

Births, Marriages, Deaths

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths which are inserted in The Daily Advertiser also appear in The Western Advertiser. Births 25c, Marriages and Deaths 50c.

MARRIED.

BLACK-VINCENT—In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1898, at the residence of the bride's father, 830 Matfield street, by the Rev. George Jackson, Mr. James A. Black, of Laidlaw, Watson & Co., to Miss Florence May Vincent.

DIED.

WORRALL—At the family residence, 363 Victoria street, Annie E., youngest daughter of John and Millie Worrall, in her 3rd year.

Funeral services at 2:30 from the above residence; services at 2 p.m. Friends and acquaintances will kindly accept this intimation.

Amusements and Lectures

GRAND OPERA HOUSE

ALL NEXT WEEK.
DANIEL R. RYAN.

Prices—10c, 20c, 30c and 50c. Monday (Christmas), matinee, "Wife for Hire." Monday night, "The Fatal Wedding." Seats on sale.

JACK, THE BEAR, WILL BE SERVED up free lunch at J. W. Doyle's, Britannia House, on Christmas Day.

SKATING REDLIGHT RINK, BLACK-SMITH'S STREET. Splendid ice. Band Monday.

PRINCESS—MONDAY, CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY. Seventh Band, by permission commanding officer, afternoon and evening. 25c.

P. D. A. XMAS HOLIDAYS—ALL classes adjourned from Dec. 21 to Jan. 2. New terms for beginners will open second week.

TICKETS TO ALL PRINCIPAL REPORTS—best ships, very lowest rates. Special rates, via G. T. R. and C. P. R., in connection with ship ticket. Gallia sails from Portland Dec. 22, Numidiam from Portland Dec. 31. Parian from St. John Jan. 11. F. B. Clarke, Richmond street, next Advertiser.

JUBILEE RINK—BAND TONIGHT—Monday morning at 11 o'clock, first hockey match, Ingersoll vs. Jubilee team. 25c.

VOICE CULTURE—Studio, Bell Piano Parlor, Residence, No. 230 Dundas street. Concert engagements. Telephone 1,270.

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING—Rapid teaching, low rates. All who desire a thorough knowledge of the art of dancing should avail themselves of this opportunity. Lessons any hour. R. B. Millard, teacher of dancing, 345 Princess avenue.

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—HOUSEMAID—APPLY AT City Hospital. 24c.

WANTED AT ONCE—GENERAL SERVANT—In a family of five. Apply, before 10 a.m. or after 6 p.m., 571 Ridout street. 25c.

WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL AND COOK—Apply Boswell House. 25c.

Male Help Wanted.

A FIRST-CLASS CANVASSEER CAN secure a permanent position by applying to G. Marshall & Co., Wholesale Tea Importers, 258 Dundas street, London. 16c.

Agents Wanted.

WANTED—GENERAL AGENT—EVERY town—Burner fits any lamp; no chimney smoke or smell; outfit free. Canadian Agency Company, Toronto Junction. 10c.

Lost and Found.

LOST—THURSDAY NIGHT—FUR gauntlet, on Richmond street north. Kindly leave at Advertiser. 25c.

LOST—IN THE CITY, THURSDAY, A ten-dollar Mohawk bank bill. Reward on returning it to this office. 24c.

Educational.

A SCHOLARSHIP IN THE LONDON Business University is the best Christmas present parents can make their sons and daughters. Holiday prices for the next few days. W. N. Verex, B.C., Principal, Higgins Block, 20 Dundas street. 16c.

BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN supplied with office help without charge for our services. Apply W. C. Coo, court reporter, 76 Dundas street. 1c.

THE HARDING HALL GIRLS' SCHOOL LIMITED, will be opened for pupils Jan. 4, 1899. Kindergarten branch was started Dec. 7, at room in Conservatory of Music building, Dundas street. For calendars and other information apply to Mrs. J. E. Wells, 661 Talbot street, London. 16c.

Wanted.

HIGHEST PRICE PAID FOR GENTLE MEN'S out-of-date clothing. A. P. Sainsbury, 30 King street. Mail orders attended to. 16c.

Swedish Massage.

MISS MILLAR, 350 PRINCESS AVENUE Swedish therapeutic massage, graduate of the Hugo Oldenburg Institute, Chicago. 16c.

Business Chances.

FOR SALE—SAWMILL MACHINERY saws and carriage complete. A bargain. Apply J. W. Cawro, 83 York street, London. 16c.

Viati Treatment.

MRS. L. STEIN AT HOME SATURDAYS at the new address, 196 John street, London. 16c.

Business Cards.

DODD & CO.—PRACTICAL BUILDERS carpenters and joiners. Jobbing and repairing promptly attended to. Shop 164 Fullerton street. 16c.

GEO. ROUGHLEY—FELT AND GRAVEL roofing, repairing a specialty; estimates on application. 29 South street, London. Telephone 88. 16c.

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During present week two graduates accepted positions—Miss Reynolds with the Bell Piano Company, making ten stations secured in past three weeks by pupils of.

COO'S ACADEMY.

We teach Shorthand, Typewriting, Book-keeping, Penmanship, etc. We guarantee to secure a situation for every pupil who qualifies. We have placed every graduate during 1898. For terms apply.

W. C. COO, C. S. R., 76 Dundas street.

A Growing Time in Our Shoe Store.



No need to beg for customers. Everybody will be here, as a matter of course, looking and buying for Christmas.

Our shoe stock appeals to every thoughtful buyer. The wide range of up-to-date styles for men, women and children, the superior quality and the low prices give this store a distinct leadership in the shoe trade.

A Beautiful Doll

Given away with all purchases of One Dollar and over. Come early. There's pleasure and profit in it for you.

Pocock Bros.,

140 DUNDAS STREET.

Articles For Sale.

ORANGES—ORANGES—ORANGES— Sweet Jamaican Oranges. Very large size, 40c dozen; medium size, 30c; good size, 25c; small size, 20c. All kinds of apples cheap; good Golden Russets, 12c peck; Baldwins, Greenings and Snowdrops peck; best apples and Spitzenburgs, 20c peck. Best Pork Sausages and Bologna in the city, 4 lbs. 25c. The cheapest place in the city for choice table butter. Extra good cooking butter, 14c lb. Faulds's Provision Store, 8 Market Lane. 16c.

MINING STOCK—

500 Deer Park at 20c.

5,000 Cracker Jack, make offer.

1,000 Minchin, call.

J. F. SANGSTER, 403 Richmond street.

FOR SALE—UPRIGHT BOILER AND

engine. Apply 345 Adelaide street. 25c.

MEN'S AND BOYS' BLACK AND GRAY

Curly Astrachan Cloth Caps 25c, worth 50c. Children's White Wool Muffs, with cord, 25c, worth 50c. Cunningham & Co., 27 Dundas street. 16c.

FOR SALE—ONE SLIGHTLY USED UP

RIGHT mahogany piano, 7½ octaves, only \$200, and one Thomas organ, slightly used. Easy terms. Heintzman & Co., 27 Dundas street. 16c.

AMHERSTBURG STONE QUARRY—

A Building stone, crushed stone, dimension stone and lime. Estimates furnished and correspondence solicited. First-class shipping facilities by rail or water. J. A. H. Campbell, Manager, Windsor, Ont. 16c.

THE BELL PIANO COMPANY

offer some startling bargains for the holiday trade in slightly-used and second-hand pianos and organs. These goods are put down to such a price that will command the attention of close and shrewd buyers. Terms to suit. Call and examine. 44c.

\$8.50 WILL BUY \$10 MAHOGANY Bedroom Suits, for this week only. Keene Bros., Cash Bargain Furniture Store, 127 King street. 16c.

FOR SALE—SIX SCHOOL DESKS, SEAT-

ING 12, cherry wood, excellent design. Mrs. Evans, 353 Princess avenue. 20c ywt.

XMAS GOODS A SPECIALTY—DOMINION

laundry agency. Trading stamps given on all purchases. T. H. JAMES, 161 York street, South London. 16c.

FIRST-CLASS WOOD—HARD AND SOFT—

stove lengths or cordwood. Prompt delivery to any part of the city. Prices reasonable. Phone 1,312. S. Gilles & Son, Sawmill, East London. 16c.

DIAMONDS REMOUNTED AND OLD

jewelry made up-to-date at small expense. J. T. Westland, 200 Richmond street, up stairs. 16c.

FOR SALE—POCKET KNIVES, DOOR

keys, Sewing machines repaired at lowest prices. D. McKenzie & Co., 374 Richmond street. 16c.

DAMPHELT WORK OF EVERY DE-

scription, clean and quick, at Advertiser Job Department. 16c.

ELECTRIC BELLS KEPT IN PERMANENT

repair, only 50c per year. R. M. Millar, 434 Talbot street. 21c.

PORK SAUSAGE AND BOLOGNA, FOUR

pounds 35c; smoked ham and bacon, 10c; pickled bacon, 8c; shoulders, 6c; long clarks, 8c; at Park's, corner Market and Dundas. 16c.

SHIPPING TAGS—AT CLOSE PRICES—

Advertiser Job Department. 16c.

CUSTOM PAPERS OF ALL KINDS AT

W. S. on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities. 16c.

BEST HARD COAL AND WOOD DE-

LIVERED IN all parts of the city. W. G. Eadey, 771 Dundas street, Phone 1,134. 16c.

KENNES, MASONIC TEMPLE, IS THE

cheapest place to buy stoves or furniture. Large stock on hand. 16c.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

TO LET—TWO-STORY BRICK, 585 Adelaide street; eight rooms, mantel, gas, furnace, rent moderate. George Taylor, 571 Adelaide street. 24c ywt.

TO RENT—HOUSE WITH STABLE ON William street, north of C. P. R.; in good repair; \$8 per month. For particulars apply to J. W. G. Winnett, Barrister, etc., 429 Talbot street. 16c.

TO LET—GOOD BRICK AND FRAME stable. Inquire A. N. Udy, over C. P. R. ticket office. Phone 735. 16c.

TO LET—NO. 427 KING STREET—APPLY at 353 King street. 96c.

TO LET—BRICK HOUSE—FOUR BED- rooms, bath, kitchen, etc., etc., in basement. Apply 138 Queen's avenue. 96c.

TO LET—COVERED MOVING VANS— when moving have your furniture and pianos carefully moved. Address 97 Carling street. Phone 1,162 and 1,167. 16c.

Massage Treatment.

MISS SHUFF—GRADUATE OF DRS. W. W. HOSPITAL, Philadelphia. Massage and Swedish Movements. 407 King street, London, Ont. Phone 592. 16c.

