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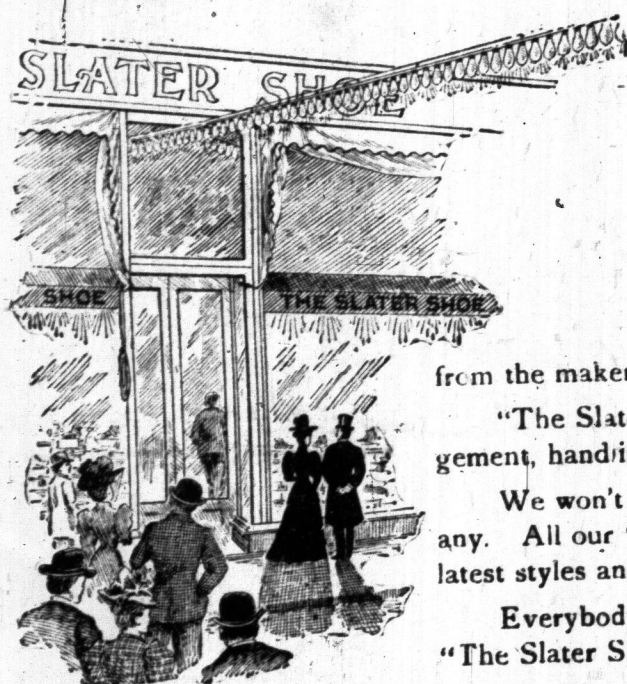
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### MOBILIZE FLEET.

#### Britain May Put 666 Ships of War in Commission

#### And Then Call out 200,000 Fleet Great and Last Effort.

New York, Feb. 2.—A special London cable says:—Britain's entire fleet and her entire volunteer force are to be mobilized at once. This was practically settled at the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday. Many retired and half-pay officers have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for active service. Officers of the Royal Navy Reserve, who are serving on merchantmen all over the world, have been notified by cable to expect commissions on warships.

This is the answer of the British fleet to the snarling of the other world navies of Europe. It is her challenge to the world.

Six hundred and sixty-six ships of war are to go into commission, and two hundred thousand volunteers. The volunteers' terms of enlistment do not permit of their being called out for foreign service, so it is undoubtedly the intention to garrison the forts and

military stations, and to relieve the regulars now thus employed, for service in South Africa. This order will liberate 50,000 regulars for the war. The mobilization of England's gigantic fleet will be something of a problem, but men in the Royal Naval Reserve will be employed, and no doubt is expressed as to the ability of the Admiralty to solve the problem.

This news has caused a sensation in England.

CHICAGO MARKETS.				
	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2
May	68 1/2	69 1/2	68 1/2	69 1/2
Corn—Sept.	32 1/2	33 1/2	32 1/2	33 1/2
May	33 1/2	34 1/2	33 1/2	34 1/2
Oats—Sept.	23 1/2	24 1/2	23 1/2	24 1/2
May	24 1/2	25 1/2	24 1/2	25 1/2
Pork—Dec.	10 7/8	10 9/8	10 7/8	10 9/8
May	10 9/8	10 11/8	10 9/8	10 11/8
Lard—Dec.	9 7/8	10 1/8	9 7/8	10 1/8
May	10 1/8	10 3/8	10 1/8	10 3/8
Ribs—Oct.	5 8/8	5 9/8	5 8/8	5 9/8
May	5 9/8	5 10/8	5 9/8	5 10/8

Minard's Lintment for sale everywhere.

### LOCAL BRIEFS

Capt. Robson's majority in East Middlesex is 47.

W. J. McKee, M. P. P. of Windsor, announces intention of retiring from public life at the death of the present legislator.

Word was received at noon to-day of the death of Captain Shanks, an old resident of Romney, in Washington Territory.

The scaffold for Stewart's execution at Sandwich on Tuesday has been erected. He heard the hammering without a tremor.

The water commissioners did not hold their regular meeting last evening, owing to the absence of Dr. J. L. Bray and W. D. Sheldon, who were curbing in Windsor.

Conductor McCaw, of the L. E. & D. R. R., is confined to the house. A. R. Devitt is taking the morning train to Walkerville during the illness of Mr. McCaw.

The directors of the West Kent Agricultural Society will meet on Wednesday to consider the changing of the date of the fall fair from the 17th of September to a later date.

## AN ENORMOUS FORCE.

### Great Britain has 213,000 Men

#### EITHER IN SOUTH AFRICA OR ON THE WAY THERE—BULLER LIKELY TO ATTACK THE BOERS AGAIN.

London, Friday, Feb. 2, 4.30 a. m.—Mr. Wyndham's declaration in the House of Commons that Great Britain will have in a fortnight 180,000 regulars in South Africa, 7,000 Canadians and Australians, and 25,000 South African volunteers, is received with wonderment. Of this total of 213,000 troops, with 452 guns, all are now there with the exception of about 18,000 that are at home. Beyond comparison, this is the largest force Great Britain has ever put into the field. At the end of the Crimean war she had scraped together 80,000 men. Wellington at Waterloo had 25,000. Mr. Wyndham's speech was the strongest defence the Government has yet put forward as to what has been done and is being done. The general tone of the morning papers is that his figures will astonish the country. Roughly speaking only 80,000 men are at the front. Ten thousand are shut up at Ladysmith. Excluding these there are 7,000 troops which have not yet been in action, in addition to those at sea. Why so many effective men have not yet been engaged is explained by the lack of land transport and the organization of supplies, to which Lord Roberts is devoting his genius for details. It seems as though the weight of these masses must destroy the equilibrium which now holds the British forces stationary wherever they are in contact with the Boer army.

**THE SITUATION.**

Cable reports received during the last 24 hours do not further change the military operations. Various independent correspondents confirm the report that Gen. Buller told his troops on Jan. 23, that he hoped to relieve Ladysmith within a week. It is believed in some rather trustworthy quarters that he is again assaulting the Boer lines.

The war office has no news of Gen. Buller's alleged movements as reported by the St. James' Gazette, but the paper says it has no reason to doubt the correctness of its information, although it has not yet learned the exact positions Gen. Buller seized. General Buller maintains silence as to his future movements, but it is generally supposed he is maturing another attempt to reach Ladysmith.

The Boers are still constructing defensive works opposite Potgieter's Drift. A strong cavalry reconnaissance by Lord Dondonald proceeded westward in the vicinity of longer's Spruit, and found the road clear.

The natives persist in asserting that Gen. Joubert was killed by a shell outside of Ladysmith.

A Cape Town despatch says that over 1,000 shells have been thrown into Kimberley by the Boers in the last three days.

#### THEY QUIT THE BOERS.

London, Feb. 2.—A special from Rensberg, dated Saturday, says:—Three English Afrikaners and a man named Donald Stewart, belonging to Glasgow, came into Cape from the Boer lines, where they had been unwilling combatants. The Scotchman said they had no meat whatever, and that others were watching for a chance to follow the example of himself and companions. The Boer commander, he said, was mainly composed of three varieties of exploding bullets, usually used for sporting purposes. Everything is quiet here.

A runner who had arrived at Sterk-

strom, brought a letter from Alval North, in which it is announced that the Boers have reopened the line to Burgersdorp, as their supplies were short at Stormberg. The plains being dry, the camp of burghers has been moved back to Stormberg Heights, which are still held.

Buluwayo, Saturday January 20.—A message from Colonel Plumer, who was at Gaborone with the Mafeking relief force, says he has received a message from Col. Baden-Powell, dated Mafeking, Jan. 17, saying:—All well during the past fortnight. Have been pushing out the trenches towards the enemy's big guns, and on January 16 their 94-pounder and high-velocity Krupp evacuated their positions and retired eastward of the town, whence they are capable of little damage. Have thus pushed the enemy on three sides well out of rifle shot. Have opened a new grazing ground for cattle. The enemy still has two strong positions on the east side which we hope to shift with dynamite.

