



SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Personnel of the Ottawa Team—Victoria Defeated at Cricket.

Yacht "Scud" Capsizes in the Straits—Juniors Beat the Flagship.

Yesterday's yacht race did not prove to be the success that yachtsmen anticipated because of the strong winds and rough seas.

The turn was being successfully made, when, suddenly, and with no warning, the yacht turned over and by the time the crew were thrown into the water.

The news of the capsizing spread through the city quite rapidly, especially as the first report was to the effect that the yacht was down.

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The bicycle in 1993. How the Wheel May Look One Hundred Years From Now.

The bicycle of 1993 will be built on very much the same lines as the safety bicycle of 1893, i.e., with two small wheels very nearly of a size.

Then by the use of some alloy of greater tensile strength, weight for weight, than steel, or by using the ribs in the framing with hydrogen instead of air, the weight of a road machine will be reduced to 10 pounds or less.

The roads will be prepared especially for bicycles, the grades being very slight and the surface will be almost wholly asphalt.

The regatta committee of the James Bay Athletic association have decided to place the following canoe events on the club's programme for the 26th instant:

London, Aug. 3.—The yacht race for the Meteor challenge shield presented by the German Emperor, was the chief event to-day, the course being about 160 miles.

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CHESTERFIELD NYE. He Writes Advice to Henry on Matrimony and Other Subjects.

He Realizes the Advantage of Having His Son Educated Properly.

BUCK SHOALS, N. C., August. MY DEAR HENRY—Your kind letter came yesterday, and I got it when I went to mill.

You stood just as well as I do, Henry, that I've stood by you and paid every cent of my own money for your education.

I wish that you would consider this matter in its true light, and if you could come home before you begin to grow old, you would get a glad welcome from me.

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The question of finance I have studied what time I've had this summer, and it's the fact that unless I can issue silver certificates payable in one, two, three and four years your rowing machine is out of the question.

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REAMS AGAIN. Fugitive Supposed to be on a Boat for the American Side.

From Cadboro Bay by Boat to Answer Description.

av. A. R. Reams, of Merced, a charge of enticing Lucy home in the South, as a case yesterday afternoon, was given to the police bringing the description of the man had stolen a boat from the other side. Reams may be after all, but the description closely with his, and the tired of hiding in the

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STYLES IN ENGLAND.

WHAT FAIR BRITON GIRLS WEAR AT THE SHORE.

All Beautiful and Imbued With the Spirit of Albion—Cotton Frocks, Evening Wraps and Tailor Made Gowns—The Best To-lets Seen at the Promenade.

[Copyright, 1893, by the American Press Association.] I am here at Southend, England, al- most opposite Sheerness at the mouth of the Thames. It lies about six miles from Sheerness, where the great school of gunnery is and where all the new im- provements in heavy ordnance are tested.

There are cliffs at Southend at the upper part and quite a flourishing village, with its "High street" and big hotels, and all along the cliffs are pretty cot- tages—"villas," they call them—and there's probably the longest wharf there in the world, as the beach is so flat. The cliffs slope gradually at one end to the hard, white beach.

It is but one season since "all London" awoke to the beauty of Southend as a summer resort, and it had the added ad- vantage of being rather more exclusive than Bath or Brighton or any one of the English resorts, and this season the hotels and "villas" are crowded with the best English society.

Shoeburyness being so near, there is always a brilliant military element. The drives around are of the most beau- tiful. Chelmsford is but a few miles away. Leigh, the quaint fishing village where herrings are thick and children abundant, is but three miles distant, cuddling close under great cliffs crowned with large trees.

It is in this lovely place where the river is so wide that the shore on the other side looks like a vague shadow that fashion has set its seal this year, and long covered pier, or sitting under the trees up on the cliffs, or listening to the band which plays afternoon and evening you will see the highest style of English fashions, which, though having origin on the continent, are imbued with some- thing of the spirit of Albion and are very beautiful.

You will see a tall, fair girl, with that lovely complexion rarely found away from this climate, come walking along in a gown of pale blue china silk with little rings of cherry color all over it. It is cut with an ample width and slightly gathered at the waist. The skirt is cut out in deep scallops, and these are headed by a black lace inser- tion. Below this falls a full gathered flounce, and set upon that is a very full ruffle of white lace "run" with black silk and headed by the black lace inser- tion. Two rows of the same encircle the forearm part of the sleeves, which are finished and trimmed with one or two very narrow lines of gold embroid- ery and with tiny round or very large flat gold buttons is considered very elegant, but a gown of this kind requires very careful treatment or it will appear shabby very soon.

I think I will close this letter now, as the season has begun to play, and I have a pretty new frock myself to wear, and so goodby. MARY DREWETT, Southend, England.

CARE OF INVALIDS. If They Are Men, They Will Be Neither Polite Nor Grateful.

How much a little tact and delicacy in the sickroom contribute to the soothing of an invalid's sensitive nerves! The most faithful and affectionate nurse, who would give her life to save the patient, is often guilty of some small, unthoughtful act that retards his illness beyond endurance. If anybody who is likely to be called upon to attend the sick—and most of us are liable to be placed in that position sooner or later—would bear in mind the following bits of advice, deduced from the impatient utter- ances of an irritable invalid, it might help both the sick person and the nurse.

Do not ask a very ill man what you shall do for him. The doctor has already given the proper directions, and if the patient wants any other attendance that is not so obvious that you can give it without questioning him he will ask for it himself.

Do not press his face or hang over him. He needs all the fresh air he can get.

Do not press your hand upon his brow. It sounds well in novels, but it is quite possible that your hand seems to him to weigh a ton. Do not touch him unne- cessarily at all, unless he indicates that he desires it.

Do not ask him every half hour how he feels. Take it for granted that he does not feel well. Do not keep telling him that he is better, for if he is he will know it quite as soon as you do, and if he is not it will merely vex him.

Do not attempt to lift him unless you are strong enough to do so without hur- riling him. Abhorrent efforts to raise him cause him pain and irritation. He can take food lying down, provided that you feed him through a glass tube bent at a right angle, instead of pouring his beef tea or milk into the bosom of his night- gown with a spoon.

Do not speak of the medicine spoon every time it is used, that the drugs of the previous dose may not offend him.

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very full to fall in deep natural folds, and it was bordered with three lines of gold braid. There was a rolling collar, and it had six elegantly chased gold but- toned gilet, with turnback cuffs. The coat was lined with pink flannel, and the vest front was of the same, with pink silk mull ruffles. Her hat was pearl gray felt in partly Alpine shape and trimmed with a gray velvet and two orelles d'ane of gray velvet.

Another notable costume was a gown of mode poplin, with a black lace flounce at the bottom headed by a box plaiting of satin of the same shade, and this headed by a narrow jet galloon.

The waist was plain French, with belt, and the sleeves gilet, with wrinkles at the wrists and short rolling cuffs faced with satin. To wear with it was a shoul- der cape of the poplin, with a box plait- ing of the satin headed by the galloon and with a deep black lace ruffle. The little cape was stiffened to fit the neck without collar, and at each seam was a band of galloon, and the neck seams were left open at the top to allow a very full ruffle of black lace to fall through.

The hat was a white French chip trimmed with pink roses, pink ostrich tip and bows and ornaments of yellow velvet and strings of the same made double on the bias and pinned under the chin.

Few cotton frocks are worn at South- end, as the moist air is not well suited for them, but all the tweeds, light chevots and Scotch mixtures are worn with silk as a stoof for best. Moire gowns made in the prevailing styles are very much worn, the entire row being made of it, with a figaro of passementerie or vel- vet, or some other rich material. I saw one today with a border of red fox fur around the bottom, it being but two shades lighter than the brown moire.



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THE "SATANITA" WINS.

Regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron Off the Isle of Wight.

LONDON, Aug. 4.—The regatta of the Royal Yacht Squadron, of which the Prince of Wales is Commodore, took place to-day. The race for yachts of any rig, exceeding 40 rating, was contested by A. D. Clarke's "Satanita," Lord Dunsarven's "Valkyrie," Donaldson's Calluna and Royal Phelps Car- roll's "Navaho." The course was the same as sailed yesterday in the race for the Town prize, that is, from Cowes, Isle of Wight, to Andam, and thence Warner light ship and return, the course covered twice, making the distance sailed fifty miles. A light south- west wind was blowing, and the "Satanita" it rained. The "Navaho" which had her mainmast split yesterday, necessitating her withdrawal from the race for the Town prize, was able to take part; the sail was sent on last night, and to all appearance she was as good as ready. The starting gun was fired at 10 o'clock, and the yachts crossed the line as follows: Calluna, 10 hours, 35 seconds; Satanita, 10 hours, 10 seconds; "Valkyrie," 10 hours, 25 seconds; "Navaho," 10 hours, 1 minute, 40 seconds. Though the "Navaho" got the best position, she was a poor performer. She tacked shoreward, with the evident intention of taking the other yachts' wind, but that attempt failed.