Real Estate.

A SNAP—THAT HANDSOME NEW modern residence, 320 Central avenue, near park. Has been reduced in price to insure quick sale. Ten rooms, closets, bathroom, laundry, all modern appointments. Open for inspection from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. 16c.

FOR SALE—TWO-STORY BRICK DWELL- ing house, 4 bedrooms, library room, bath (hot and cold water), closet, furnace and other modern conveniences. Lot 44 feet frontage, situated on Queen's avenue. The owner has left city and the property will be sold cheap, part cash, balance at 4½ per cent. Apply Edward Towse & Co., Insurance and Real Estate Agents, Office—Over Bank of Commerce. ywt.

THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON & GLOBE

Assets—\$52,000,000. Paid-up Capital—\$1,000,000. Fire Losses Paid Since 1863, \$1,907,177. EDWARD TOWSE & CO., general agents, Office, over Canadian Bank of Commerce, London. Funds to loan, 5 per cent. Phone 666. 25c.

Far-Seeing People

Are the most successful. They calculate through to the other end. They know the possible losses in business, and they place part of their gains where it is safe from loss. Endowment policies issued by the Ontario Mutual Life are secured so that if death comes the dependent ones are provided for, and if old age is attained there is no fear of poverty.

C. E. German, Gen. Agent.

H. S. SAUNDERS, City Agents.

A. N. UDY, 403 Richmond Street.

P. Walsh's Bulletin.

430 Ridout street—Frame cottage, 5 rooms, in good repair; street lot; close to Carling street; at a very low figure. Must be sold.

597 Waterloo street—A neat frame cottage; small barn; with one acre choice land; fruit and shade trees; at a low figure to close.

456 Piccadilly street—A new 2-story brick house, stone foundation, 9 rooms, modern; lot 52x130 feet; at a bargain. Inspection invited.

738 Elgin street—A new brick cottage, 7 rooms, in perfect order; frame barn; good lot; at a bargain.

We are now selling cheap lots on Nightingale avenue, Redcar street and 121 Elgin street. We are offering special inducements at 110 Dundas street.

P. WALSH, Real Estate.

Phone 1021.

London Real Estate Agency.

RENTWICK ESTATE—THOSE FINE building lots on Oxford, Wellington street and College street; Victoria Terrace, Princess avenue; five double brick residences, 3,0 and 3/2 Oxford street; at big bargains; easy terms; interest 5 per cent.

Chapin Rentals—No. 512 Piccadilly street, first-class modern 8-roomed brick house, new furnace, bath, etc., \$12. No. 386 Central avenue, 6 rooms, \$8. No. 336 Richmond street, 8-roomed brick house, \$13.

Building Lots—Near Bennett Park, on Oxford and St. James streets. Some of the best lots in the old Fair Grounds will be sold cheap and at your own terms.

Business Chances—First-class store and dwelling, 516 Adelaide street, rent or for change. Building sites on Clarence street, near King, the future wholesale center of London, cheap.

W. D. BUCKLE.

REALITY IS THE BASIS OF ALL SECURITY.

A. A. CAMPBELL, Real Estate, Loans and Investments, Moisons Bank Building.

Announcement of building lots, cottages, residences, business properties, etc., now open for purchase. Call for full information.

BUILDING LOTS.

Street. Description, etc. Price.

Dundas, east, 61x151, suit for store, \$2,100.

Elgin, 61x151, suit for store, \$2,100.

College, 61x151, suit for store, \$2,100.

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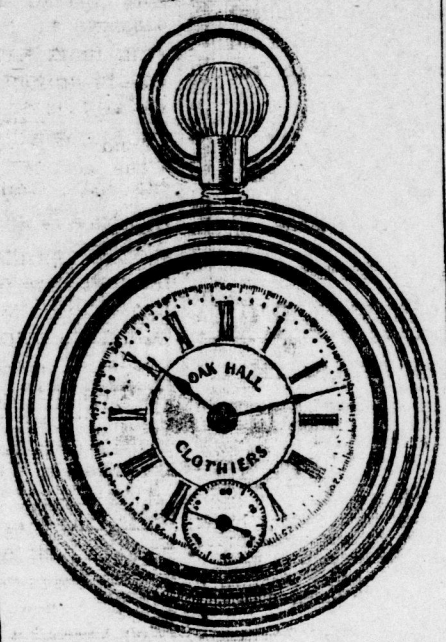
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Men's Pants, winter weights,
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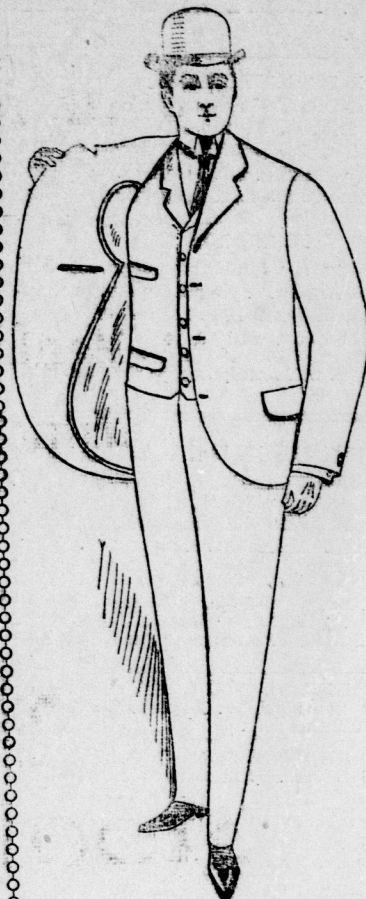
Men's Suits, special,
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Men's Beaver Overcoats
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Men's Blue and
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Velvet collar, **\$5.95**

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Double breasted, deep storm
Collar, slash pockets,
\$3.75



Every purchaser of \$10 and over will be presented with an Oak Hall Nickel Case Watch, Good Timekeepers, as an Xmas gift.

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GENERALLY VERY GOOD

Weekly Review of the State of
Trade
in Canada and the Neighboring
Republics.

New York, Dec. 24. — Bradstreet's weekly review says: Reports as to holiday trade from the Dominion of Canada are generally very good. Toronto advises that it is larger than in any recent year, though a thaw has injured the roads. In Ontario, lumbering has been helped by snow, and a larger output is looked for.

The demand from Manitoba is larger than ever before, and calls for a great part of the surplus production in adjacent districts.

Victoria reports holiday trade larger than for years, prices better and collections easier. Business failures in Canada number 24, as against 32 last week, and 30 in this week a year ago.

For the Dominion of Canada the bank clearances were as follows: Montreal, \$14,739,739—decrease, 13.9 per cent; Toronto, \$1,475,941—decrease, 21.3 per cent; Winnipeg, \$2,418,815—decrease, 12.9 per cent; Halifax, \$1,277,311—decrease, 12.9 per cent; Hamilton, \$2,414,154—decrease, 1.9 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$461,151—decrease, 1.9 per cent; Vancouver, \$501,723; Victoria, \$401,501.

Dun's weekly statement: In general the reports from Canada indicate a rather dull business, excepting in holiday lines. Otherwise there is not much activity in the market. Jobbing business is quiet at St. John, though retailers have a good holiday trade. Wholesale trade at Halifax is decreased, but Christmas business lifts retail trade. The holiday trade is good at Quebec, and at Montreal excellent, with collections good and money unchanged. Wholesale trade at Toronto is very good in groceries and hardware, but rather quiet in leather, with retail sales in fancy goods, jewelry and furs far ahead of previous years. Payments at Winnipeg are slow, and not much improvement is reported, except a good holiday trade. At Vancouver trade is less active on account of the season, but collections are satisfactory, and retailers report an average business, and in some cases not up to expectations. Wholesale trade at Victoria continues much the same, but retail is more active, with a good holiday business.

IN THE UNITED STATES. Bradstreet's: Probably never before at this date was the course of general business so animated as it is at present. In the iron trade no signs of flagging interest are to be discerned, but rather more pronounced activity in new directions. The feature of the week has undoubtedly been the report of an order of 30,000 tons of steel rails with an eastern rail mill, to go to Siberia. All the old strength of prices is maintained. In many lines the country's production seems to be heavily sold ahead. The foreign demand for cereals continues unabated, and any slight price reaction being taken advantage of by buyers. Wheat closes the week with quotations well up to the highest paid this autumn, and short

sellers of December delivery are reaping the benefit of indiscreet speculation. The strength of wheat has been enhanced by sympathy with the growing speculative interest in corn, for the highest prices paid for three years past, has been recorded. Cotton displays notable strength, and the market for the manufactured product is very firm at recent advances, print clothes, in fact, being higher than for a year past. The cheerful tone of the industrial situation and steady demand from abroad at the higher quotations conduce to a more cheerful tone of business at the south, and predictions of increased speculative activity in the raw products. Strength and firmness is a feature also of the lumber market, with the possible exception of yellow pine, where heavy competition tends to check the advancing tendency shown by other woods. Business failures for the week number 24, against 32 last week, and 30 in this week a year ago.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s review: It is a year beyond parallel, and goes to its close with the biggest volume of business ever seen. The building of new roads is reported by the Railway Gazette to be 2,857 miles—more than in any other year since 1892. But the car famine crowds both railroads and car works to the utmost. Shipments of wheat have been 4,285,704 bushels, four included, at Atlantic ports, against 3,693,321 last year, although western receipts for three weeks have been 25,088,581 bushels, against 10,309,929 last year—a fact which the believers in a small crop may well consider. From Pacific ports the shipments have been for the week 1,310,019 bushels, against 956,000 last year. Considering the enormous exports from July 1 to date, exceeding last year's week of 1892, the story of iron is like a dream. With 25,000 tons of Bessemer pig sold at Pittsburgh for \$10 60, and gray forge at \$9 40, and Chicago sales limited only by the capacity of the works, and eastern sales so numerous and so large as to raise the price 25 cents, there is a demand for finished products, which includes at Philadelphia 4,000 tons of plates for export to South America, 3,000 tons at Chicago, where works are crowded; 80,000 tons of steel rails by the Maryland Steel Company for Asiatic Russia, 35,000 tons for Australia, against British bids at Pittsburgh, and about 10,000 tons domestic at the east. 6,000 tons structural work at Chicago and Pittsburgh, and 8,000 for car builders at Chicago, all the works there being crowded with heavy buying of sheets and wire rods, and sharp competition at the south in cotton ties. Prices of iron and steel products have not materially changed, although the tone is everywhere stronger, and for wire nails quotations have been advanced to \$1 20 at Pittsburgh. All this business is done with full belief that the next year's demand will be greater than ever before. The range of prices is nearly 20 per cent lower than in 1892, indicating an astonishing increase in the quantity of products exchanged.