### THE WALKER CUP

#### Ridgetown Does Some Good Curling for it.

#### The Chatham Rinks Beaten by Toledo—The Contest in Detail.

The Windsor bonspiel for the Walker cup and medals began yesterday morning with 11 clubs in competition. Ridgetown and Tilbury, and Detroit and Sarnia played at the Detroit rink.

#### SCORES OF THE FIRST DRAW.

Pontiac—Rink No. 1.  
J. Lee, W. Lightfoot, H. H. Calvin, H. J. Davis, skip—5.  
Windsor—Rink No. 1.  
E. A. Hoare, F. B. Matthews, R. McDonald, D. Stewart, skip—19.  
Pontiac—Rink No. 2.  
J. McCallum, Dr. Brody, A. Webb, A. North, skip—11.  
Windsor—Rink No. 2.  
C. J. Wall, A. G. Knowles, Jas. Anderson, Dr. Ashbaugh, skip—18.  
Totals, 16 and 37. Majority for Windsor, 21.  
Ridgetown—Rink No. 1.  
Thatcher, McMacon, Laing, Campbell, skip—16.  
Tilbury—Rink No. 1.  
Johnston, Ferguson, Scott, Crawford, skip—10.  
Ridgetown—Rink No. 2.  
Eastlake, Dauphin, Reid, Trux, skip—19.  
Tilbury—Rink No. 2.  
Richardson, Wolcott, Ripper, Sharp, skip—7.  
Totals, 35 and 17. Majority for Ridgetown, 18.  
Detroit—Rink No. 1.  
J. Ford, B. Hutton, J. Stevenson, W. Craig, skip—16.  
Sarnia—Rink No. 1.  
P. Clark, S. Cook, Capt. Robertson, J. McGibbon, skip—14.  
Detroit—Rink No. 2.  
T. C. Ouellette, A. W. Buxter, J. S. Keen, F. Bamford, skip—13.  
Sarnia—Rink No. 2.  
J. H. Hamilton, H. Wann, R. McKenzie, D. McKenney, skip—18.  
Totals, 29 and 32. Majority for Sarnia, 3.

#### THE SECOND DRAW.

Windsor—Rink No. 1.  
E. A. Hoare, F. B. Matthews, R. McDonald, D. Stewart, skip—21.  
Grand Rapids—Rink No. 1.  
N. F. Avery, C. A. Hauser, D. Forbes, W. S. Hull, skip—9.  
Windsor—Rink No. 2.  
C. J. Wall, A. G. Knowles, Jas. Anderson, Dr. Ashbaugh, skip—11.  
Grand Rapids—Rink No. 2.  
C. A. Renwick, W. L. White, H. P. Belknap, J. McNabb, skip—18.  
Totals, 33 and 27. Majority for Windsor, 6.  
Toledo—Rink No. 1.  
J. Reid, C. Counter, A. H. Coldham, Dr. Coldham, skip—11.  
Chatham—Rink No. 1.  
J. Fleming, W. D. Sheldon, R. V. Bray, Dr. Bray, skip—15.  
Toledo—Rink No. 2.  
J. Pheatt, S. Winans, W. G. Alexander, W. B. Ireland, skip—19.  
Chatham—Rink No. 2.  
F. J. Judson, J. McCole, J. Lamont, J. Dunlop, skip—9.  
Totals, 30 and 24. Majority for Toledo, 6.  
London—Rink No. 1.  
P. H. Tume, C. Sterling, J. McWhinnie, J. M. Barnett, skip—9.  
Thamesville—Rink No. 1.  
W. F. Mayville, F. Fleming, J. Howitt, A. Nickle, skip—15.  
London—Rink No. 2.  
D. M. Graham, J. H. McIntosh, A. Talbot, W. B. Strong, skip—16.  
Thamesville—Rink No. 2.  
N. Cornwall, A. Watts, R. Ferguson, Dr. Davis, skip—12.  
Totals, 25 and 27. Majority for Thamesville, 2.

**THE THIRD DRAW.**

Toledo—Rink No. 1.  
J. Reid, C. Counter, A. H. Coldham, Dr. Coldham, skip—5.  
Ridgetown—Rink No. 1.  
Thatcher, McMacon, Laing, Campbell, skip—16.

Toledo—Rink No. 2.  
J. Pheatt, S. Winans, W. G. Alexander, W. B. Ireland, skip—9.  
Ridgetown—Rink No. 2.  
Eastlake, Dauphin, Reid, Trux, skip—21.  
Totals, 15 and 37. Majority for Ridgetown, 22.

### FOOLISH THREATS

#### May Lead the Boers to Lay for the Canadians.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 2.—Private F. C. Page, of the governor-general's bodyguard, who is now at Belmont with the Canadian contingent, under date of Dec. 22, writes as follows:—

"We capture Boer prisoners very frequently and herds of cattle, sheep and goats are driven in nearly every day. The Boers are very much afraid of the Canadians on account of the reports they have heard of our having 1,000 of the best sharpshooters in the world, and when we meet them will show them no quarter. 'Death to the Boers' being our motto."

### GLENNHEIM

Feb. 2.—Our local whist players feel quite elated over winning in the contest last Wednesday night with Chatham and speak in the highest terms of the hospitality of Dr. and Mrs. McKaugh.

Remember lecture to-night in Trinity Church by Rev. J. C. Farthing, Woodstock. Cancel your other engagements and attend this and you will never regret it. The reverend gentleman's subject will be, "What the nation owes the church."

James Sterling and E. L. Wedge are on a business trip to Hamilton. T. W. Pearson is opening up his old store with a full line of groceries. Mr. Myland is retiring.

A. L. Fletcher will sell out. He intends moving into town. The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Balcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered to any part of the town.

### MARRIED WOMEN

If you are irregular or troubled with suppurating write to MRS. MARION WILMOT, Box 11, Bridgeburg, Ont., and she will send you the formula that will relieve the worst case in two to five days. No pain. This receipt has brought happiness to hundreds of anxious women. dtt-daw

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## The Planet

S. STEPHENSON, Proprietor.

## EAST MIDDLESEX RECORD.

The London Advertiser tries to comfort itself over its defeat in East Middlesex in this way:

"Subject, therefore, to slight variations in the official returns, Mr. Robson's majority would seem to be the slim, even if sufficient, total of 46, in a constituency that has hitherto given opposition majorities up to 500. The contest has been a keen one, and it indicates that the hitherto supposedly safe opposition seat of East Middlesex can no longer be counted on by opponents of the government, even when they bring on their admittedly strongest candidates in the riding. As the opposition were in possession of the seat previously, the government were in the happy position of having everything to gain and nothing to lose; so that, so far as East Middlesex is concerned, Premier Ross is no worse off, and the opposition no better off, in the house than before. The only difference is that the majority in a hitherto supposedly strong opposition seat has been reduced in favor of the government to a handful."

The Advertiser seems to be a relic of the old style party newspaper, which deemed it good policy to try and deceive its readers in political matters. Happily the day of that kind of journalism has gone by. The Advertiser appears to be about the last of the old class, yet it doesn't seem to realize it. Now, instead of East Middlesex being a strong Conservative constituency, it has only gone Conservative at the provincial general elections. Since Richard Topley carried it in 1882. In 1886, Mackenzie, Liberal, won the riding from Routledge Conservative. In 1890, it was recaptured by Richard Topley for the opposition. In 1894 Frank Shore, a Patriot, carried it. In 1898 Hodgson, Conservative, retook it for the opposition by 95 majority. And this is the riding the Advertiser impresses on its unfortunate readers as heretofore safely Conservative by 500.

However, this great family journal will be generous and assume the Advertiser did not wilfully intend to deceive. Its mistake was probably due to ignorance. It probably didn't know that the constituencies of East Middlesex for legislative and Dominion purposes are quite different. One has a large Conservative majority; while the other has always been a hard-fought battle ground. As the Advertiser is published in the middle of the riding, it ought to know this, but it apparently doesn't, and is confounding the Dominion majorities with the provincial contests.

