?

What are yer drivin' at?". "'Cause all I've got ter say is," continued Napoleon, wagging his forefinger solemnly, "that if yer be, yer want ter brace up and ask her. Philander Baxter was up ter the house just now poppin' the question himself." "Who? Philan- Get out!"

'Honest Lord's truth! Heard him myself. Said she was a likely woman and a worker, and that he wanted her ter be Mrs. Baxter." "What did she say?" anxiously asked Mr. Colton.

'Finally decided ter think it over and write him yes "Well, well, well! I swan ter man!" Abijah was talking to himself rather than to Napoleon. "Philander Paxter! Philander-that mean, miserly old- Humph! there must be sunthin' in this more'n there looks ter be."

Then, after a pause. "Say, Nap," he asked, "what made yer s'pose I was thinkin' of marryin' Melissy?" "Why," said Napoleon, slowly, "you be'n a-comin' ter see her off and on fer four er five year new, and I kinder thought yer might be thinkin' of keepin' comp'ny. Course I ain't had no experience myself, bein' a bachelor,

"I see, I see. Four er five year," musingly; "that does seem a long time. Mebbe I have been a leetle mite slow. Comes of my everlastin' cautiousness. I'm glad yer come down and told me, Nap. Jedge yer didn't like the idee of Philander fer a brother-in-law; he is a toler'ble hard driver.'

"'Twan't that!" declared Mr. Mayo, reddening. "I don't care how hard a driver a man is. Work don't scare me. I jest thought yer oughter have a chance,

"Weil, I'm much obleeged ter yer. Cal'late I'll step up and see Melissy a minute er so. Reckon you'll excuse me. So long!" And Mr. Colton hurried out, leaving his visitor to follow or not, as he pleased.

CHAPTER II

If any one not cognizant of the facts had seen Melissa Mayo getting supper that night they would have had strong doubts as to her sanity. She made the tea in the coffee pot, and just caught herself in time to prevent putting on the baked beans to warm in the sugar bowl. When a woman at the age of 42 receives two proposals on the same day she is apt to be somewhat flustered, and mistakes are excusable.

She had long ago given up the idea that Abijah Colton meant anything serious by his visits. He had been calling for so many years that his dropping in every now and then had come to be taken as a matter of course. Besides, Melissa shared the prevailing opinion that Abijah was on the point of going on the town, and therefore, not being able to support himself, had no intention of taking a wife. But that afternoon he had come hurrying to the back door, and, on entering the dining-room, had without preface asked her if she had ever thought of being married, and, if so, how she'd like to ship long with him. After this he appeared too much engaged in wondering at his own temerity to say more, and shut up like one of his own scallops.

The astounded widow, after several "Landsakes," and I'm so flustered I dunne what ter do's," had finally stammered that she would like a little time to think it over, and would send an answer in writin' that night Abijah, who had sat on the edge of his chair, twirling his hat and hitching uneasily, assented to this propesttion with alacrity, and departed forthwith, leaving the much sought Melissa to wander about in a dazed state

Neither Napoleon nor his sister-in-law had much to say during the progress of the meal. The former ate rather hurriedly and kept glancing furtively across the table. After he had finished his third cup of tea, however, he blurted out:

"Wall, Melissy, which it'll be, Philander or 'Bije?"
The relict of the martyred Eliphalet set down her 'Napoleon Mayo! you've be'n a-listenin'!" she ex-

'Hain't, nuther!" declared Mr. Mayo, guiltily. "Yes, you have, and don't yer have the face ter deny How else did you know bout it—I never told yer!" "Well, I happened ter be settin' on the wash-bench when Philander was here, and he bellered so loud a deel man could hear him. Besides," and Napoleon assumed an air of injured dignity, "who's got a better right ter listen? Ain't I your brother in-law, and didn't 'Liphalet say ter me, jest 'fore he died: 'Napoleon, I leave Melissy in your care; you look out fer her?' And I've done it, too; laid awake nights and planned planned, so's you'd have a easy time. Worked myself ha'f ter death, and not a word of thanks. This is an important matter; yer oughter ask my advice."
"Your advice! I asked your advice and took it when Your advice! I put that thousand dollars in the Bay Shore Investment Company, and where'd the advice and the thousand dollars go to? Where's the profits we was goin' ter market on that other thing I took your advice about that patent clam digger? They're in your mind, that's where they be, and that's where most of your work is done. You march your boots inter that woodshed and stay there! I don't ask advice of folks that's dishonor-

