

Over the Sea.

Decided Decrease in British Imports for Decem. ber.

Depressing Effect of the Canal Exposures on the French Money Market.

Terrible Results of a Boiler Explosion in Russia.

Two Employees of an Insurance Company Charged With Stealing \$225,000.

Essex Workmen Decide to Co-Operate with the San Strikers—King Humbert Will Celebrate His Silver Wedding by a Decree of Amnesty—A German Savant Proposes to Disinfect the River Elbe.

Twenty-One Victims.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 8.—At Elzhich, in the Province of Wilna, yesterday, the boiler of the Pundilo bath exploded. Six persons were instantly killed and fifteen mortally injured.

Election of a Socialist.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—At a bye-election at Albi, in the Arrondissement of the Tarnes, to-day, Prof. Taurès, a Socialist, was elected to the Chamber of Deputies by a large majority. In Carmaux the electorate voted for him almost unanimously.

British Board of Trade Returns.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The returns of the Board of Trade for December show that the imports decreased £5,380,000, and that exports increased £530,000 as compared with the corresponding month of 1891.

Stole \$225,000!

BRUSSELS, Jan. 8.—The manager of the Brussels branch of the New York Life Insurance Company has made legal complaint against a cashier and a clerk formerly employed by him. He charges them with having absconded with \$225,000.

To Disinfect the Elbe.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—A German savant proposes to disinfect the Elbe and other rivers by means of electricity. He claims that an electric current passed through the water will cause a chemical change that will kill cholera and other germs. He says that sewers can be disinfected in a similar manner.

The Coming Royal Wedding.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, accompanied by Princess Marie, who will be married on Tuesday to the Crown Prince of Romania, left Cologne last night for Sigmaringen, where the ceremony is to take place. The other children of the Duke and Duchess were in the party.

Swedish Elections.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 8.—Elections began yesterday for members of the Folketing or popular branch of the Swedish Parliament. The leading question at issue is the extension of the franchise. The Liberals and Socialists are polling a large vote, and the Socialists have elected Gothenburg, Malmö, and probably Stockholm.

Migration vs. Emigration.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, made a speech last night, noteworthy on account of its friendliness for the people of Ireland. He said that the Government was persuaded that migration is preferable to emigration and that the Government would do its best to meet the wishes of the Irish. But he feared that it would be impossible to do anything in the matter during the coming session of Parliament.

Amnesty for Italians.

ROME, Jan. 8.—A decree of general amnesty will be issued in Italy on the occasion of the silver wedding of King Humbert and Queen Margherita. Among the beneficiaries of the decree will be Italians in the United States who have failed to render the required military service in Italy. They will thus be enabled to revisit Italy at any time without fear of arrest. Humbert was married to Margherita on April 22, 1868.

Drop in Discount Rates.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Discount rates dropped during the past week to 1½ for three months and 2 for short, at which it is believed they have reached bottom. The supplies in the market are abundant in spite of the repayment of loans to the Bank of England. Business on the Stock Exchange during the week expanded somewhat, but the movements in prices were irregular. American railroads were inactive and dull.

Attempt to Blow Up a Train.

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—An attempt was made this afternoon to blow up the Cologne express near Rauxel. A dynamite bomb was placed on the track about 300 yards from the station but exploded prematurely. The track was torn up for twenty yards and the buildings near by shaken on their foundations. It is believed that the explosion was the first gun in the strike of the coal miners, which is expected to begin early this week.

Depression in the French Money Market.

PARIS, Jan. 8.—The settlement just concluded has been the most disastrous recorded in many years. There were many forced liquidations of "bills" accounts. Prices all round declined. The market appears to be completely demoralized, and all speculative business has ceased. The fall in prices since the beginning of the Panama Canal exposures is estimated at over 35,000,000 francs, and the fall in other French securities at nearly 15,000,000.

To Help the Unemployed.

DUBLIN, Jan. 8.—Messrs. Dillon and O'Brien had a long interview yesterday with John Morley, Chief Secretary for Ireland, the object being to urge upon Mr. Morley the purchase of tracts of grazing land in Connaught as a solution of the difficult question that is presenting itself of caring for the unemployed in Dublin. They

urged that these tracts of lands should be secured by the Government, divided into small farms and then rented to tenants at fair rates. They claimed that this course would prevent laborers flocking to Dublin, and would result in great benefit to the working classes.

The Police Took the "Pot."

VIENNA, Jan. 8.—The police last evening made a raid upon the Jockey Club on suspicion that illegal games were being played in its rooms. The card rooms were crowded at the time with the elite of the aristocratic and diplomatic circles of Vienna and large sums of money were at stake. The police seized 450,000 florins and checks and took the names of those present for future action. The Prince de Montenuovo, president of the Jockey Club, hastened to the offices of the Ministry of Justice to protest. The prince was informed that the Emperor himself had especially sanctioned the raid, whereupon the prince promised that gambling should cease at the club.

Mr. Rathbone Joins the Independents.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Wm. Rathbone, who is set down in the Parliamentary Companion as a "decided Liberal" in politics, and who was elected by the Gladstonians to represent the North or Arton division of Carnarvonshire in the House of Commons, has joined the Liberal-Independents. Mr. Rathbone was elected on the theory that he would give a general support to Mr. Gladstone, and it is believed that his defection is due to his determination not to support the Home Rule Bill that it is expected will be presented at the coming session of Parliament. He is, however, in favor of complete church equality, and it may perhaps be his desire to secure as soon as possible the disestablishment of the State Church in Wales, in which his constituency is located, that has led him to join the Independents, who consider themselves free to pursue any policy they deem necessary. His defection has caused much adverse comment among supporters of Mr. Gladstone.

Sympathy for the Saar Strikers.

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—Three thousand coal miners of the Ruhr district this afternoon met in Essen and heard with approval appeals to help their oppressed comrades in the Saar district. Before adjourning a resolution to strike to-morrow was passed unanimously. The cause of these men and the thousands they are likely to carry out with them is a desperate one. They are totally unprepared for even a day of idleness and are penniless. The Krupp works in Essen, which men are especially anxious to injure, are safe from injury for several weeks at least, as in anticipation of trouble the managers have accumulated a large stock of coal. Other iron workers of the same region are equally well supplied and ready for the worst the miners can do. A meeting of 3,000 miners and miners' delegates from all parts of Westphalia was held in Bochum this afternoon. The Socialist element had complete control from the beginning, and strong resolutions of sympathy with the Saar strikers were passed almost without opposition, and the meeting decided in favor of a general strike in support of the Saar men. The strike will begin to-morrow.

The Situation in Paris.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—The Government preparations to suppress disorder in Paris are not based upon any apprehension of a Royalist outbreak, but upon attempts of the Extreme Socialists to arouse an insurrection. The Government does not view even the Socialist movement with serious apprehension, and is confident of its ability to maintain order. The mob of Paris no longer possesses the formidable character which it exhibited in the days of the Commune and 1849. The police could paralyze an Extreme Socialist demonstration at any moment by putting their hands upon the leaders, but it is thought best to wait for some open act of lawlessness before taking such a decisive course.

The Panama scandal continues to grow in magnitude. There is no doubt that Charles de Lesseps has told the Government all he knows about the scandal. It is said when he completed his statement to M. Fraguerville, the magistrate, he expressed himself as deeply relieved. He said he had felt for years he was bearing a burden of suspicion which ought to be attached to others. The single desire of his father and himself had been to bring the canal enterprise to a successful conclusion, but blackmailers had taken them by the throat, and the Panama Company had been compelled to buy the support and aid which, in the interest of the good name of France and for the benefit of thousands of investors, ought to have been given freely and as a matter of public duty. M. Fraguerville followed the example of Charles de Lesseps in making a frank and complete statement of Panama Canal affairs. Blondin had acted as a go-between in the corruption of Minister-Baillet-Latour, the Mathis says, has confessed to having cashed four checks on Baidut's account amounting to 1,000,000 francs. This confession of Blondin is confirmed by the statement of Fontaine.

Huge British Warships.

LONDON, Jan. 8.—Recently in the yard of Messrs. Laird Bros., Birkenhead, the firm which, 64 years ago, built the first iron ship that was ever constructed in England, the last of the first-class battle ships the building of which was authorized by the Naval Defense Act of 1889, was put into the water. She is one of seven sisters, the others being the Royal Sovereign, Empress of India, Repulse, Resolute, Ramilies and Revenge. One of these is already in commission, two more will probably be ready for commission about the beginning of the financial year 1893-94, and three of the remaining four will, it is believed, be completed by March 31, 1894, being the day on which, under the provisions of the act, the programme ought to be exhausted. The other battle ships of the current programme are the Hood, which is of the same size as the seven vessels of the Royal Sovereign class, but which differs from them in the arrangement of her armament, and the two smaller barbettes Centurion and Baradwy. All these are now in process of completion. The Royal Oak is the 67th vessel built or building by the Laird firm for the British Government, and by far the largest craft that has ever been built in the Mersey. With some modifications, the ship is a reproduction of the Royal Sovereign. She is 380 feet long and 75 feet broad, and at a displacement of 14,300 tons will draw 27

feet 6 inches of water. The machinery, made by Messrs. Laird, is designed to develop 9,000 indicated horse-power with natural and 13,000 with forced draught, the estimated speed being in the case one 16 and the other 17½ knots. The armament will include four 13½-inch 67-ton guns of 30 caliber, ten 6-inch 61-ton 100-pounder quick-firing guns of 40 caliber, sixteen 6-pounder and nine 3-pounder quick-firing guns, eight machine guns, two 9-pounder field guns and seven torpedo ejectors, of which two are submerged. The total weight of armor, with packing and protected deck, is 4,650 tons, and of main and auxiliary armament 1,910 tons.