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It is easy to see that the result of the mission of the nine Ontario farmers to New York State has been a sore blow and a great discouragement to Canadians with annexationist proclivities. They evidently do not know what to make of it or what to say about it. If those farmers had found that their neighbors in New York State are far better off than they are, if the New York farmers received more for what they had to sell, and paid less for what they had to buy, if their farms were clear of debts and were worth a great deal more than were a few years ago, if, in short, they were more prosperous, and if their prospects were better than those of the Ontario farmers, every Liberal paper in the country would proclaim the results of the enquiry in the most glowing terms, and would loudly declare that American institutions and the American policy are vastly superior to those of the Dominion. We have no doubt that many of them would beforehand have confidently predicted that the enquiry must result unfavorably to Canada. So much had been said and written about the loss of the American trade to Canada and of the advantages of the market of sixty-five millions, that a very large proportion of the Liberals of the Dominion believed that, as a matter of course, the American farmers are greatly better off than those of Canada. They could not be otherwise, and, therefore, to institute a comparison between the farmers of New York State and those of Ontario would be foolish in the extreme. The result of the Leeds enquiry has consequently come upon them like a flash of lightning out of a clear sky.

We are not surprised that the Times is confused and confounded when it finds that the account brought home by the Leeds farmers is correct in every particular, and that no annexationist has had the hardihood to question either its fairness or its accuracy. Our Victoria contemporary, not knowing what else to say, asks why, if the report is correct, the Conservative Government still includes in its platform reciprocity with the United States in natural products? If the Times had been in a position to think, it would have seen that the Conservative Government has not had time even to consider the information gained by the farmers of the county of Leeds. We have no doubt that that information will do much to change the opinion of very many Canadian Liberals as to the absolute necessity of reciprocity to the people of Canada. They will find from it that those who tried to convince them, and who, no doubt, did convince many, that without reciprocity with the United States, Canada would go to the dogs—that it would not be a country worth living in—were either very shallow thinkers or very dishonest politicians. The mission of the Leeds farmers has shown that that sort of talk is the merest rubbish, and that American farmers, with all their advantages, are, as a class, not by any means better off than Canadian farmers.

The detractors of Canada may, perhaps, in time, be able to see why the 65,000,000 market is not more advantageous to the American farmer than it is. They may, after they inquire a little, come to the conclusion that Canadian institutions are not very much inferior to American institutions after all, and that the Canadian farmer is in fully as good a position to benefit by any advantage that may be within his reach as the American farmer.

Our contemporary asks a number of silly questions which have nothing whatever to do with the problem which the Leeds farmers gave themselves to solve. That problem was: are American farmers—the natural conditions being similar or nearly similar—are more prosperous than Canadian farmers? They have found out in such a way as will carry conviction to every intelligent man in Canada, that farmers in the States are not prospered under better conditions than farming in Canada, and that American farmers are not more prosperous than Canadian farmers.

RUMORS.

A report was raised, the other day, that Sir Charles Tupper was on his way to Canada to assume the premiership of the Dominion. It is inevitable that such a report should be raised, for the High Commissioner was coming to visit the land of his birth, and the Ottawa liar would consider himself unworthy his vocation if he did not fabricate a rumor suitable to the occasion. About the same time the late lamented Mr. Justice Patterson died. This melancholy circumstance was taken advantage of by the liar aforesaid to circulate the report that Sir John Thompson was to be appointed to fill the vacancy made on the Supreme Court bench by the death of that worthy judge. There was not a scintilla of truth in either rumor. Sir Charles Tupper has not the remotest intention of again entering the political arena. He has fought a good fight for Canada, and he is determined to enjoy the rest he has earned. His position in London is a dignified one, and it is, besides, pleasant. He has worked enough to do to keep his mind employed, and he is free from the worries, the cares and the anxieties of active political life. He is able to do Canada good service where he is, and he is content to allow younger men to earn distinction by fighting the battles of the Conservative party in Ottawa.

As for the other rumor, it is not likely that a man in Sir John Thompson's position, even if he were tired of political warfare, would take any but the highest seat on the Supreme Court Bench, and that seat is not now vacant. It was rumored, not long ago,

that Sir John would be appointed a member of the judicial committee of the Privy Council, but there does not appear to have been any solid foundation for this rumor. Sir John Thompson will, no doubt, continue some time longer to lead the Conservative party of the Dominion and to occupy his present place as Premier. He has won a high place in the esteem both of his party and the country at large. He has proved himself to be an able and a judicious administrator, and the people of Canada feel that their interests are safe in his hands. The majority of them believe he is in his right place, and they don't want to see him anywhere else.

PATRIOTIC PARTY MEN.

The course pursued by the Opposition in the British House of Commons with respect to the Siamese question shows that, in the estimation of leading Conservatives, the good of the country is to be preferred to the interests of party. Men of all parties knew that the dispute between France and Siam was a very difficult as well as a very delicate matter for the British Foreign Minister to deal with. He could not stand by with folded arms and see France treat Siam as it saw fit, but when to interfere and how to interfere required great soundness of judgment as well as great tact. It was necessary that the Minister who undertook the work should feel that he had behind him the moral strength of the nation, and it was also necessary that he should not be hampered in his action in any way. An injudicious question might render abortive negotiations which were in a fair way of speedily coming to an end which would meet with the approval of the country. The Opposition, wishing to give Lord Rosebery all the help he needed, did what they could for him as smoothly as possible, refrained from criticism and asked no question which the Foreign Minister might find it inconvenient to answer. So far from bragging their very able opponent the credit he must gain by conducting the negotiations well, and effecting an arrangement as advantageous as possible both to Great Britain and Siam, the Conservatives did what they could to assist Lord Rosebery to bring the business to a satisfactory conclusion. Mr. Balfour was no doubt sincere when he assured the Government that the Opposition did not intend to embarrass the negotiations. He had the unalloyed, or rather the patriotic, to admit that little fault could be found with the action of the Ministers in the Siamese trouble. Sir W. Vernon Harcourt, who is one of the ablest and most vigorous of the supporters of the Government, at the risk of strengthening the hands of his opponents did not hesitate to compliment the Conservatives on the moderation of their tone and their forbearance during the debate.

All this is very different from what we see in the Parliament of Canada. There the chief of debaters, no matter what the subject under discussion may be, is to discredit their opponents. It is very seldom, indeed, that the Opposition gives credit to the Government for having done anything well, and we very much fear that if its leaders saw a good chance of damaging the party in power, they would not be deterred by considerations of the public welfare. Now and again Government and Opposition are seen complimenting each other and voting together. But the subject then under consideration is not a controversial one, or does not involve a matter of policy. But in Great Britain it is different. Not long ago Mr. Gladstone, in his place in Parliament as leader of the Opposition, signified his unqualified approbation of the foreign policy of Lord Salisbury, and now we see the leader of the Conservatives in the Commons approving the course pursued in a very important matter by the Liberal Minister of Foreign Affairs. This is in striking contrast to the very discredit exhibition of partisan violence witnessed in the same House of Commons a few days ago.

SOUTH CAROLINA'S LIQUOR LAW.

The people of South Carolina do not take kindly to State barkeeping. They do not believe that the Government has any business to compel them to buy their liquor in its shops and to pay for it any price it chooses to charge. They consider the interference of the State in the business of liquor selling an infringement on the liberty of the citizen that no free born South Carolinian should permit, and they are, consequently, giving Governor Tillman any amount of trouble. He has, so far, found it impossible to enforce his liquor law. The people will not buy their liquor at his "dispensaries," and they will insist upon getting their drinks in illegal and unauthorised places. They are fighting the law in every possible shape and way. The Courts have decided against it and the Prohibitionists are already chucking over what they consider Governor Tillman's failure to make them partners in a big liquor selling concern. This is what Mr. Childs, the leader of the party, says of the success of the law:

The Dispensary Act not only fails to stop the sale of intoxicants, but with every package which it stamps and delivers to the dispenser to be sold as proper and good for use as a beverage, it sets the seal of condemnation on the public sentiment, which has long since, by the restrictive and prohibitive conditions which it imposed upon the liquor traffic, marked it as a business dangerous and pernicious to society.