The discomfited Napoleon retired to the St. Helena of the woodshed, and the ruffled Mrs. Mayo cleared away the tea things with a bang. Then she sat down at the old-fashioned desk and prepared to write the letters that should carry joy or woe to two palpitating hearts.

In her rational intervals that afternoon she had turned the matter over and over in her mind. Incitnation pointed one way; duty and prudence the other. She had always liked Colton; in fact, the gossips in town were agreed that, had Abijah mustered up courage to propose in the old days when he and Eliphalet were courting the fair Melissa, he would have won. But Abijah delayed, and Eliphalet didn't, and so the latter

able enough ter listen under winders.'

was poor, and, so the widow reasoned, could not carry on the farm. It she should get the pension they might have enough to get along on, but it was Philander who had suggested the pension in the first place, and who had done so much to help her to get it. From her point of view it would be the worst sort of ingratitude to more way that Philander to marry Abijah and live on money that Philander had obtained. No, it was her duty to marry Philander, and he was rich enough to keep the old home and provide for Napoleon and for her.

for Napoleon and for her.

She had never written a letter of this kind before.

She could and did write pages of news and small talk subject, and no ordinary letter would do it justice. She rose, and, from the shelf where it stood along with the 'Life of Captain John Smith." "The Pirate's Own Book," "Gospel Hymns Number 2," and "The Home Doctor," she took the "Complete Letter Writer" and opened it at the page headed, "From a Young Lady Accepting an Offer of Marriage."

The young lady in question must have been a very formal young lady, for her idea of a letter was a grand affair, almost painfully so. No "Sweethearts" and "Own precious darlings" for her; no, indeed But Melissa thought the epistle the pink of perfection and proceeded to copy it.

"Dear and Respected Friend -I have considered, with a heartfelt sense of responsibility and solemnity your proposal, seeking my hand and heart in marriage. I realize the importance of the decision which I am called upon to make, and am conscious of its potent effect upon my happiness in the future. But, dear friend, I realize also your sterling worth and stainless character, and feel that I may safely trust myself to your guiding care as we travel together the long pathway of life. Dear friend, I accept your proposal. Yours affectionately, "MELISSA T. MAYO."

The widow read this mournful screed over again with a becoming pride, and, placing it in an envelope, sealed the latter and addressed it to "Philander H. Baxter, Orham, Mass."

The bewildered Melissa tried to interrupt once more, but Mr. Baxter would not allow it."

"Who are you? What have you got? Not a red ent! That's what yer've got! And you think yer've got a pension comin', don't yer? Well, yer ain "Read" Automatically, Melissa took the brown envelope from Philander's fingers. It enclosed a telegram to Mr. Bax-"The Mayo pension claim turned down by the govern-ment. Your affidavits wan't hefty enough.
"ANTY TAYLOR."

"Aha!" sneered Philander, exultingly; "so yer see yer ain't so independent, after all. You're a pauper! And yer've killed the egg that laid the golden goose, too. But don't yer flatter yerself. What d'yer s'pose I wanted ter marry yer fer? Fer yer good looks? I guess not! 'I was the land and the pension I wanted. Tried ter be sarcastic, too, didn't yer? Callin' me a 'young mau.' You ain't no spring chicken verself! Napoleon agrees with yer, does he? He's another nice one; he's--"

"Philander Baxter, I don't know what you're talkin' about, but I do know that the Lord's be'n good enough ter let me see what kind of a man you be. Walk out of that door this minute! Not another word! You march!" The widow's eyes snapped and her fingers twitched. Mr. Baxter hesitated, essayed to speak, thought better of It, and-marched.