GIVING WAY OF THE GORGE.

Disastrous Ice Shove in the Ohio at Cincinnati.

A Ponderous Aggregation of Power—Several Boats Sent to the Bottom of the River—Loss \$300,000.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 8.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon the ice gorge began to move slowly, at first fracturing its icy body with detonations like the sound of musketry. Crunching and grinding the shores, crashing against the great stone piers of the monster bridges, on it went, increasing its speed every minute.

Nineteen steamers and 100 coal barges, empty or loaded, at the landing had but two or three inches of oak plank to present to this ponderous aggregation of power. Every man was at his post on the steamer, and every man was a hero. Again and again the ponderous chains that held the steamers and the wharf boats to their moorings were parted, and as often skilled hands repaired them.

The two bridges above the public landing broke the ice somewhat and prevented the otherwise inevitable destruction of every boat. By 9 o'clock to-night all apparent danger to the steamers at the landing was comparatively clear. One tow boat, the Mathewson, valued at \$10,000, was destroyed. Down below the destruction of coal barges and other property, from accounts at 10 p.m., has been terrible. Three harbor towboats were working heroically to break the ice and save property. The gorge that moved past Cincinnati extended from Coney Island, above the mouth of the Little Miami, to below Anderson's ferry, a distance of nearly eighteen miles. For ten miles below this the water was clear and open. Then came another gorge, beginning at the mouth of the Great Miami and extending below Lawrenceburg. This lower gorge was about five miles long. The upper gorge with its doomed coal barges crashed into it and tore it out, and now both are grinding their way with a terrific roar far down the Ohio at the rate of five or six miles an hour.

It is impossible to get perfect details to-night, but here is the nearest approximation of the destruction of coal barges: Twenty-five loaded barges, worth \$4,000 each, \$180,000; 60 empty barges, worth \$2,000 each, \$120,000; grand total, \$300,000. This includes the boats that were carried away on Friday. Not one cent of insurance is held on any of this property. The three other towboats, Comet, Benwood and Alice Burr, were saved from the ice to-night. They are safe and are working heroically to save property.

WORSE THAN SIBERIA.

Inhuman Tortures Inflicted on Convict Miners in Tennessee.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Jan. 9.—Ed Hudson, who says he spent two and a half years as a convict miner in the coal mines at and near Briceville, Tenn., has told Chief of Police Deitch a horror story of the treatment accorded the convicts. He says the men are divided into gangs and given a certain amount to do each day. If they fail to get out the required amount they are beaten with an instrument which very much resembles the Russian knout. All are whipped, no matter if all but one of them did their share of work.

He claims he has seen convicts die from this beating. Hudson himself is a mass of scars. The victims are placed on the ground, face downward, and held by two men. Every cut of the knout leaves a brand. Two men had known to commit suicide to avoid punishment, and others have been known to pull great pieces of slate down upon them, hoping to so maim themselves that they could not work in the mines.

Hudson's story is in line with that of a very eminent professor of national reputation, who recently investigated the Tennessee system, and described it as worse than Siberia—"a veritable hell on earth."

A Blind Man Sees After Prayer.

CHICAGO, Jan. 9.—Charles L. Ream was stricken by paralysis recently and became stone blind and perfectly helpless. He was a believer in faith healing and prayed unceasingly for the recovery of his sight. Yesterday morning he found that he could see as well as ever.

A Lost Letter Led to His Arrest.

ATLANTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—A lost letter picked up in the street led to the arrest of Dr. B. F. Garrison, who shot and killed Marshal Stephens, of Alford, Tex., during the Christmas holidays, and who came to Atlanta to escape detection. When ushered into the chief's office the suspected man said: "Gentlemen, you've got the right man; I killed Marshal Stephens, of Alford, Tex., on Christmas Day, and I've been in hiding since." Garrison is 27 years of age and a graduate of the Nashville Medical College. He is the leading physician and druggist of Alford, Tex., and his family is prominent in the Lone Star State.

His Kind of Insomnia.

Young Prettywill—Doctor, I am suffering from insomnia. Can you suggest a remedy?

Dr. Squills—Certainly. Don't stay up all night.

Wolsey for Canada?

He May Be Appointed to the Post of Governor-General.

Great Storms on the Black Sea and Thirty Steamers Wrecked.

Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Bill Approaching Completion.

Recognition of Woman's Work and Worth—Terrible Result of a Wife's Unfaithfulness—One Hundred Highlanders for Chicago.

[Latest Special Cablegrams.]

LONDON, Jan. 9.—There is talk here of the possible appointment of Lord Wolsey to the post of Governor-General of Canada. He is said greatly to desire the place. Lord Roberts is just back from India and there is difficulty in finding a fitting post for him. The suggestion is made that Lord Wolsey may be sent to Canada, thus leaving the chief command in Ireland for Lord Roberts.

THIRTY STEAMERS WRECKED.
Terrible storms are raging in the Black Sea. Thirty steamers have been wrecked, including the English steamer City of Manchester, whose entire crew was drowned.

THE HOME RULE BILL.
Mr. Gladstone returns to town to-day, and forthwith gets into harness. A Cabinet Council has been summoned for Wednesday, and it is stated, probably with more foundation in fact than usually attends the disclosure of Cabinet secrets, that it will then, as a body, discuss the finally drafted Home Rule Bill.

There is no doubt about the position of the National members. They must have a real home rule bill, one that will satisfy the just aspirations of the Irish people and permanently settle the ancient controversy. In view of their pledges to their constituents, and with a faction of their countrymen jealously watching them, prepared to make capital of any sign of weakness, they cannot afford to join in any bargain that would result in the passing of a bill less than a thorough and complete measure.

In these circumstances the attitude of the Irish members becomes a matter of the deepest importance. It happens that the British people do not have to wait till the meeting of Parliament in order to ascertain the attitude of the Irish members. Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Dillon, Mr. Sexton and Mr. Healy, each having positive, definite and authoritative knowledge of the main principles of Mr. Gladstone's bill, have from time to time during the last three months thus far declared their confidence in the Government and their belief that the great question is on the eve of solution.

The latest testimony was given the other day by Mr. "Tim" Healy, perhaps the most implacable and unpurchasable patriot of them all. Mr. Healy unreservedly declared his confidence in the intentions of the Government and paid a warm tribute to the character of Mr. John Morley. Mr. Healy extolling the Chief Secretary is a strange portent of the times, and bearing in mind the fullness of knowledge out of which he speaks, his attitude bodes well for the future of the bill and the strengthening of the union between England and Ireland.

THE MINERS' FEDERATION CONGRESS.
The annual congress of the Miners' Federation of Great Britain opens to-day at Birmingham. There will be a battle royal round the question of an eight-hours day. The result is looked forward to with much interest. The question cropped up at the Trade Union Congress; but there being much other business claiming attention, the result was not accepted as satisfactory.

The miners are divided on the question, the Durham colliers, an important section of the community, being opposed to the legal enactment of an eight-hours day. The fight will take place round the resolution calling upon the Liberal Government to support the Eight-Hours Bill and declaring that miners will be satisfied with not less than the compulsory eight-hours day.

THE QUEEN AND HER GRANDSON.
It is rumored in court circles that Queen Victoria has suddenly developed a strong dislike to her grandson, Prince Albert, Duke of Clarence and St. Andrews.

There has been already some trouble with Emperor William of Germany, who is also afflicted with a similar mania, and who has had the sulks because his grandmother wouldn't consent to his going to India as a native prince as if he owned the country instead of her Majesty herself.

A true scene now to have been arrived at between the two potentates, and Emperor William has made overtures to his aunt relative suggesting that she should visit her Indian empire and that she should accompany her.

This proposal it appears has met with some favor from her Majesty, who has plenty of courage to undertake the journey and plenty of power to accomplish it. At the same time her Majesty's dutiful subjects at home complain bitterly that they never see her, and some of the papers pertinently remark that if the Queen has such a reserve of force it is a pity she does not expend some of it in her capital, for there she apparently possesses neither the courage nor the power to open Parliament in a prostrated room. Her Indian subjects might very forcibly plead for a glimpse at the august monarch, but English people have the first call for a momentary glance, if ever such a privilege should again be granted.

WHAT WOMEN HAVE DONE IN PARIS.
The Woman's Federation, founded in January of last year, has just issued its annual report. Among the results obtained by one year's work are: First, the admission of women to the government and management of benevolent institutions; second, their admission to professorships of nursing; third, their eligibility for medical posts in various benevolent institutions.

MRS. PARNELL'S BANKRUPTCY.
The bankruptcy case of Mrs. Charles Stewart Parnell came on Friday in the Brighton County Court. Counsel for Mrs. Parnell submitted a scheme by the terms of which preferred debts against his client would be paid in full immediately. Creditors were to be paid 7 shillings and 6 pence in the pound now, while the remaining 12 shillings and 6 pence, plus 4 per cent. interest, will be paid out of Mrs. Parnell's annual income, which, it was announced, amounted to £800. The

scheme accepted by the court was finally agreed upon by a majority of the creditors. One of them recently complained that Mrs. Parnell was still keeping her horses and carriages, and this brought forth the statement that Mrs. Parnell was receiving an allowance of only £6 a week from her FIVE DEATHS AT HER DOOR.

A despatch to the Times says that a laundress named Harlez, heartbroken on account of her wife's unfaithfulness, killed his four children and himself in Paris Friday night. He closed all the windows, locked the doors, put his children to bed, and then burned a half bushel of charcoal in an open stove, so as to fill the room with poisonous fumes. While waiting for death Harlez wrote on the floor with chalk frightful denunciations of his wife and her love.