The Charleston correspondent of the New York Herald writes of the operation of the Act in this way:—The most interesting aspect of the whole matter to outsiders is to be found in the illegal traffic in liquor which was inaugurated the instant the doors of the saloons were closed. From the mountains to the seaboard "blind tigers" are now open and doing a flourishing business, ten times as much as the few dispensaries in the state are doing. In fact the real fight against the

law will be right here, the liquor men hoping to kill the measure by rendering it unprofitable. The magnitude which this illicit sale of liquors has already attained can scarcely be estimated, and the difficulty of successfully fighting it cannot be estimated. The memory of a man runneth not back to a time when thousands of gallons of "moonshine" whiskey were not made and successfully disposed of in the State.

STREET NOMENCLATURE.

The want of system in naming the streets of this city is very conspicuous. Every one interested seems to have been at liberty to do as he pleases in naming streets and parts of streets. The consequence is that a confusion which is both ridiculous and perplexing exists. As was shown by our city editor yesterday, streets, as to names, have been duplicated and triplicated, and different sections of the same street are called by different names. This is by no means creditable to the city authorities. It is, in fact, most discreditible. And it will be disgraceful if such a state of things is allowed to exist longer than is required to make the changes which every one sees to be necessary. Every street should have its own name and no street should have more than one name. The names of streets should be indicated by signs at every corner. The expense of making this greatly needed reform would be comparatively trifling. It should not distinguish itself by floating this street reform thoroughly and at once? The City Councilors must see that it is a reform to the corporation that it has not been made long ago, and every Council that allows the streets to remain in their present confused condition as to names incurs its share of the reproach. Strangers are continually complaining that there is nothing to show them the names of the different streets, and if they knew how carefully the streets have been named, their opinion of our city government would be much lower than it is. Let us have at least one civic abuse done away with.

"CALAMITY HOWLERS."

The report of the Committee on Resolutions of the Chicago Silver Convention contains the following very singular statement: "We assert that the unparalleled calamities which now afflict the American people are due to the Sherman Act of 1890." What are the "unparalleled calamities" that are now afflicting the American people? That nation is perfectly free from the great calamities which nations have from the earliest times suffered. It is at peace with all the world, and it is not troubled with internal dissensions. Every man in the United States ought to be able to sit under his own vine and fig tree, none daring to make him afraid. This country which is "blighted with unparalleled calamities" is in the full enjoyment of peace, both at home and abroad.

The earth last year gave an abundant return to the laborers of the United States. The American people had enough and to spare of the necessities of life. Men engaged in other industries were able to pursue their different avocations without let or hindrance. The only difficulties they had to encounter were difficulties of their own making, and even these, though serious in some places, were not sufficiently so to be regarded as calamities. Here, then, we have the representatives of a nation—for we presume that the silver convention regards itself as representative—though blessed with peace, and plenty declaring that the people are afflicted with calamities unparalleled.

Though the pestilence has, in the course of the last twelve months, walked at noonday in other countries, the United States has been mercifully preserved from its ravages. Its population has suffered from no other than the ordinary ills to which flesh is heir. Does it not seem singular to see the citizens of a nation which is free from the three great scourges—war, pestilence and famine—solemnly proclaiming that they are afflicted with "unparalleled calamities." It is surprising that men who perpetrate such a gross and palpable exaggeration as this, can expect their assertions on other subjects to be heard with attention and respect. People of ordinary penetration and discernment must see that whether they believe what they say or not, their statements must be received with distrust.

The man who, without being conscientiously untruthful, can say that the people of the "unparalleled calamities," afflicted by "unparalleled calamities," must be so ignorant and must have a judgment so weak and so perverted as to be unable to come to a rational conclusion on any subject in which his feelings or his prejudices are brought into play; and the clear-headed, intelligent man who could bring himself to assert that the people of the United States are suffering from "unparalleled calamities" must be too dishonest and too reckless to be believed. It is this habit of exaggeration and of conscientiously untruthful assertion that has brought politicians and agitators of all parties and on all subjects into disrepute in the United States. It is only the unsophisticated who in these days believe what the political orator or the professional agitator in the United States says. Things have come to that pass that he is seldom regarded as being in earnest, and the truth seems to be that in nine cases out of ten it would appear as if he himself did not expect to be so regarded. The wild things that have been already said in this silver agitation are proofs of this. It is not to be supposed that Governor Watt was so simple as to believe that statement about fighting for free silver until "the blood reached the horses' bridles" should be taken literally, and this assertion about the "unparalleled calamities" from which the people of the United States are said to be suffering, although it appears in an official report, is quite as extravagant and quite as unworthy of a liberal interpretation.

ONE OF THE DELUSIONS.

It does seem as if the advocates of free silver in the United States believe that it is in the power of Government to fix the price of a commodity. They, we dare say, would laugh at a Government which would undertake to determine the market price of wheat. They would say that the price of wheat depends on the supply of wheat, and on the demand there is for it. If there is a large supply, and if the demand is slack, wheat will be low in price, no matter what the Government may ordain; and if the supply is short and the demand brisk, the price will be high, let the Government's figure be what it may. Governments, they would say, have before this made laws governing the price of wheat, of bread and of other necessities, but men have devised means to evade those laws. They were found to be useless, and have consequently ceased to be enacted in all civilized countries. The unwritten law of supply and demand has been found to be the only effective regulator of the prices of commodities. Prices will, in the long run, obey that inexorable law, no matter what laws may be enacted, or what devices trusts and syndicates and speculative combinations may resort to. The most that can be done is to create temporary fluctuations and irregularities which, as of an act, ruin those who bring them about, but experience has found that, notwithstanding all counteracting influences, the great law of supply and demand asserts itself and must be obeyed.

Intelligent silver men see that this is the case with respect to commodities in general, but they deny that money metals are subject to the law of supply and demand. This is what they say in the resolution which was carried at the Chicago Convention the other day:—Whenever silver bullion can be exchanged at the rate for legal tender silver dollars worth 100 cents, that is, 412 1/2 grains of standard silver will be worth every-where else 100 cents, and as commerce equals the prices of all commodities throughout the world, whenever 412 1/2 grains of standard silver are worth 100 cents in the United States, then it will be worth that every-where else, and cannot be bought for less.

This is tantamount to saying, no matter what the supply of silver may be or what the demand, if the Government of the United States declares that 412 1/2 grains of it are worth a dollar everywhere, in every part of the world, must give a dollar's worth of commodities for a coin containing 412 1/2 grains of silver. It is evident that the United States Government has no such power as this even over its own citizens. It may ordain that a piece of silver of a certain weight may be called a dollar, and it may possibly compel the creditor to accept it for a dollar in payment of debt, but it cannot compel any dealer to give a hundred cents for a commodity for it. He would give for the dollar as much of a commodity as it is intrinsically worth. If the intrinsic worth of the silver in the dollar is fifty cents, he would give fifty cents worth of goods for it. He might not put it in this way. He would very probably double the price of his goods and get two silver dollars for a silver dollar, worth intrinsically only fifty cents. And if the Government allowed a man who owed one hundred gold dollars, worth a hundred cents each, to get clear of his indebtedness by the payment of a hundred silver dollars, worth only fifty cents each, it would be party to an act of gross dishonesty. The fear that this may come to pass is what has created the present crisis in the United States. Here is how Harper's Weekly puts it:

The lender of money wants to be secured against loss. He wants to be certain not only that he will get his money back dollar for dollar, but also that the dollar that he gets back will be of no less value than the dollar he lent out. When he has reason to fear that after having lent out money in gold dollars, or at least in dollars exchangeable for gold dollars, he may have to take back in payment of the loan silver dollars or paper money exchangeable only for silver dollars intrinsically worth only 60 or 70 cents, he will either not lend out any money at all, or lend it out in a way that he may call it back at any moment, and then only under the most exacting conditions as to security.

This is just what has been done in the States, and the present stringency is the result. Here we have some of the results of the policy advocated by the Silver Convention. One would be an act of repudiation so flagrant as to cause the United States to be a by-word among the nations. The nation which by a single act wipes out half its indebtedness, and which would cover itself with infamy, and it is quite certain that the people of the United States are not prepared to incur that infamy. Another result would be a general rise in the prices of all saleable things, for a silver currency would require silver prices, in the same way as a depreciated greenback currency made greenback prices a necessity.