East Middlesex was Robinsonized.

A prophet hath no honor in his own land. Neither can Hon. G. W. Ross carry a close constituency in the vicinity of his own native birth. They evidently know George too well round East Middlesex.

The Sarnia Canadian wants to know why Duncan Bole, the alleged ballot box crook, was not arrested when he appeared in East Middlesex about the same time as Keep-Your-Man-Low Vance, Premier Ross and the rest of them? We really cannot answer the Canadian's question. It should apply to Hon. G. W. Ross, the attorney general. He probably knows more about Bole's immunity from prosecution.

## PATIENTLY BORE DISGRACE

A Sad Letter from a Lady Whose Husband Was Disgraced—How She Cured Him.



"I had for years patiently borne the disgrace, suffering misery and privations due to my husband's drinking habits. Hearing of your marvelous remedy for the cure of drunkenness, which I could give my husband secretly, I decided to try it. I procured a package and mixed it in his food and coffee, and as the remedy was odorless and tasteless, he did not know what it was that so quickly relieved his craving for liquor. He soon began to pick up flesh, his appetite for solid food returned, he stuck to his work regularly, and we now have a happy home. After he was completely cured I told him of the deception I had practised on him, when he acknowledged that it had been his saving; as he had not the resolution to break off of his own accord. I heartily advise all women afflicted as I was to give your remedy a trial."

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tion than anybody else. At least it is his place to know it.

Tall, slender girls of Irish parents make the best telephone operators. This information may somewhat compensate our esteemed friend, William Hickey, of Merlin, for the fact that Scotchmen seem to fit comfortably in all the public offices in this vicinity.

We always thought Woodstock a pretty small place, but the latest yarn from there seems to paint its meanness in excessively bright colors. It asked for plans for a new town hall. Among those sent was one from Architect Powell, of Stratford. Mr. Powell's plans were approved of, and then he was notified of their rejection. Now he alleges Woodstock used them on the quiet to build its town hall, thereby escaping paying for them.

## THE MODERN RICHARD.

Galt Reformer.

Lord Strathcona does not, like Richard of old, offer his kingdom for a horse. He does better—he offers his Horse for the Kingdom.

## EDITORS VS. GENERALS.

Toronto Telegram.

England cannot expect anything but disaster when the men who know everything are editing newspapers and the men who know nothing are leading armies.

## DO KINGSTON GIRLS SMOKE?

Eganville Star.

We published a district item a few weeks ago, which read: "It is no uncommon sight to see Kingston girls go into cigar stores and purchase cigarettes. There are a good many smokers among the fair sex."

The editor of the Matthews Tribune wants to know who told us. He says that Kingston was his home for years, yet he never saw a Kingston girl smoking cigarette, pipe or cigar. He thinks there must be some mistake.

Not at all, old man—not on our part, anyway. The item in question was taken from the Kingston Whig, and that paper ought to know what it's talking about.

## CONSERVATIVES HAVE THE PULL.

Ottawa Citizen.

A prominent member of the local Reform Association was filled with an intense feeling of indignation on Monday, over the recent appointments on the "hill." He said that the Conservatives were getting everything, and the Liberals nothing. "Not content with filling his cabinet with old Tories like Tarte, Cartwright, Scott, Dobell and Blair," he exclaimed, "Sir Wilfrid Laurier is now bestowing every good thing that falls vacant upon people of the same stripe of politics, many of whom have been actively working against us. It was only the other day that I wrote the premier a letter of remonstrance over the appointment of Miss —, the daughter of a prominent Conservative, and as an answer thereto, we have the Chapeau and Lamothe appointments. I feel so discouraged, that I mean to take the first junior county court judgeship that falls vacant, if I can get it."

## OUR BABIES.

By a Chatham Papa.

They're into mischief from morning till night.

They're playing together, then having a fight.

They're clean in the morning, at noon a fright.

Our babies.

They're making a litter all over the floor.

They're eating green fruit, then crying for more.

They're jangling the bell on our very front door.

Our babies.

They're making cocked hats out of this evening's news.

They're eternally crying, for their day to amuse.

They're teasing the bird and the cat they abuse.

Our babies.

They're tearing the hair all out of their dolls.

They're jumping around and have all kinds of falls.

They're laughing one minute and then its all squalls.

Our babies.

They're crying for dough when their mamma makes bread.

They're asking for pieces with sugar well spread.

They're stuffing themselves until they're near dead—

Our babies.

They're never contented, not even in bed.

They're kicking the clothes all over their head.

They're marking the walls from A down to Z—

Our babies.

They're laying asleep now, quiet and still.

They're all tired out, of play had their fill.

They're not troubling now, but tomorrow they will—

Our babies.

## CHARING CROSS.

The shooting match on Thursday last resulted in a victory for the side captained by W. Walker.

C. Howlett's condition is slightly improved.

Don't forget the Valentine Concert in the Foresters' hall on Feb. 14th.

Mr. Hicks, a student from Huron College, preached in the English Church here on Sunday, Mr. George going to Sandwich.

Frank Drury left on Saturday on a trip to eastern cities.

## HOMES FOR SOLDIERS

INSTITUTIONS ABOUT WHICH VERY LITTLE IS GENERALLY KNOWN.

Veteran Volunteers are Well Cared For in National Homes—Nineteen Thousand Inmates Supported at the Public Expense.

No part of the lately published volume containing the report of the Secretary of War is more interesting than the account of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, an institution about which but little is generally known.

This institution is composed of eight branch homes: to wit, the Eastern, the Central, the Southern, the Western, the Northern, the Pacific, the Marine and the Danville, situated in as many different States. Each of them is under the immediate charge of local officers appointed by the Board of Managers. The aggregate population of the homes is over 19,000. The general government of the institution is invested in a board of fourteen managers, three of whom, the President of the United States, the Secretary of War and the Chief Justice, are members by virtue of their offices.

The other eleven are chosen from time to time by Congress for a term of six years. The Board of Managers elects from its own members a president, two vice-presidents and a secretary, and, from non-members, an inspector-general, an assistant inspector-general and a general treasurer.

The president has his permanent headquarters in Hartford, Conn., and the secretary, at Princeton, Ill.; the Board meets from time to time at places agreed upon. The administrators of each branch home are selected by the Board of Managers from honorably discharged officers and soldiers; a recent inspection shows that their duties are discharged with commendable zeal and efficiency.

The purpose of this institution is to receive and care for veterans who have rendered service to their country as volunteers, but who are unable to earn a living by reason of disabilities incurred under the colors.

It is to be expected that unfortunate survivors of the Spanish-American War will be presently compelled to look to the Government for shelter, food and clothing, and the Secretary of War recommends that such legislation be enacted as shall admit honorably discharged soldiers, who have taken part in that contest to the Home for Disabled volunteers.

New buildings will be erected for the benefit of survivors of the Spanish-American contest and the report placed in the Southern States, where the advantages incident to a mild climate may be secured.

The records published here show that, of the 19,000 disabled volunteers constantly present during the past year, the average daily number of sick was 2,010 in hospital, 883 in convalescent quarters and 471 at sick call. They are said to receive proper care and attention from an excellent corps of surgeons and nurses. In the hospitals, trained female nurses have been substituted for the veterans to whom used to be delegated the charge of their sick brethren.

What the homes lack as yet is a central medical authority, who should either be a salaried member of the Board of Managers or an assistant to its president, and who should supervise the medical administration, especially as regards the purchase and distribution of medical supplies.

The mortality during the last year was 50.9 per 1,000, a proportion which speaks well for the medical administration, as, with the advancing age of the veterans of the Civil War, a higher death rate from year to year was to be looked for. The general condition and police administration of the grounds are exceptionally good, and, evidently, an effort is made on the part of the local officers to make and keep them attractive. — Collier's Weekly.