SIZE PREFERABLE TO "GOOD LOOKS."
Scotland is going to make a special exhibit at the Chicago Fair of 100 stalwart Highlanders, in full national costume. They will be picked for size and strength, and not for good looks. After the fair, or before its close, if the sensation of their appearance grows weak, they will make a tour of the United States.

A FASHIONABLE ADORNMENT.
The mustache is becoming very fashionable in France. Parisians have been hunting for the origin of the custom of wearing this adornment, and the legend of most popular acceptance just now ascribes it to Spain. At a period after the Moorish invasion, when the Christian and Moslem populations became so mixed that it was hard to say where Moors and which Spaniards, the pious Spaniards hit upon the mustache as a means of identification. They permitted the hair on the upper lip to grow, and also a tuft on the underlip, an outline of the cross being thus formed. Thus, say the Parisians, the mustache became a symbol of liberty, equality and fraternity.

THE QUEEN'S FINAL RESTING PLACE.
When Queen Victoria dies, her mortal remains will rest in the gray granite sarcophagus with the late lamented Prince Albert's ashes, at the Frogmore mausoleum at Windsor. Underneath the arms of the Queen and Prince Albert, on the monument is inscribed "Farewell, well beloved. Here at last I rest with thee. With thee in Christ I will rise again." The white marble recumbent statue of the Prince Consort is in the uniform of a field marshal, wearing the mantle of the Order of the Garter. This is the eighth time the lid and the unoccupied space is where Queen Victoria's body will be laid. Bronze angels with outstretched wings and flowing robes are at each corner of the tomb.

CHEAP LODGINGS FOR HOMELESS LONDONERS.
Twelve hundred beds at a penny a night each are offered to London's homeless poor in a new Salvation Army shelter erected on the bank of the Thames near Blackfriars Bridge. A shelter with 400 beds was opened a year ago, mainly to "clear the embankment of its destitute," but this was always more than crowded, with dozens of applicants for beds turned away nightly.

If a man has not even the necessary penny he can earn his bed by half an hour's wood chopping.

THE AUSTRIAN DUELING LAW.
Some changes have just been made in the Austrian law in duelling. The punishment for duelling is always to be imprisonment. The maximum penalty for a duel fought out without fatal result is two years' imprisonment; for a duel fought without seconds or witnesses ten years, and for killing an opponent fifteen years. Seconds, doctors, and witnesses are not liable to punishment.

THE EXTENSIVE DEPRESSION INTO WHICH THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY OF ENGLAND AND THE CONTINENT HAS FALLEN IS SHOWN BY A STARTLING array of statistics just made public. There are numbers of idle steamers in every port in the kingdom. On the Tyne alone there are 350,000 tons of shipping lying idle. In London, at Liverpool there are 150 steamers idle, with a total tonnage of 150,000. The total number of vessels laid up in English and Scotch ports is 479, and the tonnage 850,000. Besides these there are laid up in continental ports 99 steamers, with a total tonnage of 160,000. As a result there are 5,000 men idle, which means a loss of £50,000 in wages monthly.

THE POPE'S EPISCOPAL JUBILEE.
The Pope opened his episcopal jubilee yesterday by giving a reception to children in the consistorial hall. There were present 500 children belonging to Catholic families with their parents. A choir of children sang a hymn dedicated to Christopher Columbus, after which the Pope distributed medals among the children and dismissed them with his blessing.

CABLE NOTES.
Over 200 omnibuses in London are now fitted with electric lights supplied from small storage batteries.

Five thousand guineas was paid for the English hackney stallion Danegelt two weeks ago, probably the highest price ever paid in England for any horse not a thoroughbred.

Over 100 persons condemned to death are now in prison in Greece awaiting execution of their sentence. The population of the country is hardly 2,000,000. Nine people were guillotined in five days just before Christmas.

Orders are to be issued, under a decision of the Russian Senate, that Jewish artisans may in future only live at places outside the pale where there are official trace boards. These exist in only 10 to 15 per cent. of the towns, and the carrying out of the orders will entail further great hardship on the Jews.

A new Japanese protected cruiser, the Yashima, built to be the fastest cruiser afloat, was launched from the Elswick shipyard of Armstrong, Mitchell & Co. a few days since. She is 360 feet long, of 463 feet breadth and 4,150 tons displacement. She is expected to develop a speed, under forced draught, of 25 knots.

Prefers Shooting to Electricity.
HAVANA, Jan. 9.—Mr. Tonclat, an American physician, who is visiting Havana for the purpose of making a comparative study of the various methods of execution of criminals, witnessed the shooting of a convict condemned to death. Mr. Tonclat stated that he was fully convinced that death by shooting is more nearly instantaneous and less painful than death by electricity, and that the former method is preferable also because of its simplicity.

Anthony White, of Preque Isle, Me., has a bound that hauls him several miles to and from his work daily, and which during the day rendered good service hauling cedar railroad ties, four or five being a usual load.

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TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

Severe earthquake shocks are reported from Chili. Damage slight.

Fire destroyed \$1,600,000 worth of property at Rio Janeiro on Friday.

Four Russians, suspected of being nihilists, have been arrested in Paris.

Over 300 miles of irrigation ditches are in operation or building in Yakima county, Wash.

It is declared in Chicago that the passenger elevator makers have organized a trust.

Comptroller Black estimates that the property owned by the city of Detroit is worth \$50,000,000.

The Mississippi is shallower than it has been before since 1856, and is almost completely frozen over opposite St. Louis.

Charles B. Riddell, of Terry's Creek, Pa., was attacked by his bull and had two of his ribs broken. A purse with a heavy steel frame saved his life.

Columbia has opened the port of Nombre de Dios to foreign commerce. An important mine of manganese, worked by American capitalists, is located there.

The firm of Fair & Cohn, manufacturers of clothing at Baltimore, was summarily dissolved. While Cohn was absent Fair carted off the stock and secreted it.

It is believed that Gov. Brown, of Maryland, will not commute the sentence of any of the eight men sentenced to hang at Charleston next Friday for the murder of Dr. J. H. Hill.

A sack sewer in a Pendleton, Ore., flour mill challenges the Northwest for the championship on his record of sewing up 600 50-pound sacks inside of five hours, or about two sacks a minute.

A farmer of Norden, Neb., heard sounds from his hog pen one night last week which indicated great agitation among his pigs. He went to the pen armed with an axe and drove away twelve wolves.

A 64-year-old citizen of Deering, Me., is suffering from his first attack of toothache. All his teeth are sound, and the one that has been troubling him has defied all the efforts of the dentist to extract it, the roots seeming to be twisted around a part of the jawbone.

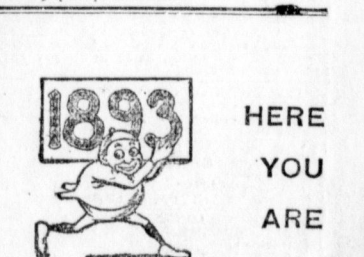
Stockmen in Wyoming report that so far this winter has been very favorable for cattle. More cattle are being fed this winter than in the past, range cattle everywhere are reported in excellent condition, and, barring blizzards, the loss will be much less this year than in any former winter.

One hundred and sixty million, three hundred and ninety-three thousand, seven hundred and sixty-eight feet of lumber passed through the port of Bangor, Me., last year. One hundred and thirty million, forty-four thousand, three hundred and seventy-seven feet was spruce, 24,453,073 hemlock, and the rest pine.

Squirrels are very plentiful and destructive in some parts of the State of Washington. Lincoln county paid out \$40,000 in bounties on squirrel scalps last year, yet but little good effect was produced. It is proposed to tax all the lands in the county to raise funds to fight the pest, and so make railroads and non-resident owners help in the work.

It is estimated that there are 300,000,000 feet of valuable lumber standing in the forests of the State of Washington. This is an average of 15,000 feet for every acre of land in the State. Many thousands of feet of cedar lumber are now being shipped from Washington to what a few years ago was the heart of the Wisconsin pine region.

At the last meeting of the Daughters of England, Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 2, East London, the following officers were installed: Worthy President, Sister M. A. Roughley; vice-president, Sister E. Crisp; secretary, Brother Henry Stagner (retained); treasurer, Sister E. Dyson; chaplain, Sister E. Deely; first guide, Sister E. Patton; second guide, Sister S. R. Cox; third guide, Sister Hooper; fourth guide, Sister Ware; fifth guide, Sister Kayes; sixth guide, Sister R. Cox; inside guard, Sister L. Dyson; outside guard, Sister A. J. Dyson; trustees, Sisters E. Patton, E. Nutkins and Dicker; auditors, Sister H. Morley, Brother J. Nutkins and Sister E. Patton (retained); C. W. Bolton, medical officer (retained); Brother J. Nutkins, worthy past president.



May this new year, with its new resolutions, be happy and prosperous to all. We shall have much money and strength in 1893 for other good work if we use the help science places within our reach. C. W. C. will help you in washing and cleaning as nothing else can. It is most economical and gives the greatest satisfaction in every operation. It is a disease, saves doctors' bills and makes home healthy and happy. Only follow directions on each packet and you will be surprised what a cheap and wonderful help you have in



WESTERN ONTARIO.

Terrible Bereavement in a Wainfleet Township Home.

Lumber Thieves Let Off With a Fine—Large Shipments of Lumber for Wainfleet.

BRANT.

The inland revenue returns of Brantford for 1932 show an increase of \$6,627 57 and the customs of \$23,000.

At Brantford Thursday J. Moran figured at the police court on complaint of P. Osborne, who charged him with stealing a wagon and harness. He was discharged, and the two then went off together and stole a goose and a turkey from in front of one of the stores.

J. E. Miller, teller of the Bank of Commerce, Brantford, has been made the recipient of a well-filled purse from the courtesy of a slight touch of acknowledgment for his uniform courtesy.