As we have above, one of the results would be the disappearance of gold from circulation. This is perhaps what the silver convention is aiming at. If silver were the only money current in the United States, a constant demand for silver would be created and the silver interest would prosper. But would this prosperity be at the expense of other interests of greater importance? If even this were the case, the price of silver, either in the United States or outside of it, would not be greatly enhanced. If the supply continued to be greater than the demand, the price of silver would continue, as

it has done of late years, to go down in the markets of the world. The law of supply and demand would assert itself in spite of all the resolutions of all the conventions.

THE CITY.

GEORGE PITTEBRIGH, J.P., has been appointed S. J. Spaulding Magistrate for the county of Westminister.

THERE was a great "run" of salmon in Esquimaux harbor yesterday. A big school of fish came in during the afternoon, and a great many were taken.

THE second annual meeting of the British Columbia Dental Association will be held at New Westminster on September 29 and 30—the two last days of the fair in the Royal City.

THE Pacific Fish Co., Ltd., of Vancouver, has been duly incorporated with a capital stock of \$25,000 in \$5 shares. The trustees are T. R. York, J. M. Barston, Max Mowat and E. E. Bond.

MEMBERS of the local lodges, I. O. G. T., gave yesterday evening a splendid program of speeches, sports and games. The outing was a thoroughly enjoyable one.

MR. ALEXANDER MURRAY has been selected out of more than one hundred applicants to succeed Mr. R. Chipchase as sanitary inspector. The appointment was made by the Health Board, subject to the approval of the Council.

LEE FOK BOY's alleged wife, "little Catherine," is no longer an unwelcome and unwilling passenger on the Umarella; she awaits in San Francisco the sailing of the steamer which is to carry her home to China at the expense of Uncle Sam.

THE case of Jackson v. Jackson & Myllie will be tried at the Supreme Court to-day, having been postponed from last week. H. D. Helmcken appears for the plaintiff, F. B. Gregory for the defendant, Celia Myllie.

Capt. Macaulay, of the sealing schooner Beatrice, which returned the other day, says his vessel sailed right over the rock on which the whaling vessel Sea Ranger struck. He says the rock is not marked officially on the chart.

In compliance with Section 3 of the Canadian Western Extension Act of last session, yesterday's Gazette contains formal notice of the extension of time for the commencement of actual construction of the Canadian Western Railway until August 1 of next year.

THE County court August sitting opened yesterday morning with the Chief Justice presiding, sitting as a County court judge. A number of cases were disposed of, and the examination of judgment debtors was concluded. The court will have to sit a couple of days more to finish up all the cases.

CAPTAIN OLE OLSEN, well-known along the northern Pacific Coast, died on board the excursion steamer Queen between this city and Port Townsend, while on his way to Seattle for hospital treatment. The interment will be at Port Hadlock, where several relatives of the deceased are living.

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NEWS OF THE PROVINCE.

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Salmon Run Falling Off Very Suddenly.—Earthquake at Cape Beale.

(Special to the Colonist.)

VANCOUVER, Aug. 3.—The contract for clearing on the Burrard Inlet and Fraser Valley railway, between Vancouver and New Westminster, will be completed shortly, and the contract between New Westminster and Langley is also nearly completed.

Lieut. Colonel Holmes has written to the Hon. Mr. Justice, stating that he has forwarded the plans of the proposed reservoir in Stanley Park to the Militia Department, with a favorable recommendation.

A case of destruction was discovered here yesterday—a sick wife, whose husband is in Victoria looking for work; and with a broken arm, and a handloom prominently demanding back rent. Messrs O'Rourke and Jarvis started a subscription, and a handsome sum was realized in half a day.

Mr. Sillitoe, president of the Doosan Orphanage, is arranging a permanent sewing class and advancing other enterprises in aid of the Orphanage.

Dr. McParlane, member of the Senate of Toronto University and Mrs. McParlane, left here yesterday for Victoria and San Francisco.

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It is well worth noting that in every case of diphtheria which has occurred in this city this year the families infected used well water and not the city supply from Coquitlan lake. Some of the doctors say that every well in the city should be fitted in the future with a filter. The doctors also say that since the city service has come into more general use typhoid fever has almost disappeared. The city water service is now supplied by 630 wells, and the water is filtered through sand, and new applications are being received daily. The estimated revenue of the water department for the present year is \$10,000, and it is expected the service will be self-supporting in five years.

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Those Who Had the Victoria's Streets Altered and Re-named.

How the Stranger in a Loose Hims-if With and Disputes.

An advertisement now in the Colonist announces that shortly to be made for a term of license held for The Grove on the corner of Cathrine street, lot 23, Block F.

The exact geographical position of the Grove, according to the old map, is a mystery to those who have been brought to the street as the shady thoroughfare from Simcoe street to Hastings street, and the connecting line between the Grove and the Victoria street.

Mr. Calbeck was informed by telegraph this morning that the police of St. John's had arrested a half-breed named F. Antoine alias F. Perrier, who is wanted in connection with a store robbery committed in the Empire Valley about a month ago. The arrest was reported to the Attorney-General's department in Victoria, and it is probable steps will be taken to secure Antoine's extradition. Mr. Calbeck expects orders to leave for St. John's tomorrow to be the necessary proceedings to secure the return of the robber to British Columbia.

LETTON, Aug. 2.—Roadmaster A. Stevens arrived home yesterday from the North Thompson. The district over which he has charge, takes in nearly all of Yale district, extending from Yale to Salmon A. M., reaching some distance towards Cariboo, nearly fifty miles from Kamloops up the North Thompson as far as any road, trail or bridge work has yet been done, and on the south side to the coast as far as there are any settlers to be accommodated. A short resume of the work so far this season executed and planned, will be of interest as showing the liberal way in which the Government is treating the people of the interior.

The first work done this spring was to extend the road which runs from the Lower Nicola towards Kamloops, nine miles further, which carries as far as there are any settlers to be accommodated. A bridge was constructed across the Nicola river at the mouth of the Coldwater, to replace the old one, which had become unsafe. It is nearly 170 feet long, and cost about \$700. From a point about sixteen miles up the Coldwater a road has been built, which will be placed in the autumn, to accommodate the settlers located there. A short piece of road is now under contract, which will cut off a very bad place called Newman's hill, and much improve the connection between the Campbell Creek road and the Nicola road.

The extension of the road in the direction of Granite creek from where work terminated last year, through Oster valley, for which \$2,000 was placed in the estimates, and for which contractors were asked to make tenders, has not yet been commenced. For the reason that the tenders were so high the Government decided not to accept bids, it is not yet settled whether new tenders will be advertised for, or the roadmaster will be instructed to proceed with the work on Government account. Contractors, who sometimes complain that they are allowed the privilege of bidding for public work, should base their tenders on a reasonable profit, if they are really desirous of getting it. When built, this piece of road, for the time being, will reach the Dulman, but will eventually be pushed into the Similkameen valley, especially if the projected railroad is built into the Nicola valley from Spence's bridge.

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STILL HARPING.

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The Times does not venture to assert that the report of the Leeds farmers is not true and that the conclusions which they draw from the facts that came to their knowledge are not fair and legitimate.

This was the burden of the song of the Canadian annexationists; and the advocates of unrestricted reciprocity sang the same tune to slightly different words.

Now, when it is proved beyond controversy that the song sung by both annexationists and the advocates of unrestricted reciprocity, was a lying and a deceptive song, the singers are angry, not at themselves for having tried to humbug their neighbors, as they ought to be, but at the men who have exposed the delusion they taught, and the snare they were at such pains to set for the people of Canada.

THE AGONY OVER.

It appears that France has been prevailed upon to worry Siam no longer. Admiral Humann has raised the blockade, and the River Menam is again open to the commerce of the world.

There are people in San Francisco who think this sort of writing will please, but intelligent men know that England did not indulge in bluster and bravado with respect to France's interference in Siam's affairs.

What part Great Britain has taken in the settlement of the Siamese question will perhaps never be known.

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terminated to add Siam to its Eastern possessions; and if Great Britain had not been Siam's neighbor, that purpose would, no doubt, have been effected.

BROKEN BANKS.

As a great deal had been said about the failures of banks in the United States, the New York Times, a week ago, instituted an enquiry as to the number that had actually gone under.

Out of the total of 105 closed, but 37 have gone into the hands of receivers, the balance either having re-opened or are still in the hands of examiners, with strong prospects of re-opening.

Fourteen of these 105 banks had, last week, resumed business under favorable conditions and were possessed of the confidence of the communities in which they were situated.

It is to be hoped that the worst was over when the Times made out its list, and that those that were safe at that date will weather the storm.