Once-Japanese Trees. An exhibition of Japanese floral and arboreal plants has been held at the American Art Galleries. To reproduce a Japanese garden plants and decorations have been brought over, and some are very rare specimens, many of them being the oldest in existence.

Geisha girls, who came over with the plants, poured tea in the garden, the entrance of which was like an old gateway, decorated with old stone ornaments.

The trees are nearly all dwarfed, this being done by clipping the roots. In the collection are a number of evergreens, ranging in age from 25 to 200 years, and most of them are trained to the shape of Fujiyama, the Japanese sacred mountain. One evergreen is reputed to be 1,100 years old, and the only one of the kind in the world; it is only ten feet high, and weighs about a ton. One of the beautiful specimens is the chi-shio or red maple; it is quite unlike any maple of this country, having fine, small leaves, and being of a delicate peachblow that it is nine feet high.

Of the remarkable specimens is a piece of mountain-sponge about two feet square, out of which there are growing ten dwarf trees of different varieties, such as pine, cedar, evergreen, and paulownia, some of them only a few inches high. A curious and rare specimen is the densiflora pine. The Japanese in the training of this tree have shown their usual love for reversing the natural order of things; the roots are nearly all exposed and growing in the air, while the tree, instead of being supported by the roots, actually supports the roots. The figa is so seen just how little root will keep the tree alive with the hope that in time by great cultivation this tree may flourish with barely a root.

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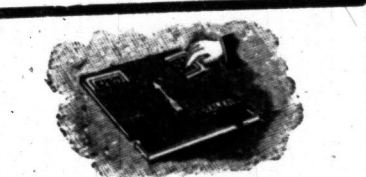
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**LOCAL BRIEFS**

To-morrow The 2 T's. will repeat the \$1 pant sale.

G. E. Young received his first direct shipment of Fresh Smelts yesterday.

To-morrow another \$1 pant sale at The 2 T's.

Radley's drug store is situated now nearly opposite the Standard Bank, and next to Young's grocery. Im.

Henry Stephens has moved in from the country to his handsome new residence.

The hockey match with Glencoe will not come off to-morrow night. The Glencoe cannot come here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dezelia, Head street, gave a dancing party to about 80 of their friends on Wednesday evening. Music was furnished by an orchestra.

Daniel J. Trombley, of Bay City, Michigan, wanted for the murder of his wife and child, was caught in Toronto through the medium of a letter which he posted in Chatham.

The regular meeting of the Ladies' Assisting Society will be held at the residence of Mrs. T. K. McKeand on Monday next, Feb. 5th, at 3.30 p. m. All members and friends are requested to attend.

**ALL A FAKE.**

It is said that the report in the papers that Dennis Donovan, formerly of Harwich, had been located in Dakota, is all a fake and it is alleged that the story was started for the purpose of spoiling the sale of a Harwich farm. Planet readers will remember that several years ago Mr. Donovan went to Chicago and disappeared. In the meantime his mother died leaving him the homestead in Harwich. All efforts to find Mr. Donovan proving unavailing his heirs have taken steps to have the property administered.

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The Paletot is becoming quite a favorite among good dressers, while the frock suit is the correct day dress.

**Morley & Co. TAILORS and IMPORTERS****TAKES 800 BOERS.**Report of a Big Capture of Gen-  
eral French at Rensburg.The Feeling Hopeful in London—Lat-  
est War News.

London, Feb. 2.—A report from Cape Town says Gen. French has taken 800 Boers near Rensburg. There is no official news from Gen. Buller's headquarters and the only information which has reached London is from a report supporting the reports that he has recrossed the Tugela river is found in the despatch announcing Lord Dundonald's reconnaissance, which is taken to indicate a prelude to renewed activity.

As the despatch is three days old and Lord Dundonald found no difficulty in crossing the river, it is not impossible Gen. Buller may have moved in the interim, and public anxiety is again concentrated on the upper Tugela.

President Gray, of the Young Conservative Club, of London, was in this city to-day. He stated to a number of friends that the work of the "Machines" in London West during the election on Wednesday was the worst that ever came under his notice.

The feeling in London is more cheerful.

In the recent turning movement Gen. Buller lost 1,885 men, but the vacant place was filled. The Boers have no chance of replacing the lost men with fresh soldiers. Looking at the matter in this light it seems inevitable that Jonhert will be beaten.

Few despatches are now allowed to come through from the seat of operations about Stormberg and Colesberg, and Gen. Roberts is clearly anxious to direct attention from the work in progress in co-operating with Gen. Gatacre and Gen. French. The Dutch garrisons both at Stormberg and Colesberg, have been reinforced, and the Boer strategists are striving to repeat their tactics at Magersfontein, Colenso and Spion Kop, by creating a new surprise by means of the British invasion of the Free State may be blocked.

The Prince of Wales to-day inspected a detachment of yeomanry about to start for South Africa.

**WAR NOTES.**

It is strongly rumored in parliamentary circles that the principal political object of Dr. Leyds is visiting Berlin, Berlin and St. Petersburg, is to induce France, Germany and Russia to intervene if Great Britain should attempt to seize Delagoa Bay.

Owing to the discovery that cotton khaki is insufficient protection for troops in South Africa, the government is starting to re-equip the forces in the field with woollen khaki, and has already ordered 96,000 suits in Glasgow alone.

A Calcutta despatch says that the Ammiral of Afghanistan has sent a special envoy to the Viceroy, asking whether during the present crisis he can count on effective British support in the event of the Russians attacking Herat.

**COUNTERFEITERS CAUGHT.**

Chief Wilkie, of the United States secret service, arrested Anthony Decker, a suspected counterfeiter from Canada, in Baltimore yesterday. Some counterfeit Molson bank five were found on him. The Hamilton police, on learning of the arrest, searched Decker's house in that city. A new \$2 counterfeit plate was found and Mrs. Decker was taken into custody. Paul Decker, a son of Anthony, was arrested at Woodstock, and in his possession were found, one complete plate for printing Molsons fives, five uncompleted plates, a note, printing press, and all the necessary paraphernalia for printing counterfeit bills. Hans Kuntz, a compatriot and confederate of Decker's, was arrested at St. Catharines, and in his possession were found a number of counterfeit plates, a note, printing press, and all the necessary paraphernalia for printing counterfeit bills. Decker has been fitting about Western Ontario for the past year, never staying long anywhere. He is believed to have spent a short time in Chatham.

**AN ELECTRICAL NOVELTY.**

An extremely attractive electrical display will be shown to-morrow night in connection with the Slater Shoe opening at Trudell &amp; Tobey's store. This is quite a novelty for Chatham, and those who have seen it in Toronto and Montreal say it is a marvel of brilliancy and beautifully blended colors. The proprietors of the 2 T's store, who now have sole control of the Slater Shoe here, show their progressiveness by securing this electrical plant, the installation of which is being conducted by Mr. Frank Hayes, our local electrician, who says it is a task of no small difficulty.

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CHATHAM, ONT**IN A TIGHT PLACE.**The Opposition Have Made a  
Tactical MistakeIn Trying at This Juncture to Make  
Political Capital out of the Nation's  
Embarrassment.

London, Feb. 2.—The debate on the amendment to censure the government was continued in the commons yesterday. The principal speech was made by Secretary Wyndham, who strongly defended the course of the government. As regards the forces engaged, Mr. Wyndham said that exclusive of the 8th division and the Fourth Cavalry Brigade, Great Britain had 412,000 foot and artillery, 3,700 cavalry, 36 siege guns, 38 naval guns, 26 howitzers, 54 batteries of Horse Artillery, and 234 field guns, while the forces of the two Republics were estimated in 1898 at 59,000 men.