Capt. Perks, who is leaving Brantford, was Friday evening supported by his brother officers of the Dufferin Rifles.

ELGIN.

There is a great deal of sickness at Port Stanley.

Mayor McCull, of St. Thomas, has received an intimation of the visit of the Governor-General to that city on Thursday, Jan. 12.

ESSEX.

The Essex Law Association will elect officers at Windsor on the 10th.

At Windsor on Friday last, a fine of \$10 and \$100 was levied for stealing lumber from H. Walker & Sons.

J. W. Watson, a Grand Trunk Railway employee, had two of his fingers badly crushed between two cars at Windsor on Friday.

Mrs. Robert A. Reynolds, wife of one of Windsor's best known citizens, died on Friday.

The Grand Trunk Railway trains will stop at the Puce if the people there will build a platform and waiting room.

HALDIMAND.

Neil Campbell, for the last two years principal of the Decewville public school, has resigned, and intends going to the Normal.

The Cayuga High School Board have engaged as an assistant T. E. Stanley, B.A., an honor graduate of Toronto University.

HURON.

Jacob Baker, residing near Hill's Green, had the good fortune to shoot a fine silver-gray fox one day last week. This species of fox is worth from \$35 to \$100.

The "green goods" scheme is being tried in McKillop township by New York sharpers.

A. White, of Winnipeg, recently shipped two car loads of very good horses from Seaford to Winnipeg. Mr. White paid his first visit to Seaford in February last, and since then he has shipped from that point over 200 horses, for which he has paid out over \$25,000.

KENT.

A grist mill will go up at Merlin.

Rev. R. J. Hunter, Ridgeway, has recovered from his recent illness.

The Chatham Presbytery will meet at Essex on Jan. 12.

Some of the members of the county council of Kent are agitating to do away with the December session. Huron county has had no December session for years.

LEAMINGTON.

The Presbyterians at Sombra realized about \$600 from their bazaar and entertainment recently.

A large weighing scale has been put up at Sombra station.

Following are the newly-elected officers of Florence Lodge, No. 390, G. R. C. A. F. and A. M., installed by W. A. J. Davidson, of Thamesville: Walter D. W. M. J. W. Clarke, S. W.; A. H. Stratton, J. W.; C. Graham, chaplain; N. Wilson, treasurer; J. D. McMillan, secretary; Archie Bodkin, S. D.; J. H. McLeavy, J. D.; J. C. Ellison, L. G.; George Rolston, tyler.

NORFOLK.

A successful "lemon tea" was recently given by the young people of the Simco Methodist Church.

While shoeing a horse a day or two ago Samuel Crawford, Clear Creek, received a violent kick on the knee.

Ernest White, Clear Creek, playing "shinney" recently was struck in the eye with great force by a ball.

MIDDLESEX.

Eddie Blackwell, Lucan, had the misfortune to cut his foot badly with an axe the other day.

The North Middlesex Farmers' Institute will hold a meeting at Coldstream on Jan. 16, at which Prof. Shuttleworth (Guelph), D. McKee, B.S.A. (Guelph), W. L. Carlie (Chesham) and local speakers will deliver addresses. The Parkhill meeting will be held Jan. 21.

A remarkably pleasant entertainment was held in the Crumlin Presbyterian Church, Governor's road, the other evening, it being the annual Sabbath school anniversary. Rev. W. A. Cook, pastor, occupied the chair, and an excellent programme of recitations and dialogues, interspersed with music and singing, was ably rendered by the children. Master Garner Echert and sisters, of Thamesford, added much to the pleasure of the evening by their excellent music. A duet entitled "Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters," sung by Miss May Dyer and Miss Phoebe Pierce, was much appreciated. Recitations were also given by Miss Bella Woods, Miss Alice Dyer and Miss Minnie Duffin. The latter part of the entertainment was likely most appreciated by the little folks, when they were presented with their books and a bag. But there were many of the older and larger ones who were willing to be considered as children just then, and the paper bags, which were not empty, were in great demand. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered the teachers and superintendent for their trouble in practicing and preparing the children for such a pleasant entertainment. The collection amounted to \$16. All departed for home well pleased with the evening.

The first train passed over the new road between Glenora and Union Friday.

OXFORD.

There are 2,580 voters in Woodstock. The new Presbyterian church at Ver-schoyle will be dedicated on Sunday, Jan. 23.

Following are the newly-elected officers of the Woodstock Amateur Athletic Association: President, E. W. Nesbitt; vice-president, F. Millman; secretary, W. McWhinnie; assistant secretary, R. Revell; treasurer, Dr. A. M. Clarke.

PERTH.

Many of our citizens were rather astonished to see on Sunday two loads of hay being brought to town and driven on the market. The owners were informed of their mistake and soon disappeared with their loads. The surprising feature of this is that these men could drive from near Lakeside, a distance of about twelve

miles, without some person stopping them.

[St. Marys Argus.]

Fred Wordell, Mitchell, came very near being killed recently. He was riding on a load of wood when his sleigh upset, baring him underneath. He is supposed to have lain in that position for nearly half an hour, when a woman came along and removed the wood, and thus released him. He was unconscious for a long time, and sustained severe but not dangerous injuries.

John Pepper has lived alone on his farm a short distance north of Mitchell, in Logan, for some time. For years the old man has been quite helpless, and could only get about with the help of a son, recently his son William, who also resides in Logan, called upon him and left him several days' provisions as well as fuel handy by his stove. Imagine his son's surprise when he called on his father a day or two later to find him on the floor in his bedroom stiffened with cold and just breathing his last. It is supposed that the old man had fallen out of bed, for nothing had been touched that the son had left on his last visit. The deceased was lying on his face, and his hands and his knees and face were considerably sunken from his continued and fruitless efforts to raise himself up. When found he was considerably frost-bitten and quite stiff, though still faintly breathing.

WELLAND.

A terrible bereavement has befallen the Owens family in Welland. The son, who was some weeks ago ill with typhoid fever, the mother nursed him, took sick and died. Then the father was stricken down, and on Thursday of last week he too succumbed to the fatal fever.

The annual meeting of the Welland County Agricultural Society will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at Welland. Menaces are prevalent at Niagara Falls village.

SHE COULDN'T MARRY HIM.

A Young Lady Reported When Standing Before the Minister.

BRIDGTON, N. J., Jan. 8.—It is evident now that the fainting of Miss Katherine W. Stadler, while standing with Mr. Baptist B. Scull, of Camden, before the minister who was to marry them, at her father's home in this city Wednesday afternoon, was not due either to a heated room or to a nervousness consequent upon the novelty or excitement of the occasion.

There appears to be a romance of unusual interest back of what seemed to be the natural action of a faint heart, and it was not until some time after the break in the ceremony, and the bride-to-be had so far recovered as to be able to sit up, that it began to dawn upon her relatives and friends and the members of her household that so far as she was concerned it would take more than cold water and fresh air to bring her around all right.

Miss Stadler is about 21 years of age, a brunette of more than usual attractiveness, both in face and figure. A year or so ago one of Bridgton's young merchants set out to win her, and with such success that the trousseau was provided and the day fixed. But it never came. Then it was that the heroine left Bridgton for a prolonged stay in Camden, and while there met Mr. Scull. Their acquaintance ripened into love, at least he thought so.

After Miss Stadler had sufficiently recovered to speak she asked to be taken up to her room, where she requested an audience alone with her betrothed. It was by the announcement that the wedding would never take place. Mr. Scull, who is proprietor of a grocery store in Camden, an exemplary young man and an active worker in the Fifth M. E. Church there, had furnished a heavenly evening.

He at first declared that he would never return to Camden, but was finally persuaded by his parents.

Miss Stadler is the daughter of J. B. Stadler and an accomplished young woman. She is confined to her bed with nervous prostration.

A BOA'S BROOD.

A New York Animal Dealer Has Earty Seven Young Constrictors.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—H. Hailo, animal dealer, of No. 246 Grand street, Williamsburg, has a boa constrictor 20 feet long, measuring 30 inches around the body. It gave birth recently to 47 young boas, each about a foot in length. The young snakes run down their mother's throat on the approach of anyone. This is the first instance of a snake bearing young in captivity.

Mr. Hailo came near losing his life about a month ago through one of the big snakes wrapping itself about his body. He killed the reptile.

Cataract in the Head.

Is undoubtedly a disease of the blood, and as such only a reliable blood purifier can effect a perfect cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best blood purifier and it has cured many very severe cases of catarrh. It gives an appetite and builds up the whole system.

Beck's Pills act especially upon the liver, rousing it from torpidity to its natural duties, cure constipation and assist digestion.

The obtaining of tortoise shells involves intense cruelty to the tortoise. The creature is fastened to the ground and covered round the shell with leaves and grass, which are set alight. The heat forces the scales of the shell to separate, and they are then cut off with a knife. The reptile is then released to grow fresh scales.

A Cure for Dyspepsia.

In investigating the cause of this prevalent complaint it is found to rest principally in wrong action of the stomach and impurity of the blood. These exciting causes are easily removed by the regulating, purifying tonic and digestive effects of Burdock Blood Purifiers, hence the success of it in curing dyspepsia in any form, no matter of how long standing or how severe. Price 25c.

It is a wine of an ostrich 26 long white plumes grow to maturity in eight months. In the male these are pure white, while those of the female shade to cream or gray. The short feathers are plucked for tips, and each wing furnishes 75 of these.

Very Much Pleased.

Elizabeth City, N. C., has a wonderful freak of nature, it is claimed, in the shape of a live calf with a bulging hump. It is further stated that the entire head has all the formations of the bulldog.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed ten corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

Change in Time for New York via Erie Railway.