Peristaltic Plant Food enriches the soil. Use it with plants being taken indoors. At your dealer's.

AN ASYLUM PATIENT'S WILL

The Cause of a Lawsuit at Woodstock
—Thomas Wright Made Coffins
for Himself.

Woodstock, Dec. 22. — Wright vs. Wright is an action brought by Albert Wright, of South Norwich, to set aside a deed made by his father, Thomas Wright, in February, 1897, deeding a property consisting of seventeen acres of land to his other son, Newton Wright, of Woodstock, on the ground that the old man was irresponsible when he made the deed. This case is very well known in Western Ontario, and has wide newspaper notoriety. The old man, Thomas Wright, who was over 80, was committed to the lunatic asylum at Woodstock in 1895. He was discharged upon the application of his son Newton, after spending a year there. Prominent physicians had declared the old man insane, however. Then he went to live with his son Newton in Woodstock. He subsequently went back to his home in South Norwich. In October last he was found dead in the woods near there. Dr. Ellis testified yesterday that he made a post-mortem and found the deceased's brain softened and degenerated. Dr. Bucke, of the London Asylum for the Insane, testified that in his opinion the old man was insane. The defense brought witnesses to contradict this testimony to the effect that while the old man was somewhat eccentric he was perfectly rational in his mind. It came out in the evidence that the old man some years ago made two coffins for himself, one of which he gave away, as it was too small for him. He was subsequently buried in the other. After hearing the argument of counsel, his lordship gave judgment for the defendant in all points, but one. His lordship held that old Thomas Wright was in February, 1897, sufficiently in possession of his faculties, although he was somewhat eccentric in his habits to make a deed. Newton Wright, however, held power of attorney from his father, and counsel for plaintiff held that as such he could receive no benefits. His lordship reserved his decision on this point.

SANTA CLAUS SCORCHED. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 23.—Robert Harrington was badly burned while taking the part of Santa Claus last night in a show window. His cotton trimmed suit caught fire from a gas jet. He was rolled in the mud in the street until the flames were extinguished.

CAN STEAL HER OWN CHILD. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 24.—Judge Dissett, in the criminal court, sustained the demurrer made to the indictment returned against ex-Mayor F. E. Magowan, of Trenton, N. J. Mrs. Magowan and Mrs. Wynn, Mrs. Magowan's sister, upon the charge of child-stealing. The court ordered all of the defendants in the case discharged, saying that it was not a crime for a mother to steal her own child in the State of Ohio. The Magowans were not in court when the decision was rendered, and are said to be in Toronto.

When you are nervous and sleepless, take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It makes the nerves strong and gives refreshing sleep.

AMERICA'S CHANCE

To Foster Commerce—A Broader Policy
Needed.

The fostering of commerce obviously belongs to the general government, which has power not only to regulate, but to annihilate at will, the trade of its citizens with foreign countries, says President Charles W. Eliot in the January Atlantic. We have indeed seen our foreign commerce destroyed by our own national legislation. Now, commerce, foreign and domestic, is the great peace-maker and peace-keeper, and, on the whole, it is the great enricher of mankind in comforts and luxuries. It deserves on every account, the fostering care of a powerful nation, not only for the benefits it confers on that particular nation, but because it tends to bring about the confederation of all races of mankind in the pursuit of a common well-being. The war with Spain has distinctly enlarged the moral outlook of our people. It has presented to them wholly unexpected problems concerning the responsibility of a fortunate people for the welfare of the less fortunate. It has suggested to them that a policy of political seclusion and commercial isolation is not worthy of a strong, free and generous people, and that such a policy is not the way to the greatest prosperity and the most desirable influence.

Apply Peristaltic Bedbug Exterminator to all crevices in bedsteads, and it will rid them of any bugs. At all drug stores.

The present population of Bordeaux, France, is 297,000, of whom 18,864 are in receipt of assistance from charitable societies.

A DINNER PILL.—Many persons taken of is like a ball of lead upon the stomach, and instead of being a healthy nutriment, it becomes a poison to the system. Dr. Parmentier's Vegetable Pills are wonderful correctives of such troubles. They correct acidity, open the secretions and convey the food partaken of into healthy nutriment. They are just the medicine to take if troubled with indigestion.

London and Liverpool are both at the level of the sea, Glasgow is 30 feet above it, Manchester is 50 feet and Birmingham 300 feet.

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets—A gentle tonic that increases the gastric juices, regulates the bowels, assists Nature in digesting the food, which gives the nutriment that makes good rich blood and nerve force, builds up the broken walls that disease has bombarded, forces the enemies of health to capitulate and sue for a truce. Sold by W. S. B. Barkwell.

All the classics and metaphors at the command of a woman school teacher don't prevent her jumping on a chair at sight of a mouse.

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.

Since the legislative foundation of arbitration courts there have been no strikes or lockouts in New Zealand.

Any store can sell candy; but Barkwell, the druggist, gives away one pound Pure Chocolate Creams to every \$1 purchaser, whether drugs, perfumes or Christmas presents. Go to Barkwell's.



Can cure your Dyspepsia—restore your stomach to a normal state, so that it will do its work, digesting food, without you knowing it.

Then the ills associated with Dyspepsia—Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache, Coated Tongue, Bad Breath—Laxa-Liver Pills relieves and cures them all.

Just take a Laxa-Liver Pill before retiring, 'twill work while you sleep, without a gripe or pain, and make you feel better in the morning.

Price 25c. a bottle, or 5 for \$1.00, all druggists.

Skates

Hockey Skates, Spring Skates

Hand Sleighs, Coasters, Cutters.

Carpet Sweepers.

Table and Pocket Cutlery

CARVERS—

In cases, pairs and sets, from \$1.00 per pair up.

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The Significance of Bethlehem.

The invitation that sounds in our ears at the present season is that expressed in the words: "Come and let us go even unto Bethlehem." In our land we may say that this call is pretty generally accepted. The Christmas Festival is no small sectarian monopoly. Bethlehem has a broader sound and makes a larger appeal than Rome, Canterbury, or Geneva. This pilgrimage of thought to the cradle of the Holy Child revives sacred associations and quickens new aspirations. It is the "Children's Hour," the festival of home, as well as a great day in the calendar of the Church.

As we think of the Prince of Peace, many of our bitter controversies and party strifes shrink into their real littleness. The union of the human and the divine, of the high and the lowly, calls to true worship and exerts a humane influence. This homage paid to the child, this recognition of the sanctity of motherhood, and the beauty of infancy, is one of the sweetest, kindest influences of the Christian faith. This will always be the central thought of this festive season, and should remind us that it is not an hour for coarse riotous indulgence, but for the unselfish satisfaction which comes from Christian service in the home, and to the poor and needy outside.

There are also subordinate lessons which ought not to be forgotten, and one in particular, which has a special appropriateness to us. Bethlehem, in the eye of the prophet, was distinguished for its smallness. It was least among the thousands of Judah, yet out of it the King was to come. The greatest hero and king that Israel ever had came forth from a small village. He gathered the scattered tribes into a united kingdom and gave them a new center of religion and political life. The name Jerusalem now means more than material city which has so recently been honored by the visit of the German Emperor. A Jerusalem under the control of the Turk may be a wretched place, but the real Jerusalem is the ideal city of God, which must still cope with the Babylons of worldly splendor and selfish lust. But before Jerusalem there was Bethlehem, the birthplace of the man of heroic mold who first gave to Jerusalem its real significance.

We are thus reminded that bigness and greatness are not necessarily the same thing, that size is not the ultimate test of influence. It is true that there is something inspiring about a great stretch of country, and something sublime about a magnificent mountain which lifts its snow-covered peaks to the sky, and we do well to rejoice in the breadth and grandness of this land in which we live. But in compiling the "reasons for thanksgiving," it is possible to dwell too exclusively on the material side of life. The greatness of a nation is not in its wide stretch of territory, in the number of its soldiers, or the wealth of its citizens. Greatness is a matter of life and character. "Great Britain" is one of the smallest countries so far as mere size is concerned, and as a matter of fact, the most powerful influences have gone forth from the lands that were small, but that had the power of sending out strong men.

The stamp upon our letters which comes unto us this day reminds us that there is a "Greater Britain" of which we form a part? That Britain, small in herself, has laid a strong hand upon the world, and is the center of rich manifold influences.

But we do well to remember that the power which created this great empire was not in the first place immense size or overwhelming numbers, but a free independent spirit, a courage to do and dare unto death, a strong sense of justice, and a realization of the fact that with increase of power goes increase of responsibility. If these are lost and forgotten, the greatest Empire goes to pieces and another great movement must begin from another Bethlehem.

The lowly origin of the Christ rebukes our vulgar pride and mere material bigness, and this one lesson is worthy of being pondered, "Lest we forget, Lest we forget."

Ex-Queen Lili of Hawaii protests against the appropriation of her property by the United States, without process of law or compensation. Her majesty's untutored mind is unable to perceive that appropriation is "destiny."

Crushed by the Combines.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times, in a recent dispatch, said:

"The strain imposed upon the Berlin money market by the forced development of German trade is beginning to tell seriously on German finance. For the satisfaction of seizing new markets, terms have been granted which German industrial enterprise is unable to afford. The abnormal condition has produced a situation which renders it advisable that the sympathies of the English and American money markets should not be estranged."

This is confirmatory of other information concerning the present monetary crisis in Germany. We hear much of the phenomenal industrial development of Germany, and the growth of German exports; but there is another side to the story. Light is thrown on it by the American consul-general at Frankfurt, who, in a report to the department at Washington, says:

"As an incident and condition of Germany's perfect organization and rapid industrial growth, its leading productive interests have been syndicated to an extent probably unknown in any other country. All great industries—the mining of coal, the manufacture of coke, pig iron, steel billets, machinery, seed oils, potash salts and many other products—have been for years governed by ably organized and managed syndicates, which control production, fix prices, both for the home and export trades, declare dividends, and apportion contracts. The remarkable efficiency of these syndicates in promoting exports of manufactured products has been largely due to the power which they exercise in maintaining the home price of any given class of merchandise at such profitable figures as to enable the same manufacturer to sell for export at whatever discount may be necessary to secure the contract. In this way, as English exporters bitterly complain, German manufacturers, secure in their organization and their protected home market, have been able to sell structural iron and steel and railway supplies in London and Liverpool, and to flood the British colonies with German-made goods at prices with which their British rivals, already in possession of the colonial markets, have found it difficult to compete."