The gossip in the lobbies indicates belief that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's support to the amendment has landed him in a tight place. The amendment, as a party move to unite all sections of Liberals, has failed. It has only resulted in rallying the supporters of the government, who had been considerably embarrassed by criticisms even on their own side. Moreover, the followers of Lord Rosebery will probably support the government. As the Irish members will abstain from voting, the ultimate majority will probably be even larger than usual. It is felt that the Liberals have been trying to make capital out of the crisis—an attempt which is utterly out of touch with the real feeling of the country.

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A Large Audience Present—Chairman Lewis' Address—The Program.

The handsome auditorium of the new Oddfellows' building was formally opened last evening by one of the most delightful concert programs ever held in the Maple City.

Long before the commencement of the entertainment a large and cultured audience had gathered in the handsome building, which was so fittingly ornamented for the occasion and hearty eulogies of its many advantages were heard upon every side. The hall is a most commodious and comfortable one. It is brilliantly lighted with a splendid incandescent service, the whiteness of the walls setting this off to considerable advantage. The ceiling is metal-tinted and exceedingly attractive and the acoustic properties of the auditorium are practically perfect.

The platform was becomingly encased with pleasing ferns and foliage, while over head the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were appropriately intertwined, the whole forming a most picturesque appearance. Ex-Ald. O. L. Lewis presided and, prior to introducing the program, alluded in appropriate words to the occasion. In 1870, he said, Chatham Lodge, No. 29, had invested some of their surplus fund in purchasing this property on King St. Shortly after they removed the dilapidated building thereon and erected a two-story building which was a very fair structure. A little over a year ago the members of the lodge decided to tear it down and erect such a structure as the present, but on the night of Feb. 14 of last year fire had removed the building for them and the work of erecting the present structure had proceeded. It was proposed on the 14th inst., the anniversary of the fire, to hold a formal opening when the officers of the grand lodge would be present and an elaborate banquet held. In conclusion Mr. Lewis paid an eloquent tribute to the building committee, Messrs. Bulfinch, Turner, Holmes, McCornie and Spencer, paying special eulogy to the chairman, O. B. Hulfinch. The present concert, he said, was under the auspices of the lodge.

### THE PROGRAM

of the evening was then proceeded with and proved to be of a very high class and enjoyable nature. It was presented under the direction of Miss Gertrude Mae Swan, the accomplished elocutionist, and reflected great credit upon that talented young lady. Each number of an exceedingly choice and varied series of renditions was in itself a treat, heartily eulogized and honored by an appreciative and delightful audience, and emphasizing the abilities of the artists themselves and the skill and enterprise of the lady director.

This is Miss Swan's second appearance before a Chatham audience and last evening she succeeded in winning additional laurels and encomiums. Miss Swan is a most accomplished elocutionist and her series of delightful renditions, with remarkably fine intonation, perfect gesture and admirable conception, won her repeated encores to which she gracefully responded. Miss Swan enters with ease and grace into the varied subjects of her efforts and the desirable effect on the audience is an audience. Each piece—and they were very varied in subject and circumstance—was rendered as became an accomplished artist of Miss Swan's ability.

The other numbers of the program were also exquisitely rendered. Miss Maude Oliver in her dual selections, Forbidden Music and Ave Maria from Cavalleria Rusticana, the latter with violin obligato by Henry McCaw, delighted everyone. Miss Oliver possesses a

soprano voice of marvelous range and sweetness, which always captivates and pleases.

Mrs. John Cooper's splendid rendition of the Absent-minded Beggar was admirable and won her an enthusiastic recall.

The duets by Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Wilson were also received with hearty applause.

Henry McCaw, the accomplished young violin virtuoso, was never heard to better advantage and his marvellous mastery of the instrument, brilliant technique and delightful tone production won cordial admiration.

Misses Lillian Pratt and Sara McCaw were the accompanists of the of the evening and did their work faithfully and well.

The program:

- PART I.
1. Vocal Solo, "The Absent-Minded Beggar" (Sullivan) Mrs. Cooper.
  2. "Grandfather's Yellow Rose" (M. E. Ditto) Miss Gertrude Mae Swan.
  3. Violin Solo, "Scève ire de Bude" (H. Leconsa) Mr. Henry McCaw.
  4. Violin Solo, "Forbidden Music" (Gastaldon) Miss Oliver.
  5. "The Pied Piper of Hamelin" (Robert Browning) Miss Swan.
  6. Violin Solo, "Cavalleria" (C. Bohm) Mr. McCaw.
  7. "The Veil" (Sir Alfred Lyale) Miss Swan.
  8. Vocal Duet, "The Swallows" (From Opera Mignon) Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Wilson.

### PART II.

1. "The Steep Chase" (From the London Assurance.)
- (The characters presented in this selection are, "Sir Harcourt Courty" (a dried up old fossil), "Max Harkaway," and "Lady Gay Spenser," who has just returned from the front and is searching for her husband.) Miss Swan.
2. Vocal Solo, "Ave Maria" ("Cavalleria Rusticana") (Braga) (By request) Miss Oliver.
3. Violin Solo, "Scève ire de Bude" (Anon) Mr. McCaw.
4. "The Lady of Shalott" (Tennyson) (By request) Miss Swan.
5. Vocal Duet, "Flora's Singing Lesson" (Horn) Mrs. Cooper and Mr. Wilson.
6. "A Woman's Description of a Play" (Detroit Free Press) Miss Swan.
7. National Anthem, Miss Pratt and Miss McCaw, Accompanists.

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### DRESDEN.

Feb. 2.—R. Fox of London, spent a few hours in Dresden last evening.

Rev. A. G. Jansen will deliver his lecture, "Holland and the Hollanders," this evening in the Presbyterian church. Mr. Jansen is a native of that country and the lecture will no doubt be an interesting one and the subject a well handled one.

Chas. Shaw is holding a fancy dress carnival at his ice rink to-night. Prizes are being offered for the best costumed lady and gentleman also for the most comical costume.

On Friday evening next the young people's societies of Dresden will give a patriotic concert in aid of our soldiers in South Africa. They deserve a good house.

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## STILL HOLDING ON

Buller Retains Control of the Drifts on the Tugela.

Evidently Getting Ready for Another Attack.

London, Feb. 2.—The Telegraph's correspondent sends these despatches from Spearman's Camp:

Saturday.—The whole of Warren's force returned to the south side of the Tugela River this morning. Gen. Buller and his staff attended to the operations throughout the night. Indeed, the General has been with Warren's men since Thursday morning. Our cavalry have partly rejoined the headquarters troops at Spearman's, but Warren's troops remain upon the west side of the hill. Our troops still hold the low detached hills north of the Tugela at Potgieter's Drift.

Sunday.—The Boers are firing upon Ladysmith. They have sent their guns there, and are shooting into the town from "Mount Bulwani." The Boers are apparently mounting a big gun at Brakfontein.

Sunday.—General Woodgate, though ill, still survives. The bullet remains in his head. Church parades were held to-day. Buller spoke to the men and thanked them for their gallant behaviour on Spion Kop, and also for the manner in which their comrades had gone forward to help each other on that perilous occasion.

### CLOSE FIGHTING.

Monday.—Conversation with our men who were on the fighting lines at Spion Kop reveals the fierceness of the Boer attack and the terrific havoc wrought by the enemy's shells. When the Boers were first seen they were a thousand yards away. They then descended into the hollow. When next it was possible to see them they were

only seventy yards off and our foremost lines sought shelter behind rocks. At this stage the first Boer shell burst, and the order was given for one regiment to retire to the edge of the kopje, where there was more cover. The order was misconstrued by some of the foremost trenches, who fell back. The Boers seized this opportunity, and rushed the trenches, capturing a few men. This mistake was soon observed; a bayonet charge followed and the Boers fled. Two of their Maxim-Nordenfeldts commenced to drop shells among us, doing terrible damage. The Boer riflemen, noticing the havoc wrought, attempted to creep closer upon two occasions, only to be driven back with loss. As they retreated they appealed to our men to surrender. Our response was a volley. The formation of the hill top is like a table, a mile long and a quarter of a mile broad. The shorter side alone was available for rifle fire. The firing party responding to the Boer attack was necessarily small. The remainder of our force was scattered about, seeking shelter.