The Erie Railway is running a very fast train from Buffalo. The time has been cut down two hours. By leaving London at 12:15 p.m. you will arrive in Buffalo at 6:50 p.m. and leave Buffalo at 7:30 p.m. arrive in New York next morning at 7:30. You can also leave London at 9:45 a.m., 6 a.m. and 11:40 p.m. The latter is a magnificent train, solid vestibule; not a single change between London and New York, and dining cars attached to all trains for meals. For further particulars apply to S. J. SNAPE, 19 Wellington street east, Toronto.

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God's in His heaven,
All's right with the world.
—[BROWNING.]
London, Monday, Jan. 9.

THE Woodstock Sentinel-Review is resplendent in new type, concerning which it candidly remarks it has "the pride of a young girl in a new frock." The W. S. R. has always been a good paper, and Bro. Andrew Patullo is its prophet.

THE Canada Presbyterian, published at Toronto by C. Blackett Robinson, has been enlarged and improved, and will shortly, when its various plans get into working order, be better than ever. Typographically the Canada Presbyterian is a handsome sheet. It fully deserves its present prosperity.

Mr. E. E. SHEPPARD has not taken his defeat by a 3,000 majority very well. The last issue of Saturday Night contains fully half a dozen columns of scolding at the men and women of Toronto. Mr. Sheppard speaks as if a man who is a sound church member and temperance man must necessarily know little about sidewalks and sewers. But the people of Toronto took the view that Mr. Fleming, though pleading guilty to being a church member and a temperance man, was also a more practical man than his opponent, even on sidewalks and sewers. Mr. Sheppard mastered the votes of so many women against him, and asks, rather smugly, whether "if a man had to go home and consult his wife, who is not a business person, before transacting a piece of important business, would the commercial concerns of his firm ordinarily be hindered or assisted thereby?" It all depends, Mr. Sheppard. If the man were wise, he would consult his wife; if he were a fool, he wouldn't.

THE recently-elected Governor of Michigan, in his inaugural address, in order to secure greater accuracy in election counts, and to remove opportunity for fraud, recommends that a law be passed providing for a separate board for counting the ballots; that the boxes be changed in the middle of the forenoon, at noon, and in the middle of the afternoon; that as soon as the count of the first box is completed it shall be the duty of the canvassing board to put up in public view a bulletin showing how the vote stands, and as soon as the several boxes are counted have the result bulletined at once. When the polls close there will be but few votes to count, and by 6 o'clock the result can be known, and as the result of the vote up to 8 o'clock has already been made public, there is little opportunity for mistakes or deception. The Governor holds that the board canvassing during the day, without having been exhausted by a day's work as inspectors of election, is of itself a guaranty of fewer mistakes and

greater accuracy in ascertaining the result, and as it will inspire confidence it will reduce the number of demands for recount, with the expense and hard feeling engendered, in which the defeated candidate and party invariably charge fraud. The expense would be but little, if any, greater with two boards than with one, because the work would all be done in one day, for which under the present Michigan law usually two days' time is paid for. This proposition of having a half-day count and a bulletin of how the vote stands has the merit of novelty. How the parties would hustle in the last few hours of polling, if the mid-day bulletins went to show it was a neck-and-neck race.

ANTIQUATED, WITHOUT DOUBT.
Even if the Dominion voters' lists were completed in East Elgin in December, 1891, as the St. Thomas Times asserts, does not that prove that they are decidedly antiquated? Before a man could get on the lists last fall, unless his name was "stuffed" on the lists by unscrupulous manipulators, proof had to be given that he had lived in Canada for twelve months previously. Thus no one who has come to St. Thomas or any part of Elgin county within the last two years can be legally on the lists upon which the ensuing bye-election will be held. The young men who have come of age will also be disqualified, and thus many hundreds of men entitled to vote by every consideration except the fact that they do not find their names on the lists are prevented from going to the polls. To make up for this they will political agent will be able to persuade the many voters who have died since midsummer, 1890, and the Ottawa bribery fund will be drawn on to bring back from the United States and from other parts of the country many former electors of the constituency. This foreign vote—this crowd of people who have no longer any interest in the riding—may decide the election, as persons similarly situated have decided elections in other parts of Canada. If they do, what a farce it will be to call it a victory scored by any section of the people of East Elgin!

We thank our contemporary for reviving this question of defective and antiquated voters' lists. It enables us once again to urge the necessity for making a radical, a democratic change, in the compiling of the lists. The lists should be made up by competent, non-partisan officers a few weeks before an election, and the time of prior residence required should be not more than six months. This, with the enforcement of the "one man, one vote, residential suffrage" principle, which should command itself to every fair-minded citizen, would do away with the use of scandalously old and incomplete lists such as are thought good enough for the people of East Elgin to vote on. To secure this end the Liberal party should have the aid of every honest Conservative, for present-day methods benefit no one but those who desire to profit by unfairness and chicanery. The antiquated voters' list system must go!

Our English Letter.

The Liberals Propose a Penny Ocean Postage.

Gossip About the Canadian Portrait of Mr. Gladstone.

An Attempt to Equalize the Magisterial Strength—Canada and the Cattle Disease—Prof. Robertson's Declaration.

(Special to the ADVERTISER.)

LONDON, Eng., Dec. 23, 1892.
It is too late to wish the editor and his efficient staff, and your increasingly numerous readers, a merry Christmas, but I am in sufficient time to send cordial greetings for the new year; for if no disaster intervenes this letter will reach you in the new year week. When we have conquered the air—and that triumph of science and art is not far off—then our ships, traveling at the rate of 150 miles per hour, will cover the distance from London, where I reside, to London, where you reside, in two days at most. Meanwhile we must be content with ten or eleven days and 5 cents postage, though as to the latter item I am glad to say that there is good reason for believing that the present Liberal Government is anxious to inaugurate an ocean penny postage—the scheme advocated more than 40 years ago by Elizer Burritt, the learned American blacksmith, and taken up so vigorously in these modern times by a Conservative M. P., Mr. Henniker Heaton. Our Postmaster-General is busily ascertaining the facts of the case and corresponding with postal officials in all parts of the world to see if the step can be safely taken and the cheap transit of letters amicably arranged. If newspapers, etc., can be sent at 1 penny for two ounces, why should a half-ounce letter cost 2½ pence? That is a poser, or to use Lord Dundreary's famous phrase, "It is what no fellow can understand!"

From a letter received two days ago, I learn that your correspondent "Philo" has been placed on the advisory council of the World's Exhibition at Chicago. The honor is great and much appreciated, but the appreciation would have been greatly intensified if a guarantee for all transit and other expenses had accompanied the election to the high office of counselor. However, it will be evidently within the range of my functions to counsel the managers accordingly, as all the world knows that one has only this consolation, that they would eagerly have given the guarantee referred to if they had appraised "Philo" at the value that he sets on himself!

I need not write a line respecting the presentation to the National Liberal Club of the portrait painted by Mr. Forbes, of Toronto, and the gift of Canadian Liberals, as you will, by telegram, have received full particulars. When I knew of the arrangement, I sat down to write for a ticket so that I might be present at the proceedings. But I was too late! A thousand applications had to be refused. As it was, the crush was very great, but the meeting was enthusiastic. Earl Rosebery presided, and

was well supported by a host of Liberal M. Ps. Mr. Blake, in an eloquent speech, made the presentation. The chairman admirably responded, and was followed by Mr. W. A. Hunter, a Scotch M. P., the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education for Ontario, and Mr. W. A. McArthur, an English M. P., so that the rose, the shamrock and the thistle were well represented on this interesting occasion. I told you in a former letter that Mr. Gladstone was much pleased with this Canadian artist's work. All who have seen the portrait admire it. It is true to the life—even down to the maimed finger. The portrait is now hung in the coffee room of the club. It is full length, and the G. O. M. is represented as facing the spectator. He stands very erect and looks very grave. He is dressed in a light grey tweed suit, with a white vest and a dark blue tie, carefully arranged, as is customary with the Premier. On great public occasions he sports a flower. Indeed, when this is seen the habitues of the House expect a speech. It is, in fact, "Notice to all whom it may concern." So Mr. Forbes has put a pale red rose (not a primrose) in Mr. Gladstone's button-hole. The Premier's right hand rests on a document lying on an awkward table while his left hand grips a paper of memoranda. Altogether it does great credit to Mr. Forbes. It is a fine portrait of the veteran statesman (now at Bearitz) who, before this letter can reach you, will have passed (on Dec. 29) his 83rd year. By the way, we are informed by a telegram from Niagara Falls that Mrs. Gladstone is on the register there as an elector having the privilege of voting on local issues. This is in virtue of the fact that she owes the register there, and there, presented to her on the occasion of the opening of the Canadian Park.

It is pleasant to learn that for some time past there has been a slow and steady revival in the agricultural prospects of the Dominion—at least, statistics look in that direction, whatever politicians may say. They (i. e., statistics) show that the British imports ending with November, 1892, reached a value of £10,281,686, as against £9,988,353 for 1891—being an increase of 14.38 per cent. No less than 12,000 Canadian turkeys—60 tons weight—arrived in Liverpool one day last week for the English Christmas market. It makes "Philo's" mouth "water," as they say in Canada, but unfortunately there was not one with my address upon it; and to make it more aggravating, only this morning I received a letter from a turkey in a Birmingham cage, saying, that he wanted me and my belongings to go to Madagascar to help him to eat four turkeys and nine fowls which had been generously sent to him as a Christmas present. If I were in the mood to moralize—but I am too hungry for a Christmas day—I would say, "You see how unequally the good things of this world are distributed," or to put it more philosophically, as the pseudo Sir Rev. Roger Tichborne did in that memorable classic saying of his: "Some folks have money without brains and some have brains without money." I will not venture to say to which class I belong—ca va sans dire!