In other words, by means of a high protective tariff, Germany's industrial system has become one of trusts and combines. The great monopolies which control production can fleece domestic consumers at will. "Industry" flourishes by legalized robbery of the German people. It plunders at home in order that it may sell abroad. The combines wax fat; but what of their victims? A section of the German population, in the midst of this so-called progress, has been reduced to eating cats and dogs, because protected interests keep out foreign meat. The agricultural, as well as the manufacturing interests, are monopolizers.

The commercial expansion of Germany is, therefore, largely abnormal. It is a case of bloat, not healthy growth. The present stringency is a symptom of this. The manufacturers have borrowed foreign money beyond their means. They are finding it hard to meet their financial obligations, and are draining the German banks of their gold.

The conditions in Germany are being rapidly reproduced in the United States. Under the Dingley bill, trusts, combines, syndicates, and other forms of monopoly are springing up all over the country. The smaller concerns are either absorbed by these combinations, or are pushed to the wall. Like the German, the American syndicates are quoting prices abroad lower than those they quote at home. Having absolute control of the domestic markets, they can flinch what they please from the people of the United States, and they are doing it right along.

The British people, who are secure against the pillage of combines, have little reason to fear a competition fostered by such artificial means. Their industrial fabric is reared on the solid rock of free trade and not on the shifting sands of protection.

The weather has caught the Christmas spirit.

The last of the election trials is over, and Mr. Whitney is not sorry.

London's Christmas market today was magnificent. Who would like to see it abolished?

Bolivia's Christmas box is a revolution. Few things are more popular in a South American republic.

Uncle Sam's colonial Christmas presents are very substantial, but Spain makes a sorry Santa Claus.

They always say of a man's downfall that there is a woman in the case, but in Hobson's there is an average of over 300 a day.

The primate of Ireland has the unenviable distinction of being the only Episcopal bishop to oppose the Czar's peace policy. His grace has missed his calling.

Manager Hays and the G. T. R. telegraphers have agreed to arbitrate their differences. This is sensible and businesslike. It reflects credit on both parties.

The Advertiser wishes its numerous family of readers a merry Christmas. The family has grown a great deal since last Christmas, and expansion is still the rule.

Hobson is making such a fool of himself that the navy department has ordered him to Manila. It is thought his kissing mania will be cured when he has only the dusky belles of the Philippines to practice on.

The Toronto News is hard up for an argument against the Government.

when it drags in the case of Peg-Leg Brown to serve that purpose. It alleges that officers with an itch for notoriety kidnapped Brown, and it blames the Canadian authorities for not interfering. This is a charge which the detectives flatly deny.

The public debt of Russia is \$4,000,000,000 or over \$30 per head of the population. This is a crushing burden for a country like Russia, where a great mass of the people is always on the verge of starvation. No wonder the Czar wants to lighten the load by reducing his military establishment. The nation must have money for productive enterprises.

The Christmas number of the Farmers' Advocate is very handsome and complete. It contains many fine illustrations of great farms in the various provinces of the Dominion. The frontispiece is devoted to the Ontario Agricultural College and Farm at Guelph. The reading matter is abundant, and pertains to every branch of agriculture. Special contributions from noted pens add to the distinction of the number, which in every respect is an ideal publication for farmers.

Madrid is grief-stricken over the death of an elephant which was expected to fight two bulls on Christmas Day. The information would be amusing if it did not reveal such a mixture of frivolity and brutality in Spanish character. The people of Spain ought to be sobered by recent crises, but the national mind is incapable of reflection or intelligent ideals. It is not even serious when it is most dejected. The Don is a creature of moods and impulses. He will weep and rave over the misfortunes of his country, and then rush off to a bull fight before his eyes are dry.

The Globe boasts that a baking powder factory is removing from London to Toronto, but inquiry here fails to verify the statement. The Globe is also astray in speaking of Toronto's advantages over this and other cities. London has more railway connections and better transportation facilities than Toronto. It is a cheaper place to live in. It is located in a richer farming district. The only inducements which Toronto offers are those which come dangerously near violating the law of the land in respect to bonusing industries. Hamilton can testify to that.

Archbishop Bruchesi's denunciation of sensational journalism has the right ring. It is addressed to the press of Quebec, but the offenders are not confined to that province. "Those daily recitals of crime and pictures that illustrate them, finally make upon the mind a terribly deleterious impression," says the archbishop in his open letter. He admits that readers like and ask for such reports and such pictures, but says this is a reason more why they should be absolutely refused. It is to be hoped his advice will not be thrown away. Newspapers have an educative mission, and should cater to the highest, not the lowest, class of their readers.

The London Free Press records, with apparent satisfaction, the failure of municipal ownership in Hamilton, Ohio, a city that has become practically bankrupt. This is no argument against the principle of municipal ownership. The Ohio city failed to make a success even of its waterworks system, but who, in this city, would advocate a return to private ownership of the waterworks? In Glasgow taxes have almost disappeared since the corporation took over the street railway, gas, lighting, and other such franchises. Municipal control is right in theory, but municipal business ability is another thing. In this city a radical change in the system of government must take place before civic socialism can be carried to the desired stage.

SHED SKIN 20 TIMES

Little Boy's Terrible Eczema.
Mass Running Sores From Head to Foot.

Not an Inch of Body Unaffected.
Skin Came off With The Bandages.

Screams Were Heart-Breaking.
Four Doctors and Medical Institute No Avail.

Improvement After the Second Application of CUTICURA. Now Completely Cured.

My little son, a boy of five, broke out with an itching rash. Three doctors prescribed for him, but he kept getting worse, until we could not try a certain medical college, but his treatment did not do any good. At the time I was induced to try CUTICURA REMEDIES, he was so bad that I had to cut his hair all off, and put the CUTICURA (ointment) on him on bandages, as it was impossible to touch him with the bare hand. There was not one square inch of skin on his whole body that was not affected. He was one mass of sores, and the stench from him was frightful. The bandages used to stick to his skin, and in removing them it used to take the skin off with them, and the screams from the poor child were heart-breaking. I began to think that he would never get well, but after the second application of CUTICURA, and with the third and fourth applications the sores commenced to dry up. His skin peeled off twenty times, but it finally yielded to the treatment. I used the CUTICURA REMEDIES for his blood, and now I can say that he is entirely cured, and a stronger and healthier boy you never saw than he is to day.

You can use this testimonial in whatever way you please, and if any proof outside of my word is needed I will refer to any of our neighbors.

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WHAT OTHERS SAY.

The Tobacco Knight.
[Hamilton Spectator.]

Sir Macdonald is none of your common pluggs.

How Cruel.

[Boston Globe.]

Professor Garnier is going back to Africa to study monkey talk—and yet the society season in New York is just beginning!

Canvassing Candidates

[Hamilton Herald.]

The London Advertiser says that Mr. Teetzel's plan of conducting a campaign without canvassing is excellent in theory but isn't practicable. Well, it is being put in practice by Mr. Teetzel. Whether it will be successful or not is another question.

Halifax's Bright Outlook.

[Halifax Chronicle.]

With the terminal facilities at Deep Water completed, the I. C. R. furnished with modern locomotives and freight cars, the canals deepened to fourteen feet, and I. C. R. western connections perfected, the future of Halifax will be very largely in the hands of her own people. It is steady, persevering enterprise that tells.

A Tender-Hearted Officer.

[New York Sun.]

The death in Michigan of the cat captured from the Crisobol Colon by the crew of the Oregon recalls many striking instances of the attachment which sailors have for all sorts and conditions of animals. To illustrate how far the sentiment sometimes goes, we take this from the London Times, where it appears in the column devoted to court and personal intelligence: "As Commander Lewis Blackburn of the cruiser Blenheim was leaving the hulk Royal Adelaide in Chatham dock-yard on the night of Nov. 24 a gazelle which he had recently brought from abroad ran to meet him, and while affectionately rubbing against

him fell overboard. Commander Blackburn, who was in full uniform, promptly plunged into the basin, although the risk was great, the night being intensely dark and there being chains between the Adelaide and other ships. Shouting for lights to be brought, he kept himself and the gazelle afloat until both were rescued."

He prayeth well who loveth well both man and bird and beast.

The Doge's Palace.

[Montreal Witness.]

The reported subsidence of the walls of the Doge's palace at Venice reminds us of Byron's lines:

"O Venice, Venice, when thy marble halls
Are leveled with the waters, there shall be
A cry of nations o'er thy sunken walls,
A loud lament across the weeping sea."

To others, perhaps, of a later school, will recur Ruskin's "Stones of Venice," but to all lovers of the romantic the possibility of the sinking of those historic buildings will bring a pang of regret. It is pleasing to learn that the condition of the famous buildings is not as bad as at first reported.

A Canadian and the Pipes.

[London Outlook.]

A Canadian patriot was in the Empire Music Hall, Glasgow, recently, cheering Piper Findlater like mad. Someone dared to hiss. The Canadian angrily protested. "Why do they hiss him?" he exclaimed. "Because we don't want him." "But he is a hero." "What did he ever do?" "Why," exclaimed the ardent Canadian, "he was shot through both legs, and then sat down." "Could he help it," came the answer pat. "But he went on playing the pipes." "Second nature," said the dour Scot. "I'll just tell ye. This man did nothing unusual! Take the first ten Highland pipers you meet with. Start them playing; shoot them through both legs; down they'll sit and keep on playing." Thus does the practical Scot shiver in a few words the glamor surrounding the hero of Deceat.

LIGHT AND SHADE.

Worried

"Henry, I wish you would let me give you your Christmas present now."

"Why, Clara?"

"I'm worn out changing my mind about it."—Chicago Record.

His Bad Company.

Smithson—You can always judge a man by the company he keeps.
Johnson—That's pretty tough on the jailer of a prison, isn't it?—Tit-Bits.

Somewhere

Somewhere, in some secluded spot,
That which I seek awaited me.
While I perspire and fret and groan,
Somewhere my labor and my pain
Will end, and end with joyful shout,
Somewhere—its rent extremely low—
I'll find a flat without an out.

I'll find the best of plumbing there;
I'll find the rooms just what I need;
I'll find the landlord prompt to bleed.
That tenants are not made to bleed,
I'll find the neighbors fond of peace;
No cats or dogs, no things that jar;
The house not on the busy street,
But from the street cars not too far.