Napoleon was sitting on the wash bench. "Nice morting, Philander!" he said cheerfully. "You-you-l-" gasped the choking owner of bonds, and passed on, speechless.

Mr. Mayo said nothing, but his shoulders shook. Melissa returned to the dining-room, sat down in the rocking-chair, read the telegram again, and began to cry. Her wrath and mortification at Philander's insults were keen, but they were forgotten in the crowning disappointment of the rejection of the pension claim. The farm would have to be soid, for she had not money enough to pay the taxes. What would become of them? What

"Melissy!" called Napoleon, "'Bije is comin'." The widow sprang to her feet, hurriedly wiped her



Then, with a sigh, a sigh that meant the relinquishing of a lifelorg dream, she returned to the next page of the book and proceeded to copy the letter, "From a Young Lady Rejecting a Proposal of Marriage.'

"Respected and Honored Friend:-I have considered with a heartfelt sense of responsibility and solemnity your proposal seeking my hand and heart in marriage. called upon to make, and am conscious of its potent effect upon my happiness in the future. Honored friend, l realize your sterling worth as a young man of high moral character, but I cannot but feel that the difference in our temperament and ideals makes it inadvisable for me to consent to entwine my career with yours and travel with you the long pathway of life. I feel that it is wisest for me to decline your proposal. My parents is wisest for me to decline your proposal. My parents agree with me that this decision is for the best. I shall always be your friend. Yours with sincere "MELISSA T. MAYO."

When Melissa reached the words "my parents" in the copy she hesitated, pondered, and at length substituted the word, "Napoleon." Then, just as she seaied this second letter in its envelope and addressed it to the uckless Abijah, the Methodist minister rang the front

"Why, how'd you do. Mr. Salters? I declare, what a stranger you be! Napoleon! Nap-o-le-on! Take them two letters off my desk and mail 'em down ter the postoffice right away. Yes; them two there. Walk right inter the settin'-room, Mr. Salters." And Meilssa hurried away to entertain her guest, who was making his formal round of pastoral calls. Napoleon took the letters into the kitchen, took his hat from the nail, and stood turning the two envelopes

over and over in his hand.
'Jest like her," he muttered. "Never asked my advice at all, and there ain't no tellin' what's she's been I oughter see what's she writ; it's my He held the letters up to the light, but it was nearly sunset, and the paper was thick. 'That woman needs a guardeen, that's what she needs," he soliloquized. He tiptoed to the dining-room door and shut it carefully. Then he held the two letters over the steaming nose of the tea kettle. Twenty minutes later he started for the postoffice.

CHAPTER III

Melissa's spirits were not of the best the next morning, a state of mind which had its effect upon her temper and caused Napoleon to seek the quiet of the wash-bench for the most of the forenoon. To tell the truth, the widow was not looking forward to wedded life with Mr. Baxter as a dream of bliss. Philander was not the ideal bridegroom. Then, too, she could not help thinking how much happier she might have been with Abljah, if circumstances had been different. I'oor fellow, disappointed he would be. Melissa's only consolation was the thought that she was doing her duty and that, perhaps, Philander would take her to Niagara Falls on their wedding trip. To go to Niagara Falls had been her dream ever since Eliphalet had promised to take her there and had been unable to keep his word. She was dusting the chairs in the "settin'-room" and icoking out of the window when Philander slammed the front gate and came up the walk. The accepted suitor didn't look happy; not nearly so happy as he should look under the circumstances, Melissa thought. Pefore she could get to the buck door, he had opened it and stamped into the dining-room. "Good-mornin', Philander." said Melissa, blushing be-

You-you-you!" sputtered Mr. Baxter, whose face was the color of a danger signal.
"Why, what's the matter." began the widow, but Philander interrupted her. "You-you pauper, you!" he shouted, shaking his fist, in which two envelopes, one brown and one white, were clutched; "you mis rable pauper, you!"
"Philander Baxter, what do you-"