It is reported here that the Dominion Government has proposed to the British Ministry to send experts to Canada to investigate the cause of the alleged disease among Canadian cattle—the expense to be defrayed by Canada. But if England is in this matter courteously invited to help Canada, the Dominion also is willing to help the farmers of Great Britain. Your Prof. Robertson informs us that the Government model farms in Canada have established the fact that fifteen pounds' increase in the weight of live hogs can be obtained per bushel even of inferior wheat put into the troughs. He, therefore, gives an important hint to agriculturists. "Why," he asks, "should not English farmers turn the best wheat at 20s or 28s a quarter into fresh pork? They would thus obtain a quality of lean and nutritious flesh much superior to the lardy bacons which come in from foreign countries where Indian corn is the staple and almost the only food." This is, in my humble judgment, a capital suggestion, especially just now when the farming interest in the old country is so sorely depressed. I have no doubt Prof. Robertson's hint will be gratefully followed up.

Our Lord Chancellor is starting the old political fogies of England by vigorously attempting to rectify the balance of Tory and Liberal magistrates in our borough constituencies. The Tories have had nearly three-fourths of the magistracies everywhere. The Tory Government was recklessly partisan in this matter. But the Lord Chancellor is determined that equity shall rule, and in the new appointments he bravely recognizes the claims of the democracy. If capital is on the bench, labor also must be there; if the employer is a justice of the peace, the employee also must be a justice of the peace. I have been lying before me now a number of appointments of the latter class. For instance, in the county of Kent, where I reside (the garden of England), Mr. John Potter, a journeyman papermaker at a mill in Maidstone, has been placed upon the commission of the peace. He is the best workman in Kent yet raised to the bench. At Shrewsbury a journeyman tailor, at Coventry a mechanic, at Leicester a foreman in a boot and shoe manufactory. One highly-accomplished Tory protested indignantly at this elevation of artisans to the magistracy, but received for answer the scathing repartee: "Well, sir, what is it you want on the bench—brass or brains?"

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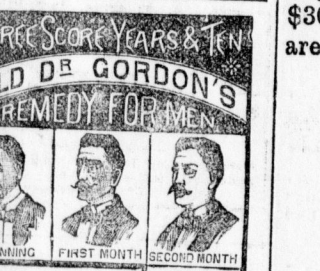
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Intense Itching
We cannot tell how that poor boy suffered in all those years. Physicians did not effect a cure. At last I decided to give him Hood's Sarsaparilla, as my druggist recommended it. In about two weeks the Sarsaparilla began to have effect. The sores commenced to heal up, the flesh began to look more natural and healthy. Then the scales came off and a new body new and healthy flesh and skin formed. When he had taken two bottles he was entirely free from sores, having only the scars to show where they had been. These have all disappeared. We are unable to express our thanks for the good

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PUTTING UP THE BARS.

Measures for Restricting Emigration Introduced in the U. S. Congress.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20.—Mr. Harbo, from the committee on immigration, reported to the House yesterday, with the recommendation that it pass, the bill introduced by Senator Chandler, and passed by the Senate in July last, to facilitate the enforcement of the immigration and naturalization laws of the United States. In addition to conforming to the present requirements of the law, vessel owners are requested to furnish to inspectors of immigration a manifest prepared at the port of departure showing the age, sex, place of residence and previous history, and other information that will disclose the character of the intended immigrant. The House committee amended the measure so as to exclude persons physically imperfect, blind, crippled or unable to perform manual labor or likely to become a public charge, also persons belonging to societies or organizations which sanction or justify the unlawful destruction of life or property.

Mr. Chandler in reporting the bill to the Senate stated that it was only preliminary to a further bill which he expected to report, and which would reduce to a minimum the number of immigrants departing from foreign shores to the United States who are not entitled to admission.

PLUNGED THROUGH THE GATE.

Unmanageable Street Car Horribly Dash in Front of a Train—The Driver Killed—Miraculous Escape of the Passengers.

MONTREAL, Jan. 6.—A street railway car containing a large number of passengers was coming in from St. Henri, a suburb of Montreal, shortly after 5 o'clock last evening. When it reached the St. Henri Railway crossing the Lachine express from Montreal came in sight. The gate was down, but the car horses were going at such a pace that the driver could not stop them in time. The car crashed through the gate on to the railway track. The engine of the express struck the street car with terrible force. The driver of the street car, Joseph Mathieu, was struck by the engine and hurled into the air. One of the passengers, named La Tulippe, was badly hurt, but the rest managed to escape. The car was totally demolished. Mathieu, the driver of the car, had his spine injured, and was otherwise badly hurt. He was removed to the hospital, where he died an hour afterwards.

The Governor-General at Goderich.

GODERICH, Ont., Jan. 8.—The Governor-General arrived here last night at 10 o'clock from Stratford in his private car. This morning his Excellency attended divine service at St. George's Church. On Monday forenoon he will be given a reception by the citizens of Goderich at the court house. He will also visit the various industries of the town during his visit.

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GULLED AND CURTAILED.

News of the Day Without Note or Comment.

Princess Matilda of Saxony, a niece of the King, is dangerously ill with smallpox. The Reading's coal blockade continues. Some cars loaded in November have not yet been delivered.

President Harrison has nominated Henry M. Moore, of Washington, United States consul at Three Rivers, Canada.

A dispatch from Tomberg states that the missing boat with persons from the wrecked steamer Fernside has arrived there.

Exports of specie from New York for the past week were \$3,206,960. Of this amount \$2,129,040 was gold and \$1,077,920 silver.

By a decision of the General Land Office, John G. McBride, of Tacoma, Wash., gets possession of and title to 120 acres of land in the city of Tacoma, which is valued at \$500,000.

U. S. Senator Carlisle very emphatically denies a report that he had resigned his seat in the Senate to accept the position of Secretary of the Treasury in Mr. Cleveland's Cabinet.

A Cincinnati paper says it is well understood that all the great iron pipe companies of the country have combined and will be operated as one company. The capital stock will be \$20,000,000.

A Grand Rapids, Mich., dispatch of Saturday's date says: The east bound Detroit, Lansing and Northern train struck a sleighload of people at Sunfield, 40 miles from this city, about 7 o'clock to-night, and killed two outright.

John Schaefer was found horribly mangled, and George Osmund had his back and legs broken, so that he cannot live. A little son of Mr. Osmund was badly injured, but may live. The cutter was carried half a mile on the cowcatcher.

TARTE'S TRIUMPH

Celebrated With Enthusiasm by His Friends in Montreal—He Predicts a General Election Before Long.

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—Mr. Tarte, M. P. for L'Isle, arrived here to-night and was given an enthusiastic reception by the members of the Club National, who in large numbers met him at the station and escorted him in triumph to their hall, where he made a speech.

Mr. Tarte said in his long experience of politics he had never experienced such a bitter fight as the one just closed. The Government had done all in its power to defeat him, but could not succeed. Mr. Tarte declared he would champion the rights of the Manitoba Catholics to their separate schools in the House of Commons and demand that they have justice. He advised the people to prepare for a general election, which, he said, was near at hand.

KANGAROO CULTURE.

An Australian Who Expects the Kangaroo to Take the Place of the Almost Extinct Buffalo.

MONTREAL, Jan. 8.—Henry G. Adams, of Sydney, Australia, who is now here, has a peculiar mission. From Montreal he goes to Topeka, Kan., and from that point he will reconnoitre the southwestern provinces, with a view of purchasing large ranches for rearing the kangaroo, which is to take the place of the almost extinct buffalo. "I am confident," said Mr. Adams, "that they will thrive in the same latitude as that in which the American bison multiplied to such enormous herds. I am told that the climate is similar to that of New South Wales, but I shall soon know the truth for myself. I will spend the winter in the southwest, and before the end of next summer I expect to make my first importation of kangaroos."

BURNED OUT.

Conflagration at Centerville—A Blaze at Stratford—Fires Elsewhere.

CENTERVILLE, Carleton, Jan. 8.—Fire on Saturday destroyed Wilkinson & Burt's wood factory, McKenzie's blacksmith shop, Capt. G. N. Perkins' house and barn, all Burt's building, D. Fitzgerald & Son's shoe factory, H. K. Clark's factory and H. D. White's store.

SPRATFORD, Jan. 8.—Early yesterday morning smoke was seen issuing from John Robertson's stove and chimney at the Front street, but owing to the quick work of the firemen not much headway was made, as they were unable to subdue the flames before serious damage was done. The loss is not given. Insured for \$1,200.

Heavy Failure in Toledo.

TOLEDO, Jan. 8.—The failure of the fish firm of D. Y. Howells & Sons, of this city, involves three other fish firms—Wickham & Son, Huron, H. C. Post, Randolph, and Geo. E. St. John, Fort Clinton. Total assets \$600,000, but under a forced sale would not bring over 60 per cent. Liabilities over \$800,000.

Bloodhounds Caught Him.

HUNTSVILLE, Tex., Jan. 8.—Albert McDonald (colored), aged 30, became involved in a row with his father on Friday over a horse, and in a frenzy of rage he shot and killed his parent. McDonald's stepmother attempted to escape from the house and was shot down as she ran. McDonald fled, but bloodhounds caught him.

Father and Son Both Found Dead.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Robert Hanson, aged 78 years, was found dead in bed Saturday morning at 2,212 First avenue, and his son Benjamin Hanson, aged 45, was found dead in the hallway. Investigation showed that Benjamin, who was a heavy drinker, was on his way to summon a doctor to attend his father when he fell down stairs and was killed.