There'll be no girls who murder
"Palms."
Or tear their hair o'er "Ostler Joe,"
No small boy plays a martial drum
Within a mile of where I go,
A lawn, green vines, and things like that.

The rent? Ah, that will trifling be.
For somewhere, in a favored spot,
Steam heated heaven waits for me.
—Boston Globe.

A New Definition.

Little Mike—Feyther, phwat is an octogenarian?
McLuberty—An octogenarian, me b'y, is a mon that has eight toes on each fut.

No Need to Wait.

Mamma (to Ethel, who is telling an original fairy story while being put to bed)—Now, dear, stop your story for a little while; Francis is going to say her prayers.
Francis—Oh, mamma, can't Ethel please go on? I can hear her just 's well while I'm praying?

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PERISHED IN A SNOWSTORM

Hundreds of Montenegrin Peasants Frozen to Death.

More Trouble Looms Up in the Transvaal.

British Residents Shot by the Boer Police—The Spanish Premier a Very Sick Man—The Pope's View of the Situation.

London, Dec. 24.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says: Several hundred Montenegrin peasants, who were recently overtaken by a snowstorm in the Lara Pass were frozen to death. The expedition sent to their rescue found the snow-drifts so heavy that it was impossible to save them.

A NEW ROW.
A dispatch says a new row is brewing for President Kruger, because of alleged outrages on British residents in the Transvaal. In the recent disturbance the police opened fire and shot an Englishman named Edgar. No efforts to punish the police who did the shooting have been made, and a number of Uitlanders have organized a committee to push the case. A similar reform committee was formed before the time of the Jameson raid.

THE BARON'S BURIAL.
The funeral services over Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild, who died at his country seat, Waddesdon Manor, Aylesbury, last Saturday, was held in the Portland Street Synagogue in London. The burial took place privately on Thursday, in the family vault of the cemetery at Westham. The floral offerings included a wreath from the Prince and Princess of Wales. The London "Jewish Chronicle" was always remembered by the baron as a warm time with presents of turkeys, appeared today wearing the Rothschild racing colors of blue and orange, bound with crape.

DANGEROUS EXPERIMENT.
A bicycle drawn by a paper kite has just been equipped with a certain amount of success by an enthusiastic wheelman, who lives near the Roman road, in Yorkshire. The kite, a very large and powerful one, was put up when a strong wind was blowing almost straight along the road, and the bicycle was connected with the kite by a hook on a swivel. For nearly a dozen miles the machine was drawn at a terrific speed along the smooth and fairly level road; then, suddenly, it swerved, and the rider, who was a very experienced cyclist, fell. When picked up, about 15 minutes later the man was still insensible. He then quickly recovered consciousness, however, and in common with most enthusiasts, immediately declared that, far from being hurt, he would repeat the attempt on the following morning.

HOW HE GOT HIS CROSS.
It turns out that Lieutenant de Montmorency got his Victoria Cross not only for rescuing the body of his dead comrade, Grenfell, in the charge of the Twenty-first Lancers, but for going the day before the battle into the enemy's lines disguised as an Arab hawker, and finding out all their plans. He went despite Lord Kitchener's warning that "you take your life in your hands." That day he was charged was shot under him, and he went into action and into the charge of the Twenty-first Lancers mounted on a polo pony.

THE POPE PESSIMISTIC.
Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope, at the reception of the Christmas greetings of the cardinals and other prelates, appeared to be in excellent health. Replying to the Christmas greetings, he referred to the sinister events of 1898, and said it was high time the governments of Europe united to stop "unheard-of outrages and savage exterminations." But the pontiff added: "That could not be expected until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, shall be revived in the conscience of the people and become the guiding principle of the organization of states." In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church in violation of his dignitary rights, "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly espoused the defense of his interests and the interest of religion and morality." Continuing, he remarked: "Further rigors threaten the clergy, although they are the class furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the holy see, whose rights they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, I am imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty. They clergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menaces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen deeply imbued with the love for the papacy. It is thus by the cooperation of the clergy and laity that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

THE CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.
The question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty is freely discussed in the London morning papers. The Daily News and Daily Chronicle publish editorials, asserting that Lord Salisbury "ought to get some concession in return for consenting to abrogation." The Daily Chronicle points out that the canal would make the United States a great naval power in the far east, increase America's naval strength in the Atlantic, and alter to England's disadvantage the carrying trade to the far east.

A SOLEMN FUNCTION.
The solemn function passed upon Lucchini, the assassin of the Emperor of Austria, is not the last act in the tragedy. A final and solemn function is yet to be performed. In the presence of the Austrian envoy at Geneva and his consular officials, the file with which the empress was murdered, as well as the surgical instruments used in the post-mortem examination, will shortly be destroyed with the greatest care, so that not a particle of them remains. This is not only to prevent them from falling into the hands of curiosity-mongers, but also because of a superstition among reigning houses that the existence of such implements is fraught with peril to descendants.

TEMPETUOUS TIMES.
Queens-town, Dec. 24.—The steamer Umbria, New York, for Liverpool, arrived off this harbor at 2:25 this morning, but was unable to land the Irish

passengers owing to the heavy sea running.

STARTLING STATEMENT.
Mr. Courtney, M.P., speaking as president of the Royal Statistical Society, on the Congo Free State, made a somewhat startling statement as to the collection of tribute from the natives by the Belgians. If the revenue brought in was considered insufficient raids were made, and, incidentally, the raids, captures were effects of an enormous number of children. The extent to which the evil could run might be illustrated by the example of one Captain Rom, in command of a district, who ornamented his flower-beds by marking out its border with the heads of twenty-one natives who have been killed in an expedition organized to punish a village which had revenged itself on the robbery and violence of the state soldiery by killing and eating two of its tormentors.

A LIE.
Concerning the Paris Matin's assertion that London capitalists had placed large sums at the disposal of Don Carlos, Sir Samuel Montague, who is Spain's banker in England, declares that the statement is an absolute canard. Sir Samuel says he has recently made special inquiries, with high inability to find the slightest idea of anybody having advanced money to the Carlists.

SPAIN'S PREMIER VERY ILL.
Madrid, Dec. 24.—The condition of Premier Sagasta now causes great anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation yesterday regarding his case, and concurred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature and an unfavorable absence of expectoration. The newspapers express great sympathy.

KAISER AND HIS CABINET.
London, Dec. 24.—The Berlin correspondent of the Standard says: "Despite the official announcement that Emperor William started for Potsdam at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it is that hour that he appeared suddenly at the meeting of the Prussian cabinet, which was being held at the residence of Dr. Von Miquel, Prussian Minister of Finance, and remained until after 7 o'clock."

ABROGATION OF THE TREATY

The Clayton-Bulwer Agreement Likely To Be Canceled.

British Cabinet and People Favor the Proposition—Postal Card Campaign—A Bad Man Gone.

CLAYTON-BULWER TREATY.
London, Dec. 23.—There seems to be little doubt that Great Britain will agree to abrogate the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. The temper of the cabinet and public opinion points to such action, though no definite understanding with the United States has yet been reached. Great Britain desires that the Nicaragua Canal be constructed, and is willing that the United States should control it if the United States will guarantee its neutrality and safeguard British interests.

The reports from Washington that the British ambassador there, Sir Julian Pauncefote, has been instructed to negotiate the abrogation of the treaty are incorrect, though it is likely he will soon receive instructions to that effect. The impression here is that the British foreign office and the United States charge d'affaires, Mr. Henry White, incidentally to his visits to cabinet ministers, will arrange the basis of action. Mr. White agent part of the week with the Marquis of Salisbury at Hatfield House, and he goes today with his family to spend Christmas at Chatworth House, Derbyshire, the country seat of the duke, who is lord president of the council. Where Mr. White will meet Lord George Hamilton, secretary of State for India, Anglo-American questions will naturally be discussed.

A result of the visit of Mr. Henry White, American charge d'affaires to Lord Salisbury, several important dispatches have been exchanged to and fro with Washington.

POSTAL CARD CAMPAIGN.
Rome, Dec. 23.—A unique postal card campaign on behalf of the political prisoners is soon to be inaugurated here. Forty thousand postal cards will be mailed simultaneously to the king petitioning him for the release of the prisoners.

A BAD MAN GONE.
Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Ghani Bey, the sultan's aide-de-camp, was murdered yesterday by Hafiz Pacha in a quarrel, which took place in a pastry cook's place. Ghani became notorious owing to his lawless proceedings in the city, and he also inspired terror here by extorting money under threats of death. The officials of the foreign embassies have frequently demanded the punishment of Ghani Bey, but always unsuccessfully.

NEVER SLEPT

Went to Theaters and Billiard-Halls To Get Cat Naps.

Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 24.—Millionaire Edward J. Kane, president of the Bain Wagon Company, whose death was lately announced, was familiarly known as "the man who never slept." For the last 15 years he did not sleep an hour in his bed. Constant devotion to business was the cause of his sleeplessness. He was known to remain in his factory up to 15 years ago as late as 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, and when he would seek rest he found it impossible to sleep. At that time the impossible relieved himself of business cares.

For the greater part of the last ten years it was his custom to take daily trips to Chicago to pass the time away in street car riding. At night he was always to be found either at a theater or billiard hall, which were the only places where he was able to get a short nap, the music of the theaters and the clinking of the billiard balls alone lulling him to sleep.

Very choicest Perfumes and Fancy Goods in city at Barkwell's drug store. Go to Barkwell's for extra value, and pound of Pure Choclate Creams free.

HEAVY LOSSES ON THE LAKES

Fifty-Eight Vessels Destroyed From Various Causes.

Loss Is Estimated To Be Over \$3,000,000—Worst Season Ever Known

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Marine losses during the season of 1898 were materially greater than during any previous season on the lakes. Up to the middle of July insurance men were congratulating themselves that they were doing very well. The losses had been few, and there was a large margin of premiums to cover the latter half of the season. Along in September the trouble began, and it never ceased until the last boat was in port yesterday. The loss was not confined to any one cause of disaster. Fire contributed an unusual number of big losses, but strandings were pre-eminent. The collision item was very much smaller than in previous years.

ENOUGH TOTAL.
As to the grand total of losses from all causes, no two underwriters will make an estimate within \$500,000 of one another. One insurance man, whose firm has kept as accurate a list as possible, claims that the total is not far from \$3,100,000. The members of the syndicate which has done most of the business are not telling their losses are. A general average of statements made by people who are in touch with the business places the aggregate loss at about \$2,600,000. Vesselmen, who are fearful of high rates next season, protest that these figures are too high, and claim that the insurance companies have not lost any large sums in the past season. Who is right will not be known until it is seen what companies are in the field for business next spring, and what rates they offer. Just now it is said that lake risks are very unpopular in England. One broker, who attempted to place a large fleet, found that the Lake Superior stranding had advanced lake rates on London Lloyds 1 per cent. However, the entire insurance proposition is so mixed up that no one, not even the members of the syndicates, know what they are to do.