"Don't yer talk ter me! Don't yer do it! Thought because you was goin' ter git the pension money yer didn't heed me, hey? Do yer reelize who I be? I'm the richest man in this town, that's who I be. I've got money in the bank, I have! Yes, and I own bonds. And—and—who are you? That's what I ask! Who ero

eyes and bravely greeted Mr. Colton as he came up the back steps. If Philander had looked too gloomy for an accepted lover, certainly Abijah looked too happy for a rejected one. He was dressed in a new suit of clothes, too, which the widow, even in the reidst of her grief and excitement, did not fail to notice. "Well, Meilssy!" exclaimed Abijah, beaming like the sun in August, "here I be, yer see!"
"Yes," stammered the lady, "I-I see you be, Abijah."
"Yer see I be! Well! is that all yer've got ter say ter

me this mornin' of all mornin's? Why, I've got a heap ter say ter you, my dear!" At this fond appellation Mrs. Mayo looked up in astonishment, and Abijah saw her swollen eyelids. "Melissy Mayo!" he exclaimed, "you've been cryin'." 'No. I sin't-that is, I-

"Melissy, you're too good a Methodist ter tell yarns like that. Now what's the matter? By thunder! I know. It's that mis'rable Philander Baxter! I see him comin' down the street here lookin' like he was crazy mad. You sent him packin' and he come up here and made Well, damn him, I'll--" "Abijah Colton! What did you jest say ter me about bein' a Methodist?" "That's so. Well, I'll see Philander later. Now, Melissy, what's the trouble". Out with it." Melissa could keep the secret no longer.

'Oh, 'Bijah!" she sobbed; "I've lost my pension. The gov'ment wouldn't allow it "Wouldn't, eh?" said Mr. Colton, calmly. "Well, I ain't s'prised. I wouldn't cry 'bout that." "Wouldn't cry! Why, what am I goin' ter live on? How can I run the farm?" "Why, I reckon I'm goin' ter look out fer that, ain't I? When a man marries a woman he gin'rally cal'lates ter support her, and now that you've said yer'd marry

"Said I'd marry you? Why, what do you mean?"
"See here, Melissy, am I crazy or are you? Didn't
you write this letter?" Melissy took the proffered theet of paper and unfolded it. It was the letter "From a Young Lady Accepting a Proposal of Marriage." Philander's references to Napoleon and the "young man" were plain enough now. He had received the other letter. She must have put the letters in the wrong envelopes. 'Didn't you write that letter. Melissy?"

"Why, why, yes, Abijah, I wrote it; but—"
"Thank the Lord! I begun ter be afeard that some body had put up a job on me. Well, then, what's the matter?" "But, Abijah, we can't be married How could you run this great farm and support Napoleon and me, when

you're so poor?"
Mr. Colton slapped his knee and roared with delight. "Ho! ho!" he laughed; "that's where the shoe pinches, is it? Well, Melissy, mebbe I ain't so starvation poor, after all. I know Matildy Busteed says I am, but Matildy body on this earth. I've done fairly well this season and I own a share in Si Hardin's mack'rel schooner, and she brought me in a few hundred last year, and my cranb'ry bog paid me four hundred more, and my coop'rin' trade's wuth some more, and I put a little cash inter a dry goods bus'ness in Hyannis three years ago, and that's doin' well, and—"

"Why, Abijah; you must have money in the bank!" "Ya-as, somewheres round three thousand last time I callated it. Then I've got a leetle railroad stock and some gov'ments—jest a few—" "Great land of Goshen!"

"So, I cal'late we'll be able ter scratch along without callin' on the neighbors. But, Melissy, if you ain't goin' ter marry me I'm li'ble ter be stuck with some Niagry Falls tickets, 'cause I ordered some up ter the depot as I come along, figgerin' that we'd be married some time next week and go up there on our weddin' trip." Ch. Abi!ah!

"Why, good land! you ain't cryin' again!"
"Oh, not reely, Abijah: I was only thinkin' that God had been awful good ter me ter-day." Half an hour later Melissa stood at the back door, waving a good-bye to the jubilant Mr. Colton. She was

smilingly happy, but her face still wore a slightly puszled expression. "I don't see," she said, aloud, "how I come ter mix letters up. I thought I was so very careful with 'em. Seem's if there must have been a special Providence Napoleon, still enthroned on the wash-bench, blew a thick cloud of smoke from his lips and smiled blandly

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That's good!"