The Beer War.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 8.—The beer war has taken another turn. Previous to the open reduction of prices the original cut was but a slight drop from the old secret price. In view of the pressure of patrons the retailers now demand a rebate from the open price of \$4 per barrel, and it is understood that it will be granted. This will cut the price almost in half again and \$2 beer will be the result. An independent brewer discussing the situation said that he would not be at all surprised to see the liquor \$1 per barrel before the termination of the present warfare. The retail dealers are not selling any cheaper, as they do not think the war will last long enough to make a cut worth while. Incidental to the war, the bonds of the St. Louis Association are dropping rapidly, being now down to 66.

The U. S. Presidency

How the Vote of the Electoral College Will Stand.

Dissatisfaction With Its Cumbersome Machinery Expressed.

Michigan Democrats Have a Say for the First Time in 40 Years.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—It is now definitely known that the electoral college will cast 276 votes for Grover Cleveland, of New York; 144 for Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana; and 24 for James B. Weaver, of Iowa. One curious and unprecedented fact is that in four consecutive Presidential elections some one of these candidates has received popular votes. This is the first electoral college since 1869 in which the candidate of a third party has received electoral votes. Cleveland's plurality in the electoral college is one of the largest ever given a candidate for President in the history of the country. It is also a remarkable electoral college in another respect. The electoral vote in Michigan, Ohio, California and Oregon will be divided. The State electors meet to-morrow, and will declare the result. Then messengers come on to Washington with the official returns from the different State capitals.

A CUMBERSOME MACHINE.
Public dissatisfaction with the antiquated machinery of the electoral college is evidently on the increase. It has frequently happened that by the operation of this machinery a candidate was induced into the Presidency who in fact received a large minority of the popular vote. The argument in behalf of this anomaly are well known, but they are decidedly faulty, and have less and less influence on the body politic. The idea that the people of this country cannot be trusted to choose a President for themselves is growing steadily in unpopularity. Michigan has already won the laurels in this matter, and will be represented with approximate fairness in the electoral college this year for the first time.

THE FIRST TIME IN FORTY YEARS.

The Michigan electors who meet at Lansing on Monday and cast their votes for Cleveland and Stevenson will be the first Michigan Democrats to vote in the electoral college in 40 years. In 1862 Michigan cast her electoral vote for Franklin Pierce, but since that time through nine Presidential elections she has had an unbroken record of Republican electors. The Minor law, under which they will act, is popular throughout the country, notwithstanding its probable partisan repeal in Michigan.

HOW THEY DO IT.

The Governors of each State have already forwarded to the Secretary of State in Washington a certificate setting forth the names of the electors and the number of votes cast for them. Each electoral college will, when it meets, proceed in the briefest manner to vote for President and Vice-President, and to draw up written statements in triplicate of the result of their voting. Two of these statements of votes cast, accompanied by copies of the true certificate of their election, they will transmit to the Vice-President at Washington, one by the hands of a true and trustworthy messenger, appointed by a majority of each college, and the other by mail, and the third they will deposit for safe keeping with the judge of the district in which the college is assembled, as a precaution in case any accident should befall the other two copies. Should the Secretary of State in Washington fail to receive any certificate of votes cast from the Governor of any State, he will dispatch a "special," or extraordinary, messenger to procure the copy in the keeping of the district judge.

THE MESSENGERS.

The 44 true and trustworthy messengers who will bring the votes to Washington will receive for their trouble the sum of 25 cents per mile traveled one way by the ordinary route. The entire service will cost \$12,000. Before the last electoral college turned up missing, and upon notification by the president pro tem of the Senate, Secretary Bayard dispatched a "special" messenger to bring up the missing budget from the district judge at Tallahassee. The messenger who will bring the votes from Olympia, Wash., will cost from Portland, Ore., will get \$980; the one from San Francisco, \$800; the one from Austin, Tex., \$420; the one from Tallahassee, Fla., \$275; and the one from Michigan about \$250. A messenger failing to perform the service required of him renders himself liable to a fine of \$1,000.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Jan. 8.—The electoral college met here yesterday and cast the three votes of this State for Harrison.

LIFE IN PARIS

Described by a Detroitter Who is Sojourning in the Gay Capital.

C. M. Vet, director of the Vet Musical Academy, who is at present in Paris with his family and pupils, writes: Not having lived in Paris for the past twenty years I find things have changed considerably; for instance, the apartments—two or three bedrooms, dining-room, one parlor, one dark closet, a small kitchen with room enough for the cook to turn in—costs from \$240 to \$300 for the third or fourth story. Besides this you have to pay the concierge upon signing the lease \$4 or more as a tip. Add to this \$40 for extras. The next number on the program is to furnish your apartments, and furniture in Paris is more expensive than in the States and not so good. In the medium line they have much poorly-made goods, but if you buy the finest the finish and make are superior to the furniture made in America. Your apartment has no cupboards or closets, as taxes are levied for each of them when made in the wall, and as well the number of windows. You are obliged to furnish your kitchen and sleeping rooms with the movable presses or wardrobes. The only advantage over our country the saving of space. In fact, I found a way of cooking stove; they are built with the houses and cannot be removed; they look like toys beside our American ranges or stoves and have not their usefulness or accommodation. In one way it saves fuel, the fire-proof being so small that one can put in only so much. Bathing rooms in private flats are only in those for which you pay an annual rent of \$500 or more. In the new buildings they have an apparatus in the bath-room which is under the water tank and heated by gas, which occupies very little room and will warm water at any temperature desired; in fact, I found it an ingenious novelty and convenient. For apartments not adjoining a bath-room you can send an order to any of the public bathing establishments, and they send a tub, which a man will carry to the seventh story if you wish and bring you hot water as well, which he takes from a truck hauled by a horse. You pay for this the

sum of 30 cents. Among our other expenses is the man who goes to each flat to wax and polish your floor, the floor being all of hardwood. Carpets are not in use, except rugs. These floors have to be attended to once a week, and for an apartment of four rooms it costs you \$2 or more a month. Coal costs from 65 to 60 cents per 100 pounds. The wood is still more expensive and is brought by the pound.—(Detroit Free Press.)

THE DYING EX SECRETARY.

Mr. Blaine Suffers Repeated Attacks of Heart Failure—The End Not Far Distant—The Nation's Religious Views.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Mr. Blaine's condition is very critical. He had several attacks of heart failure to-day. Shortly before 1 o'clock the President sent a member of his household over from the White House to inquire as to Mr. Blaine's condition. He was informed that the patient was resting comfortably, and that it was hoped and expected he would live through the night.

In view of conflicting statements concerning Mr. Blaine's religious views, the statement that the Rev. Dr. H. I. S. Hamlin, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant, was called to the bedside of the dying man has caused more than usual interest. At 6 o'clock this morning, when the family feared that Mr. Blaine was dying, a messenger was sent to the Rev. Dr. Hamlin, who went to the house almost immediately, arriving there at 7 o'clock. He entered the sick room and prayed by Mr. Blaine's bedside. Mr. Blaine rested a few minutes, then he said to the Rev. Dr. Hamlin, the only church he attended since his return to Washington this autumn. He visited it on one occasion only. Dr. Hamlin visited the house again later in the day.

At midnight Mr. Blaine's physician issued the following bulletin: "Mr. Blaine's condition has been more favorable this afternoon. He is now at midnight sleeping quietly and shows a fair degree of strength. The probabilities are that no change for the worse will take place to-night, although no positive assurance can be given on this point. As compared with last night and this morning, he is better."

USED A LOADED PEA.

New York Butchers the Victims of a Novel Swindle.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—A number of the big butchers in this city have just discovered that they have been systematically swindled for a period of ten years. One of the private detectives who has been working up the case for them says that the great butchering and abattoir establishments have within the period named been defrauded to the extent of millions of dollars. The detective asserts that "the swindle" which has figured in this attack on the butchers and their existence is not exactly the pea of the money, but three walnut shells which is a familiar figure at country fairs, but the pea of commerce—the little iron balance that hangs on the short arm of the beam used by butchers in weighing all their wares.

This old-fashioned and simple contrivance for weighing, which was invented possibly thousands of years before the Christian era, has always been supposed to be incorruptible. It remained for a New York swindling genius to discover some means of making this old contrivance a hollow mockery. This figure of speech is not exactly accurate in describing the pea, because, while the pea should be hollow, it is plugged with lead so as to consummate the swindle. The swindle has been carried on by the butchers of the refuse fat procured from the wholesale butchers. The most of them carry on as many as 20 or 30 big wagons, which make daily rounds of the large butchering establishments with which they have contracts. The fat trimmings that are cut off from the carcasses of the butchered food animals are piled up during the night and await the coming of the fat wagons. Strange as it may seem, the weighing of this fat is usually left to the purchaser, who carries his weighing beams in the wagon, and each lot is weighed it is thrown on to the wagon and checked off on an account book by a clerk.

Now comes the operation of the swindle. The investigation of the detectives shows that the drivers of many of these wagons carry duplicate scales—one set bearing the stamp of the official seal of weights and measures, and another set to which is attached the loaded pea. The carrying of both is a precautionary measure, so that if an inspector should demand a sight of the scales at any time those bearing the official stamp could be exhibited. This beam controlled by the loaded pea has been the one almost invariably used in the cases investigated. The official pea weighs four pounds and is hollowed out at the bottom. The loaded pea is plugged with lead so that it weighs at least a pound more. By the operation of the loaded pea the purchaser receives five pounds of fat actually when the scales only credit four pounds, so that in every 100 pounds of fat purchased the seller is robbed of twenty pounds. In the case of one butcher, he has estimated his losses during the past ten years at \$20,000. This case is one of very many, but will stand as a type of all.

Terrors of Typhus.