Tuesday.—There is an optimistic feeling in all ranks. The troops are confident of ultimate success. Great enthusiasm was aroused by the Queen's message, and General Buller's speech expressing admiration for Gen. Warren's and General Clerly's divisions, and hoping they would reach Ladysmith in a week.

### THE LOSSES.

The war office completes this evening the list of the British casualties at Spion Kop by announcing the names of 215 missing men of various regiments, including 137 members of the Lancashire Fusiliers. This brings the total from the crossing of the Tugela to the abandonment of Spion Kop to 385 officers and men.

Advices from Spearman's Camp say that General Warren's retreating force crossed the Tugela River without the loss of a single man, but got away none too soon, a Boer 15-pounder firing at the cavalry column as it was getting. The Boers are mounting another big gun to fire on Ladysmith.

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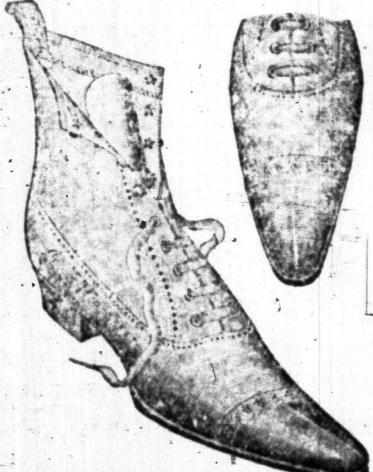
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## THE DISTRICT.

## FLORENCE.

We are having an extremely cold snap this week.

Miss Miller, Detroit, is the guest of friends and relatives here this week.

Misses Adamen and Osborne, of Zone, are learning the tailoring with W. Thompson.

Quarterly meeting services will be held next Sunday morning in the Methodist Church.

Miss Ridley entertained the C. E. Society at her home at Wednesday evening. A pleasant time was spent.

Geo. Cross, of Iowa, U. S., is spending the winter months with relatives in this vicinity.

We are glad to report that Ernest Webster is rapidly improving, after his attack of typhoid fever.

F. Buckrell, our general shoe merchant, is offering some extra bargains in all lines of his stock during the next few weeks.

Miss May Hillson has gone to Detroit for a few weeks' visit.

Ralph Humphrey, of Petrolia, spent a few days in town last week.

Harry Morrill, of Detroit, is home for an extended visit.

Mrs. Ira Law visited her parents here last week.

Albert Randall has given up his tailoring business and gone to St. Mary's, Penn., where he has obtained a good position in a lumber mill.

The band concert held last Friday evening was a grand success in every way. The "Modern Prodigal," the chief feature of the evening was extremely well rendered by the large audience. The Florence orchestra furnished choice music during the evening. Forty dollars was realized. The band purpose giving the full program at Shelton on Friday evening next.

## NORTHWOOD.

John Ball celebrated his 90th birthday on Friday last at his residence, lot 22, 3rd concession, Harwich. Mr. Ball is wonderfully preserved and very smart for a man of his years. His family consists of four daughters and one son. These are, Adolphus, a very prosperous farmer, who lives near by, Mrs. Geo. Spence, Ridgetown; Mrs. Thos. Smith, Kent Bridge; Mrs. Ward, Dover, and Mrs. McGregor, of Leamington. The old gentleman came over from England over half a century ago, and since that, until a few years ago, farmed extensively. He now lives a retired and quiet life. Mrs. George Spence, of Ridgetown, is visiting her father at present.

A little visitor has come to brighten the home of Duncan Curtis.

Boyle and Miss Mary Fry were married at Chatham on Wednesday 31st. They are the most successful business men in the village. He has been a prominent figure for the past five years. We join in wishing them a long and happy future.

Alex. McKechnie spent Tuesday in the village.

Henry Stephens and family have moved to their beautiful new residence, King street, west, Chatham 31st. The League will hold their election of officers on Wednesday evening. It is hoped a goodly number will be present.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Langford attended the musicale given by Mr. and Mrs. Duncan on Monday evening.

James Brown is slightly indisposed.

## MORPETH.

Dr. A. J. Stevenson, who has been practicing in the village for the past eight years, has decided to leave his practice here and remove to Ridgetown. His departure will be regretted by the whole community, as he has been one of the most successful physicians ever located in the village.

Quarterly service in connection with the Methodist Church will be held on Sabbath next. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Powell, will occupy the pulpit.

Wm. Taylor, Talbot St., who has been at work with an uncle near Oil City, for the past two months, has returned home.

Miss Gertrude Shaw, music teacher, has resumed her duties at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, near Cottam.

Miss Hattie Goff, Talbot St., who has been so very ill the past six or seven weeks, is somewhat better, but confined to her room still.

A concert under the auspices of the Epworth League in connection with the Methodist Church, will be held on the night of Feb. 12th, in the church.

The first gas well put down on his farm by Charles Giddis proved a failure, but a second one recently drilled has a strong flow of gas, and will no doubt be a success.

The late "Sandy" Robinson, whose death occurred near Blenheim, recently was well known in this vicinity, having spent his boyhood in the village.

Mrs. John Wade, of Aberdeen, South Dakota, arrived on Saturday to be at the bedside of her father, William Spencer, Talbot street, who has been dangerously ill for the past week, but is somewhat better at present.

## SIXTH CONCESSION, DOVER.

The Christian Endeavor was very largely attended last Friday evening and very ably by our esteemed teacher, Miss Clarke.

Tommy Burke is not improving as rapidly as we would like to have him. He seems to be much worse at present but hopes are entertained of his recovery.

After returning from town last Saturday evening T. L. Doolittle and Geo. Rivers met with what might have been a very serious mishap. While George was driving, a horse named George may be laid up for some time.

Miss Idella Hind has gone to Chatham to learn the dressmaking. She will be very much missed by a large circle of friends.

We noticed the marriage of A. Dolan, of Brentwood, Cal., to Miss Letty Barr, of Chatham township. We wish them every success in life and hope they may be spared to come back in the near future and visit old friends.

R. Stoen still enjoys bachelorhood at his home on the Baldon. By the gathering that was there a few evenings ago he has shown that he can entertain right royally.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, etc.

# The Windermere

## Dry Hot Air Hospital

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By DR. BURNS, Chicago.

The treatment of Rheumatism, particularly of the chronic form, is often far from satisfactory, either to the patient or to the physician, and up to the present has left much to be desired. Even in the most favorable cases, when the worst of the disease is past, there is a remnant of tenderness and stiffness about the articulations which are an inconvenience to the patient, if so a source of positive discomfort. The Dry Hot Air Treatment by the T. Willard Ready method, above 300 degrees F., applied to the affected part, in cases of long standing Ankylosis, not only produces speedy relief, but produces an absolute cure.

The knife, with its butchery shall no longer reign,  
Not water, as first made by God, Man shall know,  
When heat d with flame, as pure as his name,  
Shall disease dissolve, as the sun dissolves snow.

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ONE HUNDRED CENTS.  
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Cut this out, put it in your purse.  
It is worth a dollar in gold.  
Present it to the T. Willard Ready Hot Air Hospital.  
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date of issuing.

of which lies in advertising, you deal with a natural remedial agent, the physiological properties of which are as well known as those of air, and as definite in results as the dissecting knife in opening abscesses or removing tumors. Write for terms and literature.

HEAT, as is well known has for centuries been recommended as a topical agent for the treatment of localized inflammation, principally in Arthritis, Synovitis, Neuritis, etc., it was administered either moist or dry. Practice teaches that heat can be borne comfortably on comparatively high temperature, hence it is also more beneficial. The methods used, hot bricks, hot water bottles, bags containing heated salt, sand or heated plates, could be neither regulated nor maintained for any length of time, making renewal of agents necessary, and subjecting the heated parts to exposure to cold.