"Cabbag

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HAVE YOU EVER SEEN THEM



THE ROBIN'S NEST

Tortoises don't like sunshine; a waiian Islands, don't fail to visit dark corner where the sun never the very old, huge tortoise in the comes pleases them best. If ever you pay a visit to the Ha- a monster.

tank back of the Aquarium. He is

rug, kneel down and look at the floor

must raise up. Then you will see a flight of steps leading up to this floor.

They will be ghostly steps, of course, but that is just the kind for a ghost to use. Then you must both say in unison. 'By my halidome, I bid thee

Irene had taken in every word that Uncle Will had said and now stood re-

peating the directions, winding up in

great flourish, "By my halidome, I

come up.

You will find a loose board which you

Rarest American Coins

EALERS say that the fifteen rarest American coins are worth a total of \$16,000. Here is a list of

First is the New York doubloon, coined in 1787 by Ephraim Brasher, a jeweler. It has a record price of only \$505, but is regarded as the scarcest of all American issues by experts, who believe that if a specimen were offered for sale today it would bring \$3000 at least. It is the only gold coin of American coinage struck prior to the opening of the first United States mint. This coin weighs 4111/2 grains, and its intrinsic value is about \$16. There are only five of them known to exist.

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A VALUABLE DOLLAR

Fourth is the 1804 dollar, only four or five being known to collectors in the United States. It is valued at \$1000. The fifth coin is the Washington cent of 1791, of which pattern one impression was made in gold, and is valued at \$1000. The few copper impressions are also highly valued. The design was not

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He Asked the Office Boy.

'Who is the responsible man in this firm?" asked the brusque visitor. don't know who the responsible party is," answered the sad, cynical of-"but I am the one who is always to blame.

When the Ghosts Played an April Fool Joke

And so on the Monday afternoon two very excited little girls ran all the way home from school and hurriedly hung their hats on the hall rack. They were very much startled to hear a loud shriek, apparently from the cellar. Irene turned pale, but she did not

lose her courage. "Come," she said, "he's down there already," and without waiting to take their schoolbags off their arms they In fact, they were so flurried they did today." hurried to the scene of action even forgot directions, remembering only to fling the rug away from the There, sure enough, their excited eyes

bid thee come up."
"Is that all?" she finished eagerly. "That's all," replied Uncle Will, "but be sure not to do it until the first day centre of the room. of April, or you will break the charm. And in the excitement of having a saw a loose board, which Irene lifted real live (or rather dead) ghost on the premises, neither one of the twins up, and, the top step touching the very edge of the hole, the flight of steps was remembered that the first of April was disclosed to view.



THE LATE MR. C. B. RECORD,

Tortoises live to be ever so old-

more than 100 years old, nearly 200

years sometimes. And they can go

without food much longer than you

or I could. If there happens to be

no breakfast and no dinner and no

tea, "Never mind," says Mr. Tor-

And if there's nothing tomorrow,

er, he tucks his head and tail

feet inside the shell and settles

could have told that not only be-

cause both wore their hair braid-

the same fair hair, blue eyes and in-

The resemblance between them ended

rs could be. Esther could never get

but of school fast enough to play with

her little friends. Irene would never

play when she could get a book to read.

She particularly loved the stories of the

past, the quaint old times when ghosts

roamed about houses as familiarly as

the butler, and often, in a more friend-

ly vein, gave warning when the but-

ler was about to depart with the fam-

HELPED TO MEET A GHOST

Irene had, in fact, read so much of

this class of literature that she began to hope that she might meet a nice,

friendly ghost some night and have a

chat with him. She felt quite sure she

would not be afraid, for it was too evi-

that they had none but the friendliest

But alas! Irene lived in a thoroughly

odern house in a thoroughly modern

merican city, and no ghosts ever

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down to wait until next week.