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—Six deaths from typhus fever occurred during Saturday night on the North Brothers Island. Three new cases of typhus were reported to-day.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Yates, wife of a teacher named Yates, gave birth to her 24th child yesterday morning. There are five sets of twins. She was married at 14. The eldest child is 27. Thirteen children are living.

Snow Blockade on the C. P. R.

OTTAWA, Jan. 8.—A gentleman just arrived from Winnipeg states that no through trains from British Columbia by the C. P. R. can possibly arrive before a week owing to heavy snow slides in the Rocky Mountains. It is claimed to be the worst block for five years.

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Thank you for copy of your wide-awake paper. We rejoice in its advance, as indicated by the more attractive form; and we shall ever be ready to speak a good word for a paper that speaks so many good words for women's works in the cause of God and humanity.—(Isabel Somerset and Frances E. Willard, World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, London, England.)

Lady Aberdeen begs to congratulate Mrs. Cameron most sincerely on the high promise of the new venture, and will be much obliged if she will direct that two copies should be sent to her at the above address every month. Lady Aberdeen hopes that Mrs. Cameron will not mind her making some extracts from Wives and Daughters for a little magazine which she herself is editing in connection with a Young Woman's Christian Association in Scotland.—(The Countess of Aberdeen, Haddo House, Aberdeen, Scotland.)

Wives and Daughters, the admirable monthly published by Mrs. Cameron and Miss Ethelwyn Wetherald, appears in a beautiful new dress, with heavy paper and handsome type. It is devoted to the interests of women and is a strong advocate of equal suffrage. It is ably edited, and has departments of varied interest.—(Woman's Journal, Boston.)

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Virgie's Inheritance.

"Was her condition so critical as that?" "Certainly, or my husband would not have consented to leave me. Mrs. Heath was suddenly stricken with paralysis. Again Mrs. Farnum started, and bent a long, searching look upon her companion—a look that made Virgie feel very uncomfortable and wonder what it meant.

"Is she still living?" the woman asked, still regarding Virgie searchingly. "Yes—at least, she was the last I heard; but her condition was still considered so critical that she could not bear the least excitement."

"Then it is some time since you have heard from her?" remarked Mrs. Farnum, pointedly. Virgie bridled a trifle at being so closely questioned. She thought her guest was trespassing beyond the bounds of good breeding. But, after a moment, feeling as if she must share her burden with some one, she said, in an unsteady voice:

"No, I have not, and I am afraid that my husband's letters have miscarried, and the suspense has been very trying."

"Ahem, Mrs. Heath, there is something very strange—very inexplicable about what you have told me," Mrs. Farnum said, in a grave tone.

Virgie looked up astonished both at the words and tone. "I do not understand you," she returned. "You know, of course, that we are English people," began her companion.

"Yes, Miss Heath, I mentioned the fact to me during the first of our acquaintance."

"Did she ever tell you that we know people in England by the name of Heath?"

"No, do you?" Virgie cried, eagerly, her face lighting as she thought perhaps she might learn something regarding her long absent husband.

"Yes, and they are a very fine family. They belong in Hampshire, and it may as well tell you that they are a proud and aristocratic family, laying great stress upon their unimpeachable honor and untarnished name."

Virgie flushed a painful crimson at this, which her companion noticed with a thrill of excitement, and then resumed:

"The oldest daughter, who married a peer of the realm, has been my most intimate friend for many years. Sir William also."

"Sir William?" Virgie interrupted, catching her breath, her face growing radiant.

"Yes, that is the name of the son and heir. I was about to remark that he is a baronet, and that it is a singular coincidence that his name was the same as the name of the man who was stricken with paralysis. It is strange, too, that his first name should be the same as your husband's; but—"

"Oh, Mrs. Farnum," cried Virgie, leaning forward and seizing the woman's hands in a transport of joy, as she believed she was about to hear some definite news regarding her loved one, "Sir William Heath is my husband—can you tell me anything about him? I have not heard a word from him for more than a month, and I am nearly distracted from anxiety and suspense."

Mrs. Farnum drew back in well-feigned astonishment. "Child, are you mad? Sir William Heath your husband? It is simply impossible."

Virgie straightened herself, and yet it seemed as if somebody had suddenly struck her a cruel blow upon her naked heart.

Mrs. Farnum had been right that for years she had been the most intimate friend of Lady Linton, and yet to all appearances she had been literally astounded to learn that Sir William Heath was married.

"Could it be possible that her husband had never acknowledged her as his wife to his family?"

The thought almost paralyzed her for a moment; then she put it indignantly away from her.

No, he had written letter after letter to his mother and sister—at least he had spoken of so doing, though she had never read them—telling of their marriage, and speaking of their return to Heathdale. Of course his friends must have been apprised of all that had occurred during his absence; still it was very strange that the most intimate friend of Lady Linton had not been made acquainted with the fact.

All at once, however, she brightened. Mrs. Farnum had been traveling in America also, for how long she did not know, and perhaps that accounted for it. If she did not correspond with Lady Linton, she had no means of knowing of the baronet's marriage.

She even smiled to think how foolish she had been to let such thoughts to have even for a moment a place in her mind, as she looked up and said:

"No, indeed, Mrs. Farnum, I am not mad, and it is not impossible that I am Sir William Heath's wife. We were married last September, and after that time, my father, who was very ill at the time, we traveled for several months and then came to New York, intending to sail for England last May, but were obliged to do so by my physician, as I have already told you."

"Still, I say it is impossible. The Sir William Heath whom I mean is the master of a large estate called Heathdale, in Hampshire county, England," reiterated Mrs. Farnum, decisively.

"And my husband is the master of Heathdale, in Hampshire county, England," Virgie said, a trifle proudly.

She resented the woman's incredulity, while she could not forget what she had said about the "unimpeachable honor and untarnished name" of the family. It was true, her keenly, though she did not suspect that it had been an intentional slur upon the shadow resting on her own.

Mrs. Farnum's only reply was a look of increased astonishment, mingled with something of horror.

A crimson flush dyed Virgie's face. "May I ask, Mrs. Farnum, how long you have been in America?" she said.

"We sailed from Liverpool the sixth of May."

Virgie's heart sank a trifle. "And had you seen your friend, Lady Linton, within a few months previous to that time?"

"Lady Linton came to London only three weeks before to make me a farewell visit. She was with me ten days."

The young wife grew pale. "No such event in connection with him has ever been announced," returned the woman, ruthlessly. "His friends know nothing of it. Sir William Heath is believed to be a single man. More than this—"

Virgie stopped her with a gesture, but she was as white as newly fallen snow as she arose, and going to her writing-table, brought a letter, which she laid upon Mrs. Farnum's lap.

"This is his last letter to me," she said, but her lips were almost rigid as she spoke. "It will prove my statements."

Mrs. Farnum took it, and examined the envelope. It was directed to Mr. William Heath, Hotel, New York City, U. S. A. It was post-marked at Heathdale, The

handwriting was familiar, and she knew well enough that Sir William Heath had penned it.

"Mrs. William Heath?" she said, reading the name aloud. "He does not address you as Lady Heath, which is your proper title if you are his wife."

"Oh!" cried Virgie, with a shiver of pain, for those last words, implying a doubt of her position, hurt her like a knife. "Neither of us cared to be conspicuous while we were traveling, so my husband dropped his title," she explained.

"Aunt—that was a very strange proceeding. But does he say anything about coming for you, in this letter?" inquired her companion, who was burning with curiosity to know what it contained.

"You may rest it if you like, Mrs. Farnum. I see that you are still in doubt about my being as I represent myself," Virgie returned with some hauteur.

Mrs. Farnum flushed at this. "You must excuse me, my dear," she said, with hypocritical blandness, "but—but—it is simply unaccountable to me, knowing what I do about the family and their future plans for Sir William. I'm afraid—"

She did not finish what she was going to say, but coolly drew the letter from the envelope, unfolded, and began to read it, never once stopping to consider how she was outraging the delicacy and affection of the young wife by this act, notwithstanding that she had received permission to do so.

She could not doubt, as she read, that the young baronet's heart had all been given to this fair, beautiful woman, for though written in his own dignified way, the letter was full of devotion and loyalty to her. And yet not once in all those eight pages had he called her by the sacred name of "wife." There were all manner of pet names and expressions of endearment, but not a single time was written that word which would have proved so much.

The arch plotter as she read, was quick to observe this omission, and she glanced over it would materially help to further her designs in the future she thought. If this letter was a sample of all others which he had written her, she would have given a good deal to be able to have that pretty writing-desk at her command for an hour or two.

Her face took on a sterner and graver look than she had ever yet worn as she read on, and when at length she finished the epistle, she appeared the horrified pride to perfection.

(To Be Continued.)

The Bird of Wisdom.

An owl sat up in a hickory tree, And said in an impudent manner to me, "Ter-hoot! ter-hoot! ter-hoot!"

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"Whit way that, Donald?" asked his friend. "Ye see, the world being roun', they rush down the hill full speed, but the dreich wark climbing hame," was the pithy answer.

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London has 1 opera house and 4 public halls.

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London has 1 university and 1 medical school.

London has a Conservatory of Music and a School of Elocution.

London has 2 public libraries.

London is an excellent center for manufacturing and commercial enterprises. There are already established wholesale houses for groceries, hardware, drygoods, small wares, boots and shoes, drugs, crockeryware, etc. There are one or more manufacturers of furniture, engines, boilers, stoves, furnaces, iron and brass foundries, carriages, burial caskets, agricultural implements, stamped tinware, railway cars, oil refining, leather, barrels, machine tools, clothing, cigars, office and school furniture, biscuits and confectionery, mirrors and beveled plate-glass, corsets, furs, beer, washing compounds, acids, woodwork of every description, etc.

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