LAKE MICHIGAN STORMS.
In a list of 569 losses, the causes assigned were as follows: Ashore, 123; aground, in protected channels, 126; fire, 40; collisions, 39; ice, 16; storm-beaten, 96; foundered, 8; miscellaneous causes, 116. Lake Michigan has been the scene of the greatest number of serious losses, with Lake Superior as second. Lake Huron was remarkably free from disasters, and Lake Erie also did not contribute its usual quota. In fact, Lake Ontario produced a larger number of serious losses than Lake Erie, notwithstanding the limited traffic on the former.

Lost winter, a wrecker complained that the government had established barbed wire courses through the lakes, and that captains could no longer get into trouble. He felt an injury had been done him in this ruining his business. The same wrecker the past fall has had his hands full, with three or four ships at a time clinging upon him for assistance. All of which goes to show that when winds are blowing continuous gales, government aids to navigation do not count for much in preventing wrecks.

LIST OF LOSSES.
The number of boats which have passed out of existence is 58. Their aggregate tonnage was 29,194 tons.

THE HOME OF THE COMBINE

Trusts Running Everything in the Neighboring Republic.

New York, Dec. 24.—Three rival trade associations of cannery are to meet at a conference in February, with the object of forming a gigantic trust. They are the Atlantic States' Cannery Association, the Western Canned Goods Packers' Association, and the Cannery Machinery and Supply Association.

The corset manufacturers of the country are also forming a trust. The formation of the spool silk trust has taken the trade by the ears. It includes the biggest manufacturers, who control the market.

The Straw Board trust is about ready to complete its organization in Chicago. Out in Seattle will be the headquarters of the new cedar shingle trust, in which all the Washington manufacturers have combined.

The Flint bottle manufacturers are now in session at Pittsburg, Pa., and 27 firms are about to enter the combination. All the lead companies in Missouri are being consolidated, and one large corporation will be organized.

A member of the pottery combine at East Liverpool, O., says that by Saturday not more than six general ware potteries will be outside the combine. It is announced that the consolidation of all the gas light and heating companies of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been successfully accomplished. The combination was managed by Brown Bros., bankers, of New York. The capital invested is \$28,000,000.

OPIUM SHIPPED IN COFFINS

Female Sleuth Says Monroe, Mich., Is a Rendezvous for Smugglers.

A female detective has caused a small ripple of excitement in the Maumee City by her startling announcement that she has discovered a gang of opium smugglers that have been working through some small towns along the Detroit River. The story is given for all it is worth in the following special dispatch to the Detroit Free Press from Toledo: Mrs. Eva McNeal, who has been working for some time on a case in this city for a New York firm, today informed the United States marshal that she had solved the puzzle of the opium smugglers. She stated that the contraband was brought over to Monroe from Amherstburg in fishing smacks, and then shipped to this city in coffins and other receptacles. She claims that she will take but a short time to locate all the members of the gang, and that she is already in possession of the names of some of them.

When Special Treasury Agent Burton Parker was shown this dispatch last night he smiled and said: "That smells decidedly fishy. In the first place, if

there were anything in it, the federal officers at Toledo would not give out any information until they had landed the game, especially as she claims to have the names of some members of the gang. But perhaps they could not catch any of those intrepid fishermen now when Lake Erie is so full of ice and the fishing smacks are all high and dry on shore. Although Toledo is not in my district, the officers there would have to believe the story of an opium or other smuggling was going along the Detroit River. I have not heard anything of it, official or otherwise."

AN AWFUL DEATH

Railway Watchman Cremated in His Little Shanty.

Reported To Have Been Drinking Hard and Probably Set Fire to the House.

Detroit, Dec. 24.—John Galvin, aged about 50 years, a crippled watchman in the employ of the Detroit and Eastern Northern road at the Eureka avenue crossing in Wyandotte, was suffocated and afterward cremated on Thursday. Galvin, who came from Dundee in July last, had been so badly hurt in a railroad accident that he moved about with the aid of crutches with the utmost difficulty. He lived in his shanty, a board affair about eight by six feet, cooking his meals on a large round stove. Galvin, according to report, drank heavily on Thursday. It is reported that he consumed two quarts of cider, two bottles of whiskey and followed this with 25 cents worth of beer. The shanty was discovered to be on fire by the engineer of a passing locomotive. When aid arrived the shanty was a mass of flames. Jack Cleary attempted to force the door, but the platform on which the old man slept barred it. Cleary heard moans, and it is thought the old man had just awakened from his drunken stupor and realized his condition. When the door was opened the body of the man was seen to be lying with his head to the stove, and Deputy Sheriff Clark by means of a long plank, scraped the burning embers away from the body. A rumor was in circulation that the old man had been murdered for money, and that the shanty had been afterwards set on fire to hide the crime. John Teeling, a hotel man, says Galvin had no money, with the exception of 43 cents that Teeling loaned him. Justice DeLisle's theory is that Galvin put a large quantity of coal in the stove than usual, and that the stove becoming too hot, the sides of the shanty took fire.

NINE YEARS

Johnson Brothers, Notorious Counterfeiters, Receive a Steep Sentence.

Detroit, Dec. 23.—Nine years at hard labor in the Detroit House of Correction is the sentence which Judge Swan imposed upon Edmond and David Johnson, the notorious counterfeiters, in the United States district court yesterday. The Johnsons have been counterfeiting all their lives, operating previously in Canada. Their father was sentenced in Toronto, and one brother is now in Kingston penitentiary.

THE RAILWAYS

The Increase in Construction During 1898—New Schemes.

Grand trunk earnings, 8th to the 14th December, 1898:
1898 \$426,503
1897 491,153
Decrease \$64,650
The directors of the Hamilton, Chedoke and Ancaster Railway will apply for an amended charter to build a line from the Hamilton, Ancaster and Brantford Electric Railway Company, and to increase the capital stock from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

Estimates made by the Railroad Gazette show an increase of 2,875 miles during 1898 in the railroad mileage of the United States. This is the largest increase since 1892, when 4,418 miles were added. Ten railroads in Canada have built 443 miles, which is more by 53 miles than that reported last year.

Power will be asked from the Ontario Legislature next session to construct a railway between Pembroke and Bancroft, giving Pembroke direct connection with Toronto. The proposed railway will connect the Ottawa, Ironstone and Ottawa Railway, and with the Michigan division of the Grand Trunk at Ironstone Junction, gaining access to Toronto over the Michigan line. The road will be known as the Toronto, Lindsay and Pembroke Railway.

Milwaukee merchants and shippers are in receipt of a prospectus issued by the Michigan Central Railway Company and the Michigan and Ohio Belt Line Railroad Company, which proposes to connect the city with the east. The object is to maintain a continuous line of rail and waterway from Milwaukee by way of Grand Haven, Battle Creek, Coldwater and Camden, Mich., to Cleveland, Ohio. This line, with car ferry connections between Milwaukee and Grand Haven, would carry through freight to the Atlantic seaports, including Newport News, while freight north bound could be sent all over the northwest from Milwaukee. An issue of \$7,000,000 five per cent first mortgage gold bonds has been executed.

CONDUCTORS' PAY RAISED.

The management of the Missouri, Pacific and Iron Mountain Railway says the company has sent out a circular stating that "on and after Jan. 1, the salaries of passenger train conductors will be raised. When the train mileage is 4,000 miles, and not over 5,000 miles, 2½ cents per train mile; when less than 4,000 miles, rates of pay will remain as at present; when it exceeds 5,000 miles, \$125 per month." At present the maximum compensation for conductors is \$100 per month.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for her trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good."

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THOSE AUGER HOLES

Simple Explanation of a Somewhat Sensational Story.

The Advertiser is asked to publish the following letter, this paper having, with others, printed the item to which the communication refers:
Editor Lucknow Sentinel, Lucknow, Ont.:
Our attention was called to a local in your paper some weeks ago, by our Lucknow manager, Mr. L. Short, in reference to a car of oats that was shipped by the Lucknow Elevator Company, to Portland, Maine. Your local said that auger holes had been bored in the car, and temporary plugs placed therein, the perpetrator's intentions being that the plugs would fall out, and lose the whole car of grain before it reached its destination, but only a portion of the plugs having fallen out, the loss was about 125 bushels.
From the strain of this argument, and from public sentiment, our man at Lucknow seemed to feel that the weight of blame for committing this cowardly act must rest with the opposition dealers, and he, being one of the competing buyers on your market, asked us to thoroughly investigate, and report the facts of the case. We therefore wrote the railway people for information, and they (the railway) sent one of their deputies to Lucknow to investigate the matter, with the result that we are today informed that the grain was never loaded in the car at Lucknow, and that the car, when loaded by the Lucknow Elevator Company, contained 855 bushels, but was shunted out by them to the destination at 1,600 bushels—clearly an error on their part in billing the car. This was just about as we expected, and we felt confident that no auger holes had been made in the car for the purpose of committing wrong against anybody.
As this story has gone the rounds of the weekly press pretty thoroughly, we would feel obliged to you, in justice to your community, if you would give as much publicity to the particulars, which must now be known to the shipper, so that no injustice can be done anybody. Yours truly, HAY BROS.
Listowel, Ont., Dec. 22, 1898.

TO KEEP DRY

This Man Had on Five Ladies' Mackintoshes as Underwear.

Windsor, Dec. 23.—J. W. Yearsley, customs officer at the ferry dock, on Wednesday made the seizure of five ladies' mackintoshes from John Albert, residing in Assumption street. Yearsley noticed that Albert looked rather corpulent, and he was requested to step inside the office when he came off the boat. He objected at first, but when threatened with arrest, followed the officer into one of the private rooms, where he was searched. Five of the garments were found under his overcoat, and he had one strapped around each of his legs under his trousers. He was told that he would have to pay the value of the goods in addition to the duty before he could recover them.