FOUNDER OF THE RECORD FOUNDRY. Reproduced above, is a portrait of the late Mr. C. B. Record, the founder and original head of the Record Foundry & Machine Co., of Moncton, N.B., and Montreal,

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her father received his salary, but that doors and draw the curtains down. "you would know that there is some-RENE and Esther were twins. You ghost, her father told her, would never to the middle of the room; remove the thing queer in this house." be seen by anybody but grown-up men. Irene used to tell Uncle Will all about ed in the same way and their her troubles, he was so sympathetic, and clothes made in the same fashion and she confided to him one day the great of the same color, but because both had longing she had to see a ghost, and how mean she thought it that their housewas not haunted. "'All houses wherein men have lived

with their appearance. In disposition and died are haunted houses," quoted

"But," objected Irene, "no one has ever lived and died in this house." "Not in this house," replied Uncle Will, "but maybe on the ground that the "Oh, do you think so?" Irene's eyes shone eagerly. And just at this moment a strange thing happened. A queer grating noise came from the floor under their very feet, followed by some words spoken in

a low, muffled tone. Irene nearly jumped out of her chair, but, remembering how brave she had said she would be, managed to sit still. But her face was very white as she said to Uncle Will:

Uncle Will had been thinking, but he only remarked: "I will go and see. You stay here until I come back."

UNCLE GETS SUSPICIOUS

He only went as far as the cellar dent from all the stories she had read door, which he opened very gently and then called down the stairs in a low 'What are you boys doing down there?

And with that Irene's brother Joe and his chum Jack came running up the cellar steps. Neither of them seemed in-clined to look Uncle Will straight in the face, and Joe only answered:
"Nothing. Looking for something."
"Very well," replied his uncle, into whose mind an idea had suddenly flashed. "Say nothing about it, and maither will I."

neither will I." The boys stared and promised. But they walked off very uncomfortably "How much do you suppose he knows?" queried Jack, anxiously. you never can tell," answered "But he won't peach as long as he's promised. Uncle Will returned to the room next the dining room, where he found Irene excitedly telling Esther, whom she had called into the house to hear the great news, that maybe-maybe-they had a Well!" cried Irene eagerly as Uncle Will entered.

But he was very solemn and not to be coaxed into telling all his news at "Sit down," he said, "and I will tell you all about it. Irene clutched Esther's hand and crushed her into a large chair, where she sat beside her and waited.
"I have seen him," said Uncle Will, pausing to let this stupendous fact sink into them. Will!" gasped both girls.

"Where?" He pointed down toward the cellar with one hand, and placed the fingers of his other hand upon his lips for

"May we?" whispered Irene. Esthe: moved uncomfortably; the whole thing, lowered voices and mysterious gestures, were growing too much for her. She didn't know the kindly nature of ghosts as well as Irene did, and she was grow-

'Yes," Uncle Will whispered back to Irene's question. "On the 1st of next month. He only walks on the 1st of each month. He had made a mistake in the date today, but when I told him it was the 29th of March he thanked me and vanished."

"How can we see him? Tell me quick," begged Irene. "Next Monday," said Uncle Will impressively, "the first day of April, he will walk in the cellar." Esther shuddered. "I don't want go down to the cellar to see him," she

"You don't need to; he will come up here if you will follow my directions." "Yes, yes," urged Irene. "We will.

"Well, right after school on Monday you must come to this room; shut the

All Fool's Day and that Uncle Will had a reputation for playing tricks on his unsuspecting nieces and nephews. Irene cautioned Esther to guard their secret carefully from Joe and Jack, but Esther, who was not quite so lost in ghostly contemplations as Irene, could not help but see that Joe

and Jack had some secret of their own

which they were apparently hiding from the two girls. Esther mentioned this to Irene, also the suspicious fact that Joe and Jack were very eagerly suggesting that the an afternoon party on the 1st of April. But Irene never thought much of boys' secrets, and refused to consider any possible coincidence between Uncle Will's ghost making his appearance on the 1st of April and the boys' party

Esther, less daring, and, in fact, thoroughly frightened, looked about the rcom for some sign of a less ghostly presence, who might aid them in case Irene's ghost did not prove as friendly as Irene anticipated. But the only sign she saw of any presence save their own was a light fluttering of the curtains between the rooms, and then a hand stealthily draw-

ing those curtains back.