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A few days more will see the completion of the outer wharf, the building of which was contemplated several years ago, and vessels of the deepest draught will be unloading their cargoes alongside the most substantial and commodious wharf on the Pacific coast.

THE BEST NOVEL.

The discussion that are every now and then seen in the newspapers and elsewhere about the best novel, or the best half dozen novels, are not very satisfactory.

Then the same book is judged differently by the same reader at different periods of his life. The novel that he eagerly devoured when he was young, he now regards with disdain, or even with disgust.

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very many of what the critics would stigmatize as "unmuddled trash." For our own part, we are not disposed to judge the lovers of "trash," provided it is not vicious trash, harshly. A correct and delicate taste in literature does not come to every one by instinct; it takes time to grow and to develop, and the devourer of trash this year may, five or six years hence, be the keenly appreciative reader of the best writing.

BI-METALLISM.

LONDON, Aug. 5.—During the recent discussion of the estimates, the Right Hon. Henry Chaplin, who was president of the Board of Agriculture in Lord Salisbury's administration, attempted to raise the long deferred question of the question of bi-metallism by moving a resolution of the House.

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MR. AND MRS. HARTLEY have the sympathy of many friends, as they to-day mourn the loss of their only child, Harry Evelyn.

THE successful candidates at the recent law examinations, final, were J. A. Aikman, J. Folly, T. R. E. McInnes and W. H. Sweeney, who are now admitted as barristers and solicitors for the Province.

NO TRACE has yet been discovered of the boat which was missed from Cadboro bay, and in which it is now supposed McDonald, the jail-breaker, not Rev. A. R. Reams, made good his escape to the other side of the line.

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ALD. BRAGG has given notice of a resolution that the Council name room 1 of the public market building as the polling place for an election to fill the vacancy on the School Board, caused by the resignation of Trustee F. G. Richards.

MR. J. L. McKay and his bride, the former principal of the Wellington school, are spending the first few days of their wedded life in Victoria.

O. M. Crozier, accused of having been an accessory before the fact to the robbery of Charles Hamner by Edward Mueh, yesterday secured his release from the Provincial jail, where he was awaiting trial, on furnishing \$1,000 bail, two sureties in \$250 each and himself in \$500.

THE Victoria correspondent of the War Cry thus refers to the recent week of farewells in the Army here: "On Thursday night, Lieutenant Johnston 'farewelled' for the Northwest, and Cadet Dwyer for the field. The latter has fought in our ranks as a soldier since his arrival from Newfoundland."

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FRANCE AND SIAM.

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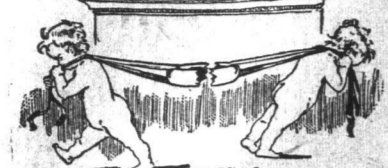
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MRS. FRANK LESLIE CAN SPEAK ON THE SUBJECT EX CATHEDRA.

A Conundrum Without an Answer—Three Classes of Wives—The Dogs in the Manger—Those Who Have the Right of Pre-emption.

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It is always a pretty sure sign that the subject is alive and although much discussed never settled when it keeps coming up for fresh discussions and is always receiving fresh settlements.

Men do not earnestly and angrily discuss the question of the sun rising in the east, although, to be sure, it is not very long since a prophet arose in Pennsylvania to declare that the earth is stationary and the sun revolves, but as a general thing that subject as well as the fact that two and two make four has been settled and laid away some time since along with the consciousness of George Washington and the supremacy of the American eagle over all the fowl that fly.

Among those ever to be debated and never settled subjects there is not one, especially in our own country, so impossible to decide, so keenly debated, so vehemently decided first on the one side and then on the other, as divorce.

A large body of persons, and many of them among the very best and wisest of our people, clergymen, statesmen and leaders of public thought, have banded themselves in an antidivorce league, pledged to use their best endeavors to procure a uniform divorce law in all our states, and that law to be of the most stringent, only allowing divorce for the Scriptural offense, and without a trial, not without final proof and great and protracted effort.

Our English cousins, always prone to the conservative course and as fond of red tape as they are of red beef, until the establishment of Sir Cresswell's divorce court have tried this method at rigid legislation upon divorce, and met with the most fortunate results. Look, for instance, at the life of George Eliza. If the English law had set Mr. Lewes free from his profligate wife, he and Mary Ann Evans would have been quietly married according to law, and the great novelist would not have left upon her name a stain which, however affection and respect may gild it, remains precisely the same stain attaching to the name of any other woman who lives with a man legally married to another woman. Or look at Charles Mordeant, whom the English law refused to set free from a woman whose excesses had driven her to insanity.

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In some parts of the far west it is said one may get a divorce for almost any conceivable cause. I do not vouch for the exactness of this statement, but can well believe it after some "incidents of travel" in the west. Among these was a brief companionship with a young girl of 17 years hailing from Chicago. After half an hour's acquaintance this young lady, who was as pretty and as silly as any girl I have ever met anywhere, confided to me that she and "Charlie" made two of a party to visit Milwaukee for the day, and as the theater "kept late" they missed the train they had planned to take home. In this dilemma some one suggested that the young men had better marry the girls, and then it would be quite correct to go to a hotel. Three couples accepted the proposition, and she and Charlie became man and wife after an acquaintance of about a fortnight.

"And where is Charlie now?" ventured I, seeing that the poor child was evidently alone. "Oh, he's at home in Chicago," replied she carelessly. "He's in a store and don't get enough to buy his salt, let alone my hat. I reckon I'll stop east awhile with some friends and then get a divorce. We were only fooling when we got married, you know, and we don't get along first rate anyhow."

"And what do your parents say about it?" asked I. But the girl tossed her head in pretty scorn at the idea of parental interference. "I guess they haven't got much to say about it. Pa's gone out to Mexico or somewhere, and ma's just got married again and is glad to be shut of me. Reckon I can paddle my own canoe without their help."

Now, between the laxity which renders such a story as this possible—and I assure you it is absolutely a true story—and the rigidity which drove George Lewes and Mary Ann Evans to open house, I fancy there lies a vast distance, a happy medium, wherein, to my mind, the true solution of the problem lies, which again reminds me of a learned jockey first narrated and then explained to me by a "gentleman from Boston" during my late western tour.

It seems that Professor Agassiz, with some other learned pundits of Boston, of all three of the classes just described—mummy and disputing as to its being that of a priest, a fact presently estab-

lished by their coming upon the mummy of an ibis in the midst of the swathings of the human mummy, whereupon Agassiz triumphantly exclaimed: "Veritas, in medias res tutissima ibis!"

By way of coming down softly from these Athenian heights I will add to this anecdote one from my own experience more familiarly illustrating the same theory. I was having my photograph taken by a very charming foreigner, recently acquainted with the English tongue, and he, after various efforts to get the proper expression upon my face, exclaimed: "Not too severe and not too smiling, but let us find a happy middling if we would be perfect."

One would not of course be flippant upon a subject like this, involving as it does the deepest and most vital interests of so many human beings, and although it has undeniably its humorous side the general aspect is one of profound sadness and perplexity. Two persons marry. Perhaps they are in the first flush of youth, with all sorts of rose colored ideas of the future before their eyes, or perhaps they are older and having already known sorrow and disappointment and disillusionment fancy they have at last found a companion whose sympathy and comradeship may be added to curing and coarseness, then my advice to that woman is, appeal to the law for a release from a union which has become a slavery; annul the contract broken and despised by the other contracting party; be free.

Every legal covenant is made dependent upon the mutual honesty and good faith of the covenanters, and if one fails to fulfill his stipulated obligation the other is released, often with a compensation for his disappointment. Is not marriage a contract worthy of as much protection as the partnership agreement of a firm of grocers or brokers?

Let us do nothing either rashly or with too much prejudice or conservatism. Let us, if we would achieve success, seek "the happy middling" between these two extremes.

While harmless as doves do not let us forget to be also wise as serpents.

AN ACCOMPLISHED WOMAN. Commander Dickins' Wife Has Improved Her Opportunities For Culture.

Mrs. Marguerite Dickins, the wife of Commander F. W. Dickins, U. S. N., who was detailed to attend the Duke of Veragua and his family while in this country, accompanies her husband and distinguishes herself by her charming personality and her ability to converse in several different languages.

She was born in the beautiful valley of the Unadilla in western New York and spent most of her childhood years with her widowed mother at the home of her grandfather, Noah Ely, Esq., a prominent and learned lawyer, under whose tuition she acquired a very thorough knowledge of the dead languages. After her mother's marriage to Mr. C. Francis Bates of Boston, her education was continued at one of the best private schools of New York city. Later she spent three years abroad studying art and the languages, of which she speaks fluently French, Spanish and German.