10,000 CASES OF GRIP.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 23.—Ten thousand cases of grip are said to exist in Louisville. In several instances business has been impeded by the disease.
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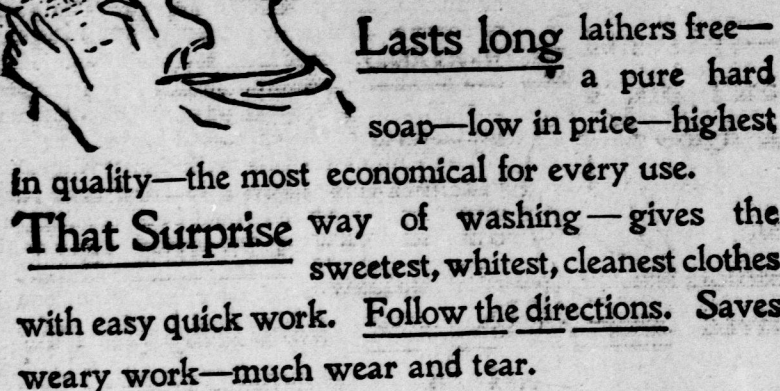
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In view of any prospective union of systems, it will be interesting to know the Canadian method. As I have already said, the Canadian scrum is fifteen men, the wings of the scrummage, the wings men, backs. The three center men constitute the scrummage. It is still distinctively English, for fairly shouldering their opponents of them must be placed "dead," but the two trios of scrumragers, quarter back plays directly behind scrummage, and upon him develop most important part of the game. The ball is free of the scrum and seizes it and of the scrummage seizes it and of the scrummage seizes it, passing it out to the backs. It is in this long pass the Canuck excels. He practices months and becomes able to ball that can fly like a rifle bullet across the field with unerring verity. So it goes for the rest of the game. Three fourths pass, taking the ball sometimes from one side of the field to the

Then the Englishman makes the machine, the snags by which the exports of the world, and all parts of the world, and he carries the goods which he makes himself, acting as master, fireman, engineer, sailor or master. The one great thing which he needs quite as much as the raw material for his manufactures is money. He raises £720,000 a quarter of wheat, but he has to buy 1,000,000 of wheat and 4,750,000 of flour. In fact, he gives about one-fourth of the bread which he eats, and about two-fifths of his meat. His commercial supremacy is due to his policy of cheap food. The slightest tax upon meat or say, wool would raise the cost of manufacture and subject him in the markets of the world to keener competition than now meets from the producers of other nations. He is able to undersell the world or he has been—because he has his raw material and his food and his money. But he commands the seas and his naval supremacy. There are now in England 4,721,550 people employed in manufactures who depend upon freedom of the sea for their daily wages; that is to say, upon the freedom with which England can trade the seas and upon the fact that her power is free to all the products of the world which lie beyond the sea. In 1896 United Kingdom sent out £69,300 worth of cotton goods; £45,000,000 of iron and machinery and £38,000 worth of woollen manufactures; she brought in £76,000,000 of cottons, textiles, and other manufactures and raw materials £40,000,000. She also exported grain and flour to the value of £52,800,000; meat to the value of £70,000; sugar, £18,300,000; butter, £800,000; and animals, £10,400,000. Altogether, she imported £10,600,000 of fruit and vegetables and £4,900,000 of wine and spirits, and a quantity which imports so largely of value will ever put a tax upon it, even if she gives colonies an advantage in the market.

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In Woman's Interest

Monocles for Women.

I saw the first of the new species of women with single eyeglasses at the Queen's Hall, writes a London Daily Mail reporter.

It was a promenade concert, and, of course, they were playing the "Pathetic Symphony." Looking round to see the audience express rapture, my eye fell on Mr. Chamberlain, and I started with surprise. Had he, too, fallen a victim to Polish pathos?

Sure enough, it was Mr. Chamberlain. The dark hair, the acute features and the monocle proclaimed the colonial secretary among a thousand. But what was he doing in a straw hat on an October night? The music ended, and the people shifted about. I looked again at the eyeglass, and saw beneath it, to my amazement, not Mr. Chamberlain's trousers, but a lady's black skirt.

It had come at last! Having robbed us of our collars and hats and neckties and waistcoats, women were assailing us in our last stronghold but one. She had her eye on the monocle, sacred heretofore to Mr. Chamberlain and his son Austin, the Dean of Manchester and the Volunteer Lieutenant. The only consolation was that the lady appeared to be fond of music. Musicians do not, as a rule, set fashions, except in dressing.

I put the eyeglass down to genius, and dismissed it from my mind—until yesterday, when my concern returned with a shock. I saw another lady with a monocle, and this was a fifty times worse case than the other, for the lady was fashionably dressed, and it was I, the Strand. She was young and comely, and looked sensible. Her costume was tailor-made, and her boots were faultless. Had she been "greenery-sallying" it would not have mattered, any more than it mattered about the musician. But she was not. She looked as if she might set fashions. Worse than that. Judging by her familiarity with the ways of the monocle, it looked as if she had done it.

In matters of female progress I consult a maiden aunt, who regards theaters as unbecomingly, and bicycles as inventions of the devil. I suggested that the female monocle was the latest manifestation of the forward movement. "Forward?" she said. "I should think it is!" Her emphasis was as deadly as Mrs. Glifflin's, when her daughter said she preferred a hansom, because it was quicker. "Quicker?" said Mrs. Glifflin, "faster, you mean?" Really, however, if the two monocles are anything more than a coincidence, it is time for us to assert our common manhood.

Christmas Festivities.

The latest decoration for the dining-room on Christmas day is the evergreen garland, festooned on the wall from the picture-molding, each loop caught with a cluster of holly. Over doors and window-casings the festoons droop low. The Meteor Rose and a new bunches of mistletoe and holly. For table decoration flowers rather than holly seem the preference, although the latter is always effectively arranged in a large silver or crystal bowl as centerpiece. The Meteor Rose and a new red carnation are in shade not to conflict with holly, and can therefore, be used with pleasing effect.

It has been truthfully remarked that the presentation has quite as much to do with making a gift acceptable as the article itself. Christmas packages are sent (to be in correct form), and therefore should be deftly in appearance to serve as favorable introduction to the recipient. If boxed, then ribbon-tied with a spray of holly through the knot of the bow. If wrapped let it be in German motto style. For this use white silk tissue paper, the ends fringed and twisted to hold the gift, and for greater safety tied over with "berry-ribbon," which is nothing more than feather-edged, in all widths, and the red of the holly-berry.

Breakfast Jackets Becoming.

For women who make it a practice to go out very soon after breakfast there are matinees or breakfast jackets, and they are especially becoming with the long and flared skirt of the day, or even with the seamless model, for their long skirts give a

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OUR SHORT STORY

"Beloved of the Gods."

"How energetic you are!" The speaker was lounging in the stern of the boat, his head on the cushions, and a cigarette, just removed from his lips, between his fingers. His eyes rested with affectionate admiration on the girl who had been manipulating the oars with considerable vigor and skill for the past half hour. A heat haze, gaily blue and dense, lay on the smooth waters of the bay, and the land appeared doubtful and indistinct. An occasional cry from the children playing on the shore indicated, however, that the sands were less cramped to judge. It was a day for dreams, and if the man was already indulging himself, the girl was at least beginning to feel the spell of the August afternoon, for, although she continued rowing, the lids were drooping over her gray eyes and her lips parted slightly. Her companion continued to watch her, and presently, with a faint smile, pulled one of the rudder ropes toward him and turned the boat from the course across the bay straight out to sea.

The faint gurgle of the water at the prow was inexpressively soothing, and the regular, monotonous dip of the oars, followed by the contact of their leathers with the rowlocks, was an accompaniment half suggestive of a song. The sounds from the beach grew less, but from somewhere in the unseen came the beating of paddles. The little craft glided on until, disturbed, perhaps by the noise of the distant steamer, the girl opened her eyes.

"Goodness! Where are we, Stephen?"

"Dunno, dear," was the lazy response.

"But we're out of sight"—a little doubtfully.

"I hope so," he said, raising himself and turning his head to look astern.

"Yes," with a satisfied grunt. "We're out of sight."

"Oh, Stephen, how could you do it?" reproachfully.

"It's all right, Ruby. We're not very far from home. Come over and sit here. I want to talk to you."

"But I wish I knew where we were, Stephen."

"You're with me, and I'm with you. Isn't that good enough?"

"No!" with a contradictory little smile.

"Come here, then, and tell me what more you want."

She pulled in the oars, smoothed the sleeves of her white blouse, and rose and stepped over to the house for her

twelve o'clock dinner. He made room for her, putting the cushion between her back and the hard-edged board.

"What more do you want, Ruby?" he asked again, taking her arm and laying it around his neck. She looked into his face for a moment.

"Nothing in the world, dear," she half sobbed, meeting his kiss.

"Are you so happy, lassie?"

"Oh, far too happy, Steve."

"Nonsense, my dear," he drew her closer. "The more you love me, the more I love you."

"I don't believe there are two other people in the world so much in love as we."

"I'm afraid, Steve, you're getting conceited," she said, joining his laugh.

"No wonder!"—looking intently at her—"no wonder, Ruby."

"We've had some awful good times," she said reflectively.

"Better to come, dearest. It's only three weeks and two days now," he whispered. Her delicate sunburn deepened.

"What a memory for dates you have, Stephen," she remarked lightly, but fondly.

"But do you know, I dreamt last night that there was to be no wedding."

"You dreadful little Scotch lassie! You're always introducing something sad."

"You terrible big Englishman," she retorted, stroking his cheek, "you can't think what a relief it was!" she paused.

"Oh, Ruby!"

"To wake up," she laughingly added, hiding her face as his shoulder reached them now in great green, oily rollers, lifting the boat with grave and gentle dignity; then followed half a dozen quick narrow waves, swinging her jerkily from side to side. All eyes still again, and Ruby shut her eyes.

"Sleepy?" asked her lover.

"No, just glad, dear." So there was silence awhile. "Tell me something, Stephen," she said at last.

"I love you."

"That's nothing!" she retorted, with a flicker of her closed lashes and a stirring at the corners of her mouth.

"It's everything, darling," he answered.

"Oh, well, half of everything, then," she corrected, sweetly.

He bent over her whispering instead.

"Ruby, Ruby, sometimes it all seems too good to be true. Do you think God loves us better than other people?"

"I don't know about other people,

dear," she said, "but we have got all we want."

"If I were to lose you, Ruby," he began passionately, but she laid her fingers on his lips.

"You won't do that! Oh, laddie," she cried, giving way to her heart, "you won't ever lose me."

Later, Stephen said, "You love me best when you call me 'laddie.'"

She smiled and flushed. "I forgot," she said. "It's one of mother's words."

"It's a dear word, lassie. You must not let it get lost when we're living in London town. I'll want to hear it often."