Lately the T. Willard Ready Hot Air Apparatus has been introduced to the medical profession, and a Sanitarium has been equipped in Stratford, to be known as "The Windermere Dry Hot Air Hospital" for the treatment of all diseases where dry heat is indicated. The T. Willard Ready Apparatus is so constructed as to isolate the air within the cylinder to remove all moisture and permit up to 1,500 degrees F. for an hour, or if need be, an hour and a half, not only without discomfort to the patient, but even the skin should be blistered, the high temperature drying any perspiration as soon as it appears on the Turkish towels absorbing it.

The following effects can be noticed:

- 1.—Pain, if any has existed, is diminished.
- 2.—The part treated becomes hypodermic, showing dilation of the capillaries.
- 3.—Effusion and deposits in joints, and, in fact, anywhere else, will be absorbed, adhesion broken up—consequently a stage is possible.
- 4.—Ankylosis removed, mobility of stiffened joints or limbs restored.
- 5.—Inflammatory conditions relieved, in fact affected parts become as normal as a stage is possible.
- 6.—Certain pathogenic germs necessarily would be annihilated if subjected to such high temperature, though the subjection of a tubercular joint or pyemic affection gonorrheal arthritis must be followed by good results.

The therapeutic properties of intense dry heat are Anesthetic (local), and Solvent (local).

In summing up these therapeutic effects of dry hot air (intense and mild), the reader should bear in mind that they are not merely theoretical deductions, but have been substantiated in actual chemical experience, and observation in many patients.

The question now is, in which cases is the treatment suitable. We could answer this in a general way, but believe in so far as the treatment is a comparatively new addition to therapeutics, to mention each separately, adding such remarks as may be necessary to prove its rationale.

First of all, the Rheumatic effects must be mentioned.

- 1.—Acute Articular Rheumatism. Whether this disease is due to an infection by germ, to cold or exposure, or to an abnormal intense heat, blood or system is not yet definitely decided upon, and makes little difference, as far as the T. Willard Ready Dry Hot Air Treatment is concerned. That much is fact that besides general symptoms, such as fever, for instance, one or more of the joints becomes quite red, swollen, painful and sensitive to touch or motion.

Pathology teaches us that the Synovial membranes of the joints become inflamed and exude a turbid, thin fluid. It is evident that as far as the local treatment of painful and inflamed joints is concerned, liniments

Our Opening Offer We will positively guarantee to cure Rheumatism. If we cannot cure you we return your money and it costs you nothing. It makes no difference how long you have suffered, if not benefited after a fair trial it costs you nothing. Who would not try our treatment under those conditions?

We make this proposition because, scientific physicians who have used the T. Willard Ready Apparatus with intense dry heat say it to be the standard method of treatment of these affections. Unlike formulas and drugs, the only merit of which lies in advertising, you deal with a natural remedial agent, the physiological properties of which are as well known as those of air, and as definite in results as the dissecting knife in opening abscesses or removing tumors. Write for terms and literature.

can be of little value. Remembering the Physiological properties of intense heat, we must readily see that an hour's treatment of the affected joint at a temperature of only 350 F. must necessarily reduce the inflammatory process and relieve pain. Rheumatic treatment should be practiced in addition, to prevent a metastatic spread of the disease which has been a main characteristic feature of acute articular rheumatism.

- 2.—Muscular Rheumatism. Similar as in Articular Rheumatism the so-called voluntary muscles and facial muscles are affected. The cases are the same, the symptoms are plain, as the pain and soreness can be located in one muscle or a group of muscles.

When the intercostal muscles of the chest are involved, as these muscles are also inflamed and somewhat swollen, it is evident that the T. Willard Ready Dry Hot Air Treatment is indicated.

- 3.—Chronic Rheumatism either begin in an acute attack or begin in a sub-acute form, with milder yet practically the same symptoms. It goes without saying, that the Ready Dry Hot Air Treatment of the painful stiff joints or muscles is just as indicated in the sub-acute and chronic and in the acute form.

- 4.—Acute Gout differs from acute articular rheumatism in so far that with similar symptoms the small joints are affected and the uric acid deposits are formed in the affected parts. It has been the experience of those physicians who have subjected the affected small joints of the toes and fingers to the Ready Dry Hot Air Treatment that in three to seven days, with heat from ten to fifteen days. Recognizing the pathology of acute gout we can readily see that the inflammation will be subdued and the deposits of uric acid absorbed.

- 5.—Chronic Gout. Following several acute attacks and characterized by uric acid deposits in the joints of the hands and feet practically deforming them, can hardly be cured by any other method than the Dry Hot Air treatment applied twice daily at intense temperature.

- 6.—Sciatica is either primary or secondary, that is to say the great nerve itself is inflamed or secondary, that is to say due to some tumor within the pulvic cavity or by hip disease. It is evident that in secondary sciatica the disturbing cause must be first removed before relief could be made permanent. In most cases of primary sciatica, however, the intense heat, if applied for an hour, and a half daily, will not only penetrate the sciatic nerve, but reduce the engorgement and inflammation of the nerve substance itself and thus early cure sciatica rationally, massage, electricity, either fail totally, or give at best but little and temporary relief. Sciatica has always been one of the favorite of medical professors, they have used electricity, they have blistered along the course of the great sciatic nerve.

- 7.—Gonorrheal Rheumatism. This is no rheumatism at all, but in reality an inflammation of one, or perhaps several, large joints, following gonorrhea, and due to metastatic infection by the gonococcus. The symptoms are the same as if we had to deal with a case of intense articular rheumatism, but the joint or joints, if not properly treated, may become so impaired as to be stiffened and useless; that is to say, partially or totally ankylosed. Here the Ready Dry Hot Air treatment will not only relieve at once, but prevent this result. The pathology is the same as in acute rheumatism, save that the mischief is caused by a different micro-organism.

- 8.—Arthritis means simply an inflammation of the joint. Therefore acute articular rheumatism is a rheumatic arthritis, and gonorrheal rheumatism, correctly speaking, is a gonorrheal arthritis. We mentioned arthritis for the sole purpose of reminding the reader that a blow, violence or fall may also produce it, and with it similar symptoms as in the rheumatic and gonorrheal forms. Tuberculosis is also a very frequent cause of joint disease, but primarily the synovial membrane only becomes involved, and then is known as a

- 9.—Traumatic Synovitis, or 10.—Tubercular Synovitis. It is hardly necessary to repeat what we have already said in regard to the Ready Dry Hot Air Treatment as regards these affections. Only that much we wish to add, that where heretofore tubercular joint troubles (synovitis or arthritis) were treated by intra-articular injection of certain antiseptics, the results, besides the pain which such treatment necessarily caused, were far from satisfactory, while now the inflammatory process is quickly checked, and the bacilli absolutely destroyed; for any tyro in medicine knows that even low temperature of heat are sufficient to kill the bacillus tuberculosis. The value of Dry Hot Air Treatment is perhaps best established in ankylosis (traumatic synovitis), as it has been frequently reported that patients who could not take a step on account of the pain have gone home after an hour's treatment.

- 11.—Ankylosis, the technical term for stiffness or immobility of the joints, can be successfully treated with dry hot air, if due to rheumatism, trauma, unless there is such extensive destruction of tissue as to make reparation impossible, or if the bones forming the joints are grown together. In such cases relief can be expected from osteoplastic operation only. In so-called fibrous ankylosis, the dry hot air treatment will be found an excellent adjunct to forcible breaking of the adhesions, prior to and immediately after the operation, when the pains incident to the breaking will be relieved at once and a lighting up of a dormant inflammation prevented.

ble, the parts being susceptible of ornamentation to form a neat and attractive piece of household furniture. To this end the head and foot sections as well as the bottom section of the bedstead are made up of end pieces connected to each other by diagonal crossbars connected by toggle joints after the manner of lazy tongues, the several sections being detachably connected in order that each independent section may be folded within the several sections, bundled together or carried separately.