About 16 years ago, soon after returning to this country, she married Commander F. W. Dickins and with him has been pretty much all over the world—the watery world and the shores thereof. Between 1888 and 1891 her husband was stationed at Callao, Peru, and various points on the coast of Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay. Mrs. Dickins lived on board ship, making excursions here and there into the countries, becoming familiar with the customs of the people and observing their home life. Her perfect command of the Spanish lan-

guage enabled her to learn many things which would have been a sealed book to one less gifted, and she gave these impressions and observations to American readers in many charmingly written letters published in Washington and other papers. Her latest voyage with her husband was to Japan last summer, and she gave some exceedingly entertaining "impressions" of that country in a series of articles in the Washington Post. "Along Shore With a Man of War," a well gotten up and beautifully illustrated volume, is a "round up," as one may say, of the places she has visited, and very readable indeed. Commander and Mrs. Dickins have a pretty home in Washington filled with interesting souvenirs of their journeyings.

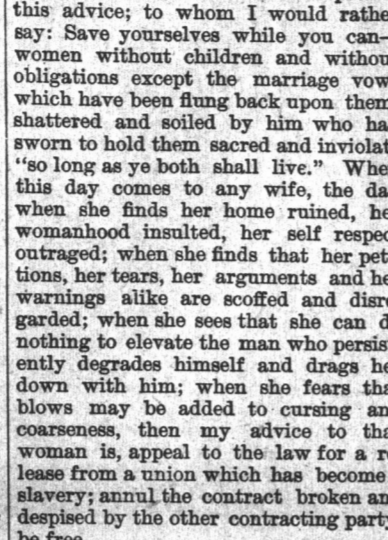
The scarcity of girls for domestic service is becoming a serious matter in New York city. Any strong and healthy young woman from the country who would consent to do housework could be sure of a good home and good treatment at any time at wages of from \$18 to \$20 a month. A girl could save money enough to take her to college at such pay.

IN FASHION'S REALM.

THE TALL GIRL HAS A BOON IN THE DOUBLE SKIRT.

Style Suitable For a Bride or a Young Lady. Suits For Traveling—Newest Things In Summer Suits—Pretty Dancing Dress For a Young Lady.

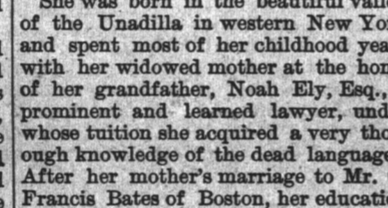
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TRAVELING wrap for a lady today can be made in a number of shapes or a loose sack, or it can be made like a dress in form and belted in with the skirt left open at the bottom in front in a manner which will show the dress beneath. This is a style that would be very suitable for a bride or for a young lady. With it there is a shoulder cape made of wide and full bias falls of the material, which is as the rest, with inch wide tailor braid. The front of the waist to the long coat fastens with a double row of round cut silver buttons.

Such a coat should not reach quite to the bottom of the dress, as it is for a dressy traveling wrap. The material of which these novel long coats are made is usually broadcloth in one of the lightest shades, such as biscuit, tan, clay or dull blue in light shade, and the finish is the neatest and smoothest possible to give it. The skirt is cut like an umbrella skirt, with no seam but one in the back, and the fullness gathered on the belt. The sleeves are large gigt, which are slightly stiffened at the top to give the cape the right hang.

For traveling, where a soft hat is not admissible, a satin braid straw with a brim that turns up in such a way as to permit of laying the head back against the seat is a necessity, and there are many such hats. They are not exactly turbans, but almost, and they are flexible and almost inconspicuous. They can be had to match almost any of the traveling costume colors and require ribbon trimmings, though feathers are admissible, but if one travels by the sea one grows stringy in an hour.



TRAVELING CLOAK AND DOUBLE SKIRT GOWN.

This season has brought a boon to the over tall girl in the shape of the dress with the double skirt. This is one of the most elegant and daintiest modes of making up gowns that we have had. The lower skirt portion can be set on a lining if it is a question of economy in material, and it is better anyhow if the fabric is heavy. The lower skirt reaches just to the knee, and the upper part falls four inches over it. I have seen some of these with the upper skirt cut out in ruffles and waves and the edges bordered with silk fringe. Others have a row of grolottes, which are very pretty, but require that the waist shall have something of the figure about it bordered in the same manner.

The prettiest of the double skirted gowns was one made in new rayette, which is a delicate but strong new fabric something like crepe in appearance, but stronger and more solid, though draping quite as gracefully. This had a narrow band of green and silver embroidery two inches wide around both skirts and two rows around the neck above the wide ruffle of the material. There were white lace caps to the balloon sleeves and a resada green velvet girdle. The hat was a silver straw with peachbloss ribbons and resada green plumes.

For a dancing dress for a tall and slender girl, a frock made of white tarlatan with double skirts, each edged with a pinked rose plating of the same, is light and elegant in its fresh crispness. A colored silk or white silk slip should be worn beneath it. A dress of pink or blue tarlatan or maize color, made up with about 20-inch pinked and bias ruffles, set on a self foundation and trimmed with suitable ribbons, makes an airy and beautiful summer afternoon gown, which is also suitable for a dancing dress if so desired.

The summer woollens now shown consist of fine, fancy Scotch plaids for empire suits and are made with extra full sleeves and deep cuffs, and all are used in the Eton suits that are so popular. There is not so much that is new in the silks as there is in the way they are made up, and when one wants to describe the make the description would read much the same, yet there is a difference in that each separate style is more than ever accentuated. The umbrella skirt allows you to make no mistake, for it is self out and out. The semicircular draped gown is more like the old styles than ever, and the tailor gown is as masculine as it can be, and the sweet little ingenue is sweeter and more ingenious than ever in the emblematic purity of her robes, and the severely correct tailor gown is positively rigid, but all are lovely when the girls get them on.

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WOMAN'S WORLD IN PARAGRAPHS.

Recognition of Woman in the League of Press Clubs.

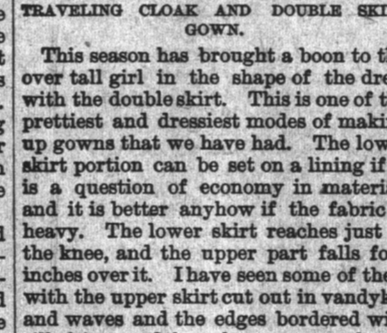
It was like the International League of Press Clubs and thoroughly graceful for its members to decide that the next annual convention in 1894 should be held at Atlanta. The invitation was extended by one of the women's clubs belonging to the league—the Woman's Press association of Georgia. The International League of Press Clubs was organized three years ago, mainly by the late Mr. T. J. Keenan of the Pittsburgh Press. At the beginning he and a few others decided that women's press clubs should be admitted on equal terms. There was opposition on the part of a few fogies, but it was overruled, and every press club in good standing with a membership, male or female, or both, of not less than 25 can now become a part of this admirable organization. It strengthened the hopes of all who have the progress of the race at heart to witness the way in which the lady delegates were treated by the gentlemen at the late convention at St. Paul. Men do not usually like to have women attend their banquets—largely because it is taken for granted that ladies object to smoking. It had been accordingly arranged that the women delegates should have a separate reception of their own, while the gentlemen enjoyed the banquet the citizens of St. Paul had provided. But a deputation of men, uncommonly good looking ones, invaded the hall where the ladies were and carried every one of the women delegates off to the banquet, where one of them, Sallie Boy White of the editorial staff of the Boston Herald, made a brilliant speech. Admirable tributes to women newspaper writers were paid by distinguished men journalists, and brave words were spoken by these in favor of equal pay for equal work. Two women were elected among the officers of the league for the coming year, one being a vice president, the other a member of the executive committee. Six press clubs of women have a membership in this chivalrous and brainy organization. The number should be increased. The league is now endeavoring to get funds to build a home for aged and infirm journalists. Whenever you can say a good word for the International League of Press Clubs, say it.