"Will you laddie?" she sighed tenderly.

"Yes, Ruby, both when things go wrong and when things come right."

The girl looked over the water meditatively. "It's wonderful how everything of ours has come right so far, Steve. Never a trouble! Our true love has run smooth, anyhow."

"It has been a beautiful year, Ruby, darling. Why, we've never had a quarrel, have we?"

"No; we never had time for that."

"Tell me," he said, "have you ever cried about anything this last year?"

"Only when you had to go back to London, and—hesitating—"and when I heard you were coming to see me again."

"But you've never been really sorry for anything?"

"No; and you, Steve?"

"Never once, dear, thank God."

"Thank God," she echoed softly and shyly.

The afternoon waned, and the warm haze increased. "The tide is flowing now," remarked Stephen, looking at his watch, "so we must be drifting comfortably into shore."

"Very slowly, I'm afraid," said the girl.

"Are you in a hurry?"

She shook her head contentedly.

"Stephen, will it be always like this?"

"Always, my dear, my dear."

"A sudden sharp sound behind them made Stephen leap up. "My God!" he exclaimed, "the oars, Ruby."

A large steam yacht, with her delicate black lines and smart yellow funnel, was almost on them. Her white sails were set, and those on board were shouting; then came the sharp ring of the telegraph signaling "full speed astern."

But the small boat was doomed. Even as the yacht shifted her helm, Stephen took two rapid steps in the same direction. "Don't hold me, Ruby!" he cried. "I'll save you!"

But she clung around his neck. "You won't lose me, Steve?"

There was no tremendous crash, for the yacht had been going at half speed on account of the haze, but she had sufficient way on, despite her reversed engines, to upset the small craft. At the moment of the collision Stephen caught at a rope hung to him, but missed, and with his sweetheart's arm about him, he fell against the steamer's side and into the sea.

"Stop the engines!" yelled the man in the bows, perceiving an awful danger. The captain had observed it, too, for again the telegraph rang, and the yacht came to rest. But a girl who looked over the yacht's stern gave a pitiful cry, and slipped to the deck in a dead faint.

Almost immediately a boat was in the water, and two of the crew, with the owner, a burly American millionaire, sprang in and rowed astern. They had not far to go, and the silent people on the yacht saw the lovers pulled on board. It was then that the captain whispered to one of the men of the party, "The ladies to go below at once, sir."

Very slowly the boat returned to the yacht, and when it neared the side the two sailors did not look up, and the American was bending down in the stern, sobbing like a child.—From Madame, in New York Times.

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Toronto, Dec. 24—11 a.m.—Probabilities—Lower lakes: Fresh to strong westerly winds; fair; local snow flurries; lower temperature. Local temperatures.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at this observatory here yesterday were 42 and 30.5 above.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Rev. Thomas Wilson completes his interesting course to young people in King Street Church tomorrow evening.

—Christmas cheer was yesterday distributed to over thirty families by the King's Daughters of Dundas' Center Methodist Church.

—Two scarlet fever cards were put up by the health inspector yesterday, one on Waterloo street north and the other on Lorne avenue.

—At a meeting of Socialists, held at Theobald's Hall last night, speeches were delivered by Messrs. A. B. Barter, Darch, Ashplant and Mr. and Mrs. Westland.

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—The old weather saw that "as the days lengthen the cold strengthens," can be depended upon, and as the shortest day of the year is past the verification of the adage may be looked for. Today (Saturday) the sun crossed the meridian line at exactly 12 noon.

—The first hockey match of the season takes place at the Jubilee rink Monday morning at 11 o'clock, between the Ingersoll and the City League Jubilee Team. The Ingersoll team is a strong one, and the Jubilees have four new men, so the game promises to be fast and exciting.

—The Ontario Government has not yet been officially notified of any demand by the Washington authorities for the surrender of Brown, the pug-ile held here, charged with the murder of Policeman Toohy, on the ground that the prisoner was kidnapped in United States territory.

—The services in the First Congregational Church tomorrow will be appropriate for Christmas Day. Mr. Pedley, in the evening, will conclude the present series of sermons, and announce another one for the new year. A special offering will be taken to close the year free of debt.

—Mr. Ernest Hastings, B.A., LL.D., of Parkhill, the Canadian actor playing in San Francisco, has received \$10,000, bequeathed him by an unknown benefactor in Lancashire, England. The story of the romantic bequest was told six weeks ago. The lucky man in a letter to his brother, a student at Trinity University, Toronto, rejoices in the receipt of the cash.

—Late yesterday afternoon ice about four feet thick began to ride over the waterworks dam. The sunken steamer Thames was carried within twenty feet of the dam, where the great weight of ice piled into the old craft and again sunk her. Efforts will be made to have the boat removed, in order to prevent her going over the dam, and doing serious injury.

—The choir of St. Andrew's Church will render special Christmas music on Sunday. The choir will be assisted by Mrs. Lumsden, who will sing "The Christ Child." The services will include "The Birth of a King," anthem, solo by Mr. J. W. McIntosh; carol, "Christmas Bells are Ringing"; solo, "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings" (Messiah), Miss E. Harrison; chorale, "Sing, O Heavens," organ, preludes, "Pastorale in E," by Lemare; "Pilgrims' Chorus," from Tannhauser, and "Hallelujah Chorus," from Messiah.

—The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of King Street Presbyterian Church was held yesterday, the presiding lady, Mrs. Thomas Wilson, in the chair. The secretary's and treasurer's reports showed the society to be in a good condition. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Maggie Wade; first vice-president, Mrs. S. Clare; second vice-president, Mrs. D. H. Dobbin; secretary, Mrs. Thomas Link; financial secretary, Mrs. George Ewen; treasurer, Mrs. Taylor; supply committee, Mrs. Maitland, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Wilson.

—The following list of patents recently granted to inventors residing in Canada is reported for The Advertiser by P. J. Edmunds, international patent solicitor, London: United States patents—R. Burger, Toronto, refracting globe or chimney for lamps; F. Carveth, Toronto, hook and eye; L. Cockburn,

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THE CHRISTMAS TEA.

The annual Christmas entertainment and tea of the Elizabeth Street Christian Church Sunday school, in the East End, was held on Thursday evening. There was a large attendance of scholars, all of whom enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. George Johnston, assistant superintendent, occupied the chair, and introduced the following programme: Song, "Joy Bells," infant class; reading, Nellie Doidick; song, the school; address of welcome, Lily Hutson; song, infant class; recitation, Pearl Baker; dialogue, by fourteen scholars; recitation, Mattie Rogers; song, the school; recitation, Emma Jean; recitation, Ethel Russell; song, the school; recitation, Roy Hickson; song, Lizzie Biswarick; recitation, Miss Bidnall; song, the school; recitation, Daisy Russell; song, infant class; recitation, Lily Hill; recitation, Ethel Daggar; song, the school. Miss Jennie Kilgour acted as accompanist.

EAST MISSOURI WEDDING.

A very pleasant event occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. McMillan, on Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, when their eldest daughter Jessie E. was united in marriage to Mr. H. M. Ramsay, a prosperous young farmer of West Missouri. The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Smith, M.A., B.D., of Thamesford. The bride, who was away by her father, was handsomely attired in a costume of cream cashmere trimmed with pearl ornaments, Brussels net and lace. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Sadie, who wore cream serge trimmed with pearls and lace. The groom was supported by his brother, Mr. James Ramsay. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining-room, where a tempting repast, was served and congratulations shed upon the newly-wedded couple. The nuptial wedding presents testified to the high esteem in which the young couple are held by their many friends. The evening was most delightfully spent. Excellent music was furnished by the Currie Bros., of Belmont, and the young people danced till daylight, after which Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay departed amid showers of rice and good wishes for their new home on the 5th con.

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CONCERT AND ASSEMBLY.

An enjoyable concert and assembly was given in Germania Hall, Richmond street, last night, by the cigarmakers' local union, No. 273. The attendance was large and the programme was an excellent one. Mr. James Donnelly, president of the union, made a few happy remarks in opening the concert. The chair was occupied by Mr. Jos. Kelly. The members of the company who were burned out at the Music Hall on Monday night took a prominent part in the programme, and were warmly applauded. Local talent also participated, among the latter being Messrs. F. Gruber and E. Ardell, instrumentalists; Messrs. J. O'Neill, J. Birmingham, J. Williams, James Clark and M. Knapth, vocalists; Messrs. Walsh and Allen; dancing, Miss Florence Small, and a banjo and guitar duet, Mr. and Miss Lillmann. The

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music for the assembly was furnished by Ensign's orchestra, and Messrs. F. McGeary and S. Taylor were the floor managers. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of Messrs. J. Kelly, chairman; A. W. Jones, secretary, and Frank McGeary, treasurer.

AT THE GRAND. "Under Sealed Orders," in many respects one of the strongest plays seen here this season, was put on at the Grand again last night before as good an audience as could be expected at this time of depleted purses. Maurice Freeman, as Andre Sanson, a human fiend, hideous and full of hate, a cunning madman, crazed by the desire for revenge and thirsting for the blood of his enemies, won storms of applause from the pit, and hisses from the gallery. Nadine Winston made a beautiful Julie, and she not only looked the part of the passionately devoted child of the desert, but she interpreted a wide range of emotions with admirable feeling and expression. Raymond Whitaker, as Tom Mulville, gives some promise. Neither Joseph Damery, as the Arab chief, nor George Fulton, as an eccentric French scientist, are quite equal to their parts, but the play is on the whole in fairly capable hands. The staging is unexceptionable.

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GREETING!

The Christmas Pastoral of the Bishop of Huron.

To the laity of the Diocese of Huron, greeting: Dear brethren,—At no time in the past history of the diocese has there ever arisen an occasion which so loudly demanded the earnest loyalty and substantial sympathy of the laity as the present moment. You are aware how many of your clergy, for whom I know you entertain the most profound respect, have suffered severely throughout the past year by the serious diminution of their at all times scanty incomes. It is needless for me to say that this reduction, which has been owing to the depressed condition of the mission fund, must have sorely distressed not only the clergy themselves, but also their wives and families. And now, when soon the merry bells from our belfry towers will be ringing out the advent of another Christmas tide, and when God's goodness in the late abundant harvest has placed vast resources in your hands, may I ask your kindly assistance and sympathetic remembrance of those noble and devoted men who so faithfully labor among you, and endeavor, by every effort, to lead you onward in the heavenly way. Trusting you will do even more abundantly than I ask, I remain, your brother in the Lord.

MAURICE S. HURON.