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This was too much for Esther. She shrieked and tried to run away, but she caught her foot in the hole and in another moment found herself bumping down the flight of steps, which felt anygirls invite their other girl friends in to thing but ghostly, into the cellar, Irene being too startled to prevent her falling. At the same moment Uncle Will stepped from behind the curtains and cried out gaily,

"April Fool!" But when he advanced to the centre of the room and saw the hole and the "If you had heard what I did," Irene flight of steps just as he had described

eyes to make sure he was not dreaming.

STRUGGLING TO ESCAPE

In the meantime Esther was strug- following articles: First a cubegling to escape from two white-robed figures who had caught her as she fell, and Irene, seeing her plight, was shricking desperately down the hole: "By my halidome, I bid thee come

Uncle Will ran to the hole and, thrusting a threatening fist down it, yelled: "I'll wallop you both good for this.

Let her go. "You can't wallop ghosts," remonstrated Irene, "and if you anger them by threats, they may make off with

Uncle Will looked at his niece in amazement. Even yet, apparently, she did not realize that she and Esther were the victims of two different and distinct April Fool jokes. In fact, Irene was bending over the

hole and with perfect good faith repeating the incantation Uncle Will had given

This time a ghostly voice replied: 'Marry we will, an the maid will stop

"Esther," cried Irene, "the ghosts won't harm you. Keep still and they will let you come up."

At this juncture, however, a dim light was seen at a far corner of the cellar, and in anything but a ghostly voice one of the white-robed figures muttered to the other; "Skiddoo for us. Here comes the furnace man."

Esther stopped struggling at once. "Joe and Jack," she said, disgustedly;

"I thought so." "April Fool!" the boys managed to whisper before they fled for safety. "Oh, oh, oh!" cried Irene in great disappointment, as she saw the ghostly figures disappear, leaving Esther to climb the steps alone, "where did they go? Will they come back?"

SCENTS TROUBLE

"Not if father catches them," panted Esther, as she neared the top of the ladder, "and if he sees the hole they've made in his hardwood floor there will be Irene straightened herself up.

"Do you mean to tell me that those ghosts were only Joe and Jack with sheets over them?' "Of course," replied Esther. "Don't you know this is April Fool's Day?" upon him accusingly, "you told us to

were coming u; today to scare us."
"No, honestly," replied Uncle Will, "I didn't know a thing about it; it was just a coincidence, that's all."
"Then—then—" hope renewed itself in Irene's childish heart-"there is a

Uncle Will shook his head sadly. "There was," he emphasized, "but you know how easily insulted they are. I' don't believe he'll ever come here

Undle Will helped the boys replace the board they had taken out of the floor, the girls forgave them, and all of them bribed the maid to see that the rug was never removed from the centre of the room when father was around, and Irene soon forgot the April Fool joke the boys had played hat-"now, you see it in this hat." upon her. But she never walked over the centre of that floor without a thrill or without repeating the incantation Uncle Will had given her, "By my halidome, I bid thee come up." Bu'-the ghost never came.

Some Puzzles to Solve

PUZZLE VERSE THINK of a little word which means "large hatchet," and use it to fill in all the blanks in the following verse. See if you can then read the

verse intelligently. There once was a kitten named M-Who partook of his sn— on some s—, But the s— held some t— Which annoyed Mr. M---, Now he ne'er has his sn- on those

Conundrums. 1. What is the oldest piece of furniture in the world? Why does a sailor know there's

a man in the moo Suppose father sent you a kiss over the telephone, why would it be like a straw hat? 4. What is that which is out down before it is cut up? If Frank ate an apple, and, his brother had one as well, what figures could his brother use to explain what 6. When are two apples alike?

. What is that which never uses its teeth for eating purposes? 8. What is the worst weather for rats What is that which you cannot hold for ten minutes, although it is as light as a feather? 10. Of what trade is the summer sun? Catches.