Man is an animal with foreshadowings of a higher development. Did you observe the fact that the topics which aroused most interest and enthusiasm at the women's Chicago congress were dress reform and suffrage? Great praise is due the women who arranged the Cincinnati room in the Women's building at the Columbian fair. The pottery, painting and other art work of the women of Cincinnati have long been famous, and none of those who see their beautiful parlor at Chicago will grudge them an atom of the credit that is theirs. Pottery, painting, embroidery and wood carving of rare quality are here. The decoration of the room itself, including the wall painting, was done by Miss Agnes Pitman and Mrs. Trivett. The famous reproductions of Limoges pottery, through the method discovered by that gifted Cincinnati girl, Miss Lorraine Laughlin, are very fine. They are on exhibition "from their earliest to their latest development. One of the famous art objects in the room is Mrs. C. A. Plympton's Alhambra vase, lent for the occasion by the Cincinnati Art museum. Mrs. Plympton has been for years urging artistic pottery to develop the many excellent clays that lie all about them under their very feet in America. Her vase is made of inland clays of various colors. Its wonderful effects of soft, rich color show what a field is before ceramic art in the United States. If we only knew it, we need not go to Europe for fine and beautiful clays for potters' wares.

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This shoe bag may be made of denim, striped pillow ticking or any other suitable strong stuff. The back piece, which is 94 by 25 inches, is made of the same material or else heavily lined, as the bag will otherwise soon lose its shape and the pockets be apt to tear away. The two rows of pockets are made of two strips of material 9 by 48 inches. Bind the top of the strips with braid or tape and divide each strip lengthwise into four parts, each 12 inches wide, by a row of basting or a line of French chalk.



Lay a box plat taking up five inches of the stuff in the middle of the bottom of each 12-inch section, but leave the top loose. This will make the bottom of the pocket strip 28 inches long, so that it will just fit across the back piece, and the fullness made by the plate allows plenty of room in each pocket. Baste the upper pocket strip on the back, basting also along the division lines between the pockets. Across the bottom of the upper row of pockets place a band of braid, stitching it by machine on both edges. Then baste on the lower pocket strip in the same way. Mark the divisions of the pockets by bands of braid stitched on both edges. Bind the bag around the edge with braid and sew on little brass rings by which to hang it in place. If the bag is made of cretonne, it should be lined throughout to secure strength.

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The Colonist.

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BRITISH COLUMBIANS BLAN- DERED.

There are some wonderfully discerning people in the world. Although it takes a person of fair powers of observation a long time to find out what are the national tendencies and partialities of a people, these very sagacious persons find out all about them in a week or two. For instance, those who have lived in this Province and mixed intimately with its inhabitants believe that they are eminently loyal, and that they have no love for American institutions and American ways.

AN ENGLISH OPINION.

There are some in the United States, and even in Canada, who stoutly maintain that the Sherman act and the policy of the United States as regards silver are not the causes of the present stringency. They declare that the politicians and the goldbugs have made a beggar of the Sherman act. If this is the case, it is singular that so many distinguished and intelligent men have traced the American financial troubles to the same source. This is what the London Economist says in a recent issue on the subject.

The constant dwindling of the reserve and increase of the liabilities against which it is held have for some time past caused serious doubts to be entertained as to the ability of the Treasury to maintain gold payments. As a consequence, the flow of foreign capital to the States has been arrested, while within the country there has been a good deal of hoarding of money, so as to be prepared for future contingencies.

UGANDA.

Since the arrival of Sir G. Portal in Uganda peace and quiet have reigned. The Times correspondent gives a long and very interesting description of the present condition of the country. He speaks very highly of the Roman Catholic missionaries. He considers their organization far better than that of those of the C. M. S. He says "the organization of the C. M. S. up here is far from perfect, and there is urgent necessity for reform. The defamatory obnoxiousness which one might naturally expect the various members of the mission would accord to their Bishop is conspicuous by its absence, each one seeming to claim the right of holding his own individual opinions, which is a glaring contrast to the unquestioning confidence reposed by the French priests in their executive head."

CONGRESS IN SESSION.

The session of Congress which commenced yesterday in Washington is one of the most important ever held in the United States. Congress has been convened to devise measures to extricate the country from the financial embarrassments with which it is at present struggling and to prevent their recurrence. It is generally admitted, not only in the United States, but in other countries, that the President has acted wisely in calling the representatives of the people together at the present juncture. It is believed that Congress has in its power to do the country a service of incalculable value, and that now is the time to do it. Delay, it is contended, would be exceedingly dangerous to the most important interests of the United States.

The President, then, has done his duty in calling an extraordinary session of Congress. It remains to be seen whether or not Congress will do its duty. There will, no doubt, be a fierce opposition to the repeal of the Sherman Law. Those who believe in that law are numerous, able and influential. To judge by what they have already said, they are prepared to fight determinedly for its continuance or for the enactment of a substitute law. It is, however, not likely that they will gain the day. The President is strongly in favor of repealing the Sherman Act, and the President, at this present moment, possesses immense influence. He does so because in this matter he represents the convictions of a large majority of the intelligent men of the country. It is not difficult to see that the people are overwhelmingly with President Cleveland, both as to the wisdom of calling the extra session and the necessity of repealing the Sherman Act. The politicians of both parties know this well. Many, who in their hearts do not approve of the President's policy, know that it is as much as their political lives are worth to attempt to oppose that policy. It is said that there is a section of the Democratic party in Congress who hate Mr. Cleveland with a bitter hatred, and who would delight in frustrating his plans if they dare do so as they are inclined. But they know that the President is master of the situation, and they, therefore, must submit to the inevitable with the best grace they may. This is why it is believed that the Sherman Law will be repealed in a few days.

It is not expected that anything of importance will be done towards the reform of the tariff before the December session. The bill to be submitted to Congress must be

presented themselves, at the time the orders were issued. In such cases the officer receiving orders, guided by the objects that he knows his chief has in view, must act on his own responsibility. When the liberal obedience to any order, however given, would entail a collision with a friend or endanger a ship by running on shore, or in any other way, paramount orders direct that the danger is to be avoided, while the object of the order should be attained if possible. Risks that are not only justifiable, but which ought to be incurred during war, are not justifiable in peace.

THE AUSTRALIAN SITUATION.

Times are still hard in Australia. The effects of the crisis are felt all over the country and in every grade of society. The Governments find it necessary to economize. They have learned by unpleasant experience that their credit has been badly strained, and that it has not even commenced to recover. The Treasurer of New South Wales has been forced to withdraw his proposal for converting five per cent. debentures, falling due next January, owing to the inability of the Agent General in London to make the necessary arrangements, and this, notwithstanding the fact that the rate of interest for the proposed new issue had been raised from three and a half to four per cent.

The Melbourne and Metropolitan Board of Works called for tenders for a loan of £500,000, and only £72,320 were subscribed. The salary of the Governor of Victoria has been cut down from £10,000 to £7,500. Most of the reconstructed banks have reopened, but confidence has not been anything like restored. The people will have to accommodate themselves to the new state of things as cheerfully as they may. Their case is not hopeless by any means. The country is rich in resources. "It," as a resident of Queensland writes, "can produce every mineral, every textile fabric, every article of food, drink and medicine, every necessary and every luxury in the world in an climate that ranges from that of Edinburgh to that of Demerara."

The message, as such an important document ought to be, is free from any tinge of party coloring. It is plain to be seen that the good of the people, and that only, is what the President had before him when he indited the message. It will, therefore, be as welcome to Republicans as it is to Democrats. We would not be at all surprised to find that it is more acceptable to the men who opposed his elevation to the presidency than it is to a very large proportion of those who voted his large at the head of the Executive. But it is only just to President Cleveland to conclude that he did not wait to consider whom his message would please or whom it would displease. It is clear that he did what he believed to be his duty, and he is generally regarded as political. It is this impression which the message is certain to make on every intelligent and unprejudiced man who reads it, and which will weigh both in Congress and in the country.

We cannot think that a recommendation so earnestly, so modestly, and yet so forcibly made will be disregarded by the representatives of the American people. The President's message is not, it is true, authoritative, but supported as it is by sound reason and backed by the moral strength of the nation, it has a force which, we are fully convinced, will be found to be irresistible.

ANTHROPOMETRY.

Anthropometry is a very long word, and the general reader may well be excused if he does not know exactly what it means. The dictionary meaning: "Measurement of the height and other dimensions of human beings, especially at different ages or in different races, occupations, etc.," give the idea of a very imperfect idea of its true significance. It has been found that no two persons are exactly alike in the size and proportions of different parts of the body, and that the markings of the inside of the hand, particularly of the finger tips, are not exactly alike in any two human beings. The French, who are very ingenious, have taken advantage of these facts to devise a system for the identification of criminals, which has been found to be almost mathematically exact. Photographs have been found to be useful for the purposes of identification. They are not always to be relied upon, but anthropometry never fails.