Try these catches on your friends: 1. Which is correct? To say 8 and 3 is 12, or 8 and 3 are 12? Neither, because 8 and 3 make 11. 2. How do you pronounce
M-a-c-d-o-n-a-l-d?
Ma-c-d-o-w-e-l-l?

M-a-c-f-a-r-l-a-n-e? M-a-c-h-i-n-e-r-y? Some one is nearly sure to say Mac-Hinery for the last, but, of course, it's "machinery." Although not new, these catches are always unfamiliar to somebody.

Up-to-Date Rhymes. "Little John Cable sat at the table, Serving some Irish stew; He heaped up the plate of his small Saying, What a good girl are you!"

'I had a little husband, Anything but tall; I always filled his pint stoup, And loved him best of all.'

Thingummy food for mother's own pet." 'Mary, Mary-prudent and wary-How does your garden grow? With peas and beans, with turnips and Which are good for soup, you know."

joke was on him, and he had to rub his THIS trick is simple enough, but it is not so easy to detect, after all. All you need for it are the



1-THE REAL DIE DEPOSITED shaped box with a cover that completely envelops it, highly polished and painted black, with the box part marked in imitation of a die (this is to be the false one of your two dice); then a real die, which looks precisely like the false one, and will exactly fill the inside of the Pax, and two

hats. Having first made sure you are ready to perform the trick, set a table in front of the company, several feet away from them, and set in it the two hats. Then produce your box, black and handsome, and set it on the top-

Remove the cover, leaving exposed on the hat the false die containing the

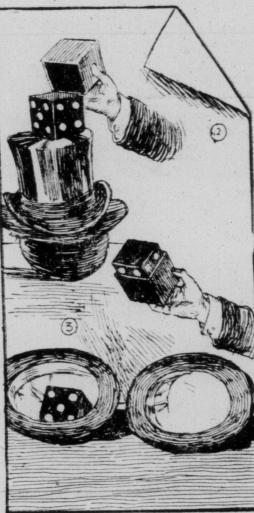
real die. Rattle away in a happy conversational style, making all sorts of remarks, anything to keep their attention fixed on you rather than the box, and as you do so, clap your cover on, and lift up the whole thing off the

THE HARD PART

Then, still talking, bring it down on the hat again, and remove the cover "I had forgotten it," answered Irene, sadly. "And, Uncle Will," she turned again, but this time, pressing the edges slightly, carry away the real knew the boys had made that hole and die in the cover, leaving only the false die on the hat. Your audience, sitting below the level of the die, will not see the difference.

Now, talking for all you are worth, go through a few unnecessary and meaningless flourishes, in the midst of which you should manage to move the top hat just enough to admit the real die into the hat below.

As, soon as you think fit, announce to your audience that now they see the die on the top hat, but "new"clapping your cover down over the false die, and removing it with a flourish, then displaying the bottom



2-THE FALSE DIE DISPLAYED 3-REAL IN HAT. FALSE IN BOX

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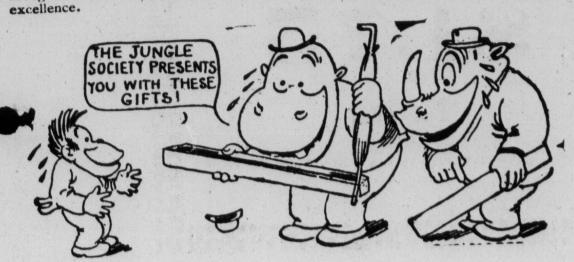
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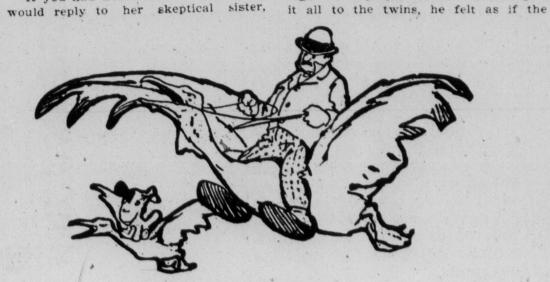
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