AN ANXIOUS TIME.

It is beginning to be known now how critical were the relations between Great Britain and France during the negotiations respecting the Siam blockade. The attitude of Lord Rosebery was firm. He did not bluster but he gave the French Government to know that Great Britain was prepared to defend her interests in Siam. It is now known that nearly the whole of the trade of Bangkok is in British hands and that to interrupt the commerce of that city would be very nearly in its effects, the same as blockading a British port. Great Britain had not injured France in Siam or anywhere else, and Lord Rosebery determined that British subjects should not be compelled to suffer loss simply because France wished to terrorize the King of Siam. Besides, France had not declared war against Siam and it was most extraordinary to institute a blockade against a country with which the blockading nation was at peace. The British Foreign Minister did not claim a right to interfere in the dispute as regards territory between the two nations. If the King of Siam was willing to concede to France the territory on the left bank of the Mekong he was quite free to do so, but Great Britain would not suffer France to interfere with the rights of British subjects residing in or trading with Bangkok. The French Government were in an unpleasant position. They were hounded on by the Paris newspapers to take what was called a firm stand and to pay no attention to the remonstrances and the protests of the British Government. The President of the Republic knew that to offend England would be to drive her into the triple alliance, which was already more than a match for France. If Germany joined England in resisting the unreasonable demands of France it would have to face a terribly strong combination—strong both on sea and land. They, too, were not sure of the righteousness of their cause. It might happen that the electors of France would not approve of their incursion into the empire of England, and they might condemn them for making extortionate demands on a nation that was not in a position to defend its rights. The last days of July were anxious days for the Government of France. They, after some indecision, decided to take the prudent course, which was, in this case, the more honorable one. They instructed Admiral Hamann to raise the blockade, and they accepted the submission of the King of Siam. But it is by no means certain that France is now in as good a position as she was before the dispute with Siam reached

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NAIMANO, July 7.—Thomas Brown, for a short time lessee of the Windsor House dining room, cleared out, leaving the usual number of unpaid bills. He rented the dining rooms about a month ago. He set a splendid table, raked in a pile of cash but left last week for Victoria, giving out that he had gone to fetch his wife. Before going he gave the proprietor of the hotel what appeared to be a large roll of notes, which when opened yesterday proved to consist of dollar bills rolled round an old copy of a newspaper.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

His Excellency Recommends the Absolute Repeal of the Sherman Act.

And Announces Tariff Reform as the Principal Topic for Next Session.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The proceedings in the Senate to-day were of great public interest, the feature being President Cleveland's message explaining the special objects of the session, which read as follows:

To the Congress of the United States: The existence of an alarming and extraordinary business situation involving the welfare and prosperity of all our people, has constrained me to call together in extra session the people's representatives in Congress to the end that through a wise and patriotic exercise of the legislative duty with which they are so heavily charged, present evils may be mitigated and dangers threatening the future may be avoided.

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SILVER CAUCUS.

The Forces of the Party Meet to Lay Down the Programme of Action.

Congressman Bland's Speech—Differences of Opinion as to the Course to Take.

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CAPITAL NOTES.

The Changes in the Esquimaux Armament and Fortifications—Guns of Most Recent Type.

Important Mail Regulations—New Postage Stamp—Navigation of Kootenay Lakes.

OTTAWA, Aug. 9.—General Herbert returned to-day from a visit to Goderich, where the Minister of Militia is staying. I am now in a position to give some information with regard to the proposed military changes consequent upon the proposed construction and manning of the fortifications at Esquimaux.

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IMPERIAL PARLIAMENT.

Irish Members and Their Status in the British House of Commons.

Mr. Balfour's Proposition Voted On, and Defeated by Thirty Majority.

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THE CITY.

The Sons of Erin held no meeting last evening on account of there being an insufficient number present to form a quorum.

One Chinese case, infraction of the Revenue By-law, was heard in the Police court yesterday. The decision in this and the numerous similar cases will be given on Tuesday next.

The fifty-yard foot race, which took place at Fort and Douglas streets, last evening, for \$20 a side, between the Police and Thomas Smith, was won by the former. Small game Smith seven yards but came out ahead by four feet at the finish.

A pretty white cockatoo was shot at Telegraph Bay on Tuesday evening by an employe of the powder company, who mistook it for an owl.

An example of sending the mails from Australia direct on the Canadian-Australian line of steamers was shown by a letter received by Mr. Fletcher, clerk of the District office, addressed to Mr. Fletcher from Sidney, via San Francisco, on the date of July 7, reached Victoria on the same date as one sent from the same place on July 18.

The ladies committee of the P. O. Home thankfully acknowledge the following donations in July: Clothing, a Friend, Mrs. States, Mrs. J. B. Adams, Mrs. H. C. Campbell, cake, ladies of First Presbyterian church, Mrs. F. Adams, felt hats, Thomas J. Bone, fruit, a Friend, Mrs. Higgins, vegetables, a Friend; milk, Mr. Knowles.

YACHTSMEN and canoeists are looking forward to an exceptionally jolly time on Saturday next, the 12th inst., while in camp at Peddar Bay. The steamer Mitchell, which has been chartered by the club, and will be ready to start from the Canoe Club boathouse at 2 o'clock.

The coming annual convention of the Young Men's Christian Association in Victoria, beginning August 16, bids fair to be one of considerable importance.

There are several classes of people who wither up conversation as though it were paper and they were flames of fire. One class begins the withering process with the word "but" or the exclamation "I don't see how that could be, for."

Another branch of the ubiquitous up tree is the egotist, whom every tonic reminds of himself and who wanders—or rather drifts—on interminable lengths upon his one topic of interest, no matter what other is broached.

The feeble joker is yet another. And here again silence is a golden mean between sprightliness and flippancy. Not everybody can be gayly agreeable, but at least everybody need not try.

To vary my figure of speech I might say that all these danger signals which it might be well for her who talks to heed. Before placing yourself on the negative side consider: Is it worth while?

Don't parade your own personality nor your poor little weakling jokes. Above and beyond everything, if you think of perpetrating a pun, think twice—think a good many times, in fact.

The Oak Bay farm stock exhibit of fruit, etc., has come up well in the prize lists. H. C. Lucas, of the Liverpool Bakery, has taken two prizes—one for bread and one for cakes.

The fakes with the knives and shooting gallery are doing only a fair business at the gate. The idea of a big Saturday night seems to be popular, and will no doubt attract the crowd.

Wm. Munro, of James Island, has purchased a Holstein bull calf from the herd of H. F. Page, of the Victoria Hotel.

CROWDS ARE COMING.

The Summer Fair Begins to Boom in Earnest—Attendance Daily Increasing.

The People To-Should Be Black With Grounds To-Day—First-Class Programme.

Vancouver City Band Will Be Heard—Balance of the Prize List.

12 m.—Opening selection by "C" Battery band. 2 p.m.—Grand stock parade in ring.

Victoria's great summer fair, the first of the kind ever held in the Province, and at the same time the best exhibition ever seen on the Canadian side of the Rockies, is in full swing, and, to use a term of wide meaning, is beginning to "boom."

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TO PLEASE THE EYE.

NEW GOODS AND COLORS FOR GOWNS AND COSTUMES.

Black Grenadines, Veilings, Crepons and Silks—Falls, Travelling and Blazes Suits—Falls Suits Will Probably Be Full and Somewhat Longer.

It is too hot to think of anything but soft and cool summer fabrics and languidly bleed the weavers of the delicate and filmy new tissues that we find spread out this week.

Among them comes a lovely silk and wool grenadine in the most artistic tints imaginable, and it is woven in a peculiar manner.

Some practical hints for rich and poor alike. To begin with, allow yourself plenty of time. A week is not too much to give to one dress if you are sewing alone and have any other duties to perform.

It is a well known fact that a first class chemist charges a first class price, while a cheap dressmaker usually turns out work worth even less than the money she asks for doing it.

There are some new veilings—in fact, there are a good many—and they are woven very wide, some of them measuring nearly 4 yards in width.

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SCHOOL MEETING.

Instructors in Special Branches Cannot Legally Be Engaged by School Trustees.

Changes Made in the Salaries of Teachers and New Appointments Made.

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HOME DRESSMAKING.

Some Practical Hints For Rich and Poor Alike.

It is a well known fact that a first class chemist charges a first class price, while a cheap dressmaker usually turns out work worth even less than the money she asks for doing it.

There are some new veilings—in fact, there are a good many—and they are woven very wide, some of them measuring nearly 4 yards in width.

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THE OAK.

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