THE T. WILLARD READY HOT AIR TREATMENT OF RHEUMATISM.

## EUGEN RICHTER.

The Prussian Leader Who Has Blinded the Kaiser's Plans.

Eugen Richter, who is making so prominent a figure in the attacks on the government in the Prussian diet, is one of the few men who were thoroughly hated by Bismarck, and whose leading trait is that which distinguished the iron chancellor.

Possessed of a thorough academic education, broadened by thirty years of work in journalism, Richter is a foe not despised by any of the government's representatives in the diet and parliament, and feared by most of them. He is essentially a German politician of modern tendencies and liberal ideas for which he stands with such stubborn determination and uncompromising attitude that he has few personal friends, though his influence in the political faction led by him amounts to almost absolute domination.

Richter was born July 30, 1838, and after a university career of four years, during which he studied law and national economy in Bonn, Heidelberg and Berlin, he entered the Prussian state service. When only 26 years old he was elected mayor of Neuwied, an industrial town of some pretensions in Rhenish Prussia, but he was not confirmed by the government, and when, in the same year, he was transferred again to his wish to a city in eastern Prussia, he quit the service of the state and devoted himself exclusively to journalism and politics.

As a journalist he became widely known as the editor in chief of the famous Dr. Stroussberg, and at the outset a paper of radical tendencies.

A year later Richter was elected to the constitutional convention of the North German confederation. And in 1871 he became a member of the Reichstag, the German parliament, to which he has belonged ever since. Since 1869 he has been a member of the Prussian diet, now in session.

Richter's political party at the beginning of his parliamentary career was that of the progressists, and it was largely his work that this party



EUGEN RICHTER, PRUSSIAN LEADER.

fused with the German Liberals in 1884, as a strong opposition to the Bismarckian of Germany. His readiness in debate and profound knowledge in financial politics early made him the leader of the united party, which was known as the "free" or liberal, though he quickly abandoned this party, when a majority of it in 1893 voted in favor of the army appropriation bill presented by the government. Richter then formed his own people's party, of which he is still the leader.

Dr. Stroussberg's Post did not continue very long in its radical tendency, but gradually turned toward the support of the government and is now what may be termed a semi-official organ with sources of information from the foreign office. The turn in the policy of the paper caused Richter's retirement from the editorship, and in 1882 he edited the weekly paper, "Der Reichsfreund," which continued until 1890. The Freisinnige Zeitung, a daily paper of great influence as an opposition organ, was started by Richter in 1885.

Richter is an indefatigable and in this respect his astounding knowledge in German political matters, especially those of national economy and finance, is aided by a vigorous constitution. Of his many works the "Heretics of Social Democracy" (Irreheren der Sozialdemokratie), and "Political Primer" (Politische A. B. C. Buch), are the best known. The last named, published in 1892, has had seven editions so far.

Folding Bed That Folds.

The bed shown in the cut does not transform itself into a refrigerator or a coal bin when not in use, but collapses so effectively that it can be pushed away in the tiniest closet. It occupies a minimum amount of space and when extended presents a bedstead which is strong and durable.



INGENIOUS FOLDING BED.

ble, the parts being susceptible of ornamentation to form a neat and attractive piece of household furniture. To this end the head and foot sections as well as the bottom section of the bedstead are made up of end pieces connected to each other by diagonal crossbars connected by toggle joints after the manner of lazy tongues, the several sections being detachably connected in order that each independent section may be folded within the several sections, bundled together or carried separately.







## SOME 19,000 BOERS

Have Succeeded in Keeping Bul-  
ler Out of Ladysmith.

Churchill Tells How the Enemy  
Comes to Present such a Strong  
Front—Wants More Men.

London, Feb. 2.—Spencer Wilkinson, in the Morning Post, today discusses a long despatch from Winston Churchill, dated at Pietermaritzburg, and describing the situation in Natal. He says:

"This despatch deserved to be closely read. It is an appeal to the public at home, and as it has been passed by the censor, may be taken to represent the feelings of General Buller's army. Mr. Churchill represents the difficulties of Gen. Buller's task in concise terms.

"The enemy will act with common sense. They will place outposts on the hills, and keep back their main body until they see the direction of Gen. Buller's movement. Then they will quickly bring up the main body and exterminate what defensive works they can, in addition to such as they have profusely prepared in anticipation of various possible advances.

"That is what everyone would expect them to do, and that their main body can move faster than Gen. Buller's main body can walk, was also pretty generally understood. The consequence is that the Boer army cannot be turned. It can present an entrenched front.

"According to Mr. Churchill, there are 7,000 Boers watching Ladysmith, the same number held ready to resist to reinforce either body at need. Gen. Buller has to attack 12,000 men entrenched on favorable ground. For that purpose Mr. Churchill thinks he ought to have 36,000 men instead of 25,000. In other words, Gen. Buller ought to have another division.

"This opinion coincides with the view we have all along expressed—that the centre of gravity of the war lies in Natal, and that a British victory there would be decisive, while a complete Boer success there would have disastrous consequences not easily estimated.

### BULLER NEEDS HELP.

"It seems difficult, in view of the strategy accepted at the war office as well as at Cape Town, to believe that Gen. Buller is to be allowed once more to attack a position with less than the numerical superiority of 3 to 1, which tactics are usually considered necessary for such a task. It is hardly intelligible that he should attack again without being reinforced. Apparently, however, a third attempt will be made without loss of time. It seems probable that the movement is now in progress. We must hope that the splendid bravery of our men will be rewarded by success. When Mr. Churchill says that 'the public must never be themselves,' he probably means to prepare our countrymen at home for heavy losses in the coming battle."

Winston Churchill's despatch from Pietermaritzburg, in addition to details respecting the position on the Tugela, gives a most interesting survey of the general position. He says:

"These most serious attacks upon the war office appear unjust. The general staff, in Africa, is of the finest quality, beautifully organized and equipped in all details, and has excellent artillery. The Boer guns are few, but splendid, and are cleverly handled. The Boers can find the range of moving targets at 7,000 yards, often at the first shot of our guns. We cannot explain how."

### BOERS ACT INDEPENDENTLY.

In an interesting comparison of British and Boer methods of warfare as illustrated during the battle of Spion Kop, showing how the British troops were cramped, mixed and disorganized and how the "machinery of attack" was shattered, he says: "This would not have affected the Boers, each of whom in pursuance of a general resolve either to hold or to evacuate a position, would have acted individually and quite independently of officers' orders. It was a case of a pack of hounds against a flock of sheep. But the next morning the British battalions were again collected and sold, showing the advantages of discipline. A similar loss would have disheartened the Boers and caused a general trek. Herein lies our expectation of ultimate success. The British have great recuperative powers. The Boers have none. The war, therefore, is brought nearer an end even by unsatisfactory operations."

Mr. Churchill, who anticipates that the consequences of the war will not be altogether evil, "as there will be a great increase of respect between the combatants, and less contempt, the former wedge of cleavage will be gone for ever." He recalls the American civil war, and says: "Union is never born without a trial, and after the refining flames have cooled, we shall find the pure gold of a more harmonious system. Let Great Britain persevere."

### THAMESVILLE.

Feb. 2.—The extreme cold is lengthening the cold and wood bills.

Rev. J. G. Kerr received from the members of the quarterly board a unanimous invitation to remain a fourth year as pastor here.

Mrs. James Mayhew received a telegram on Wednesday stating that her sister, Mrs. Beatty, of Lakota, Dakota, had died very suddenly. Mrs. Mayhew has the sympathy of all in the loss of her only sister.

The lecture given by Rev. J. C. Farthing, of Woodstock, on "The debt of the state to the church," proved very interesting and instructive. The reverend gentleman is a cultured orator.

A movement is being agitated for a patriotic concert in the near future. Don't fail to go to the Methodist Church to-night and be convinced that women should have the franchise.

The city fathers are struggling to decide the electric light question. The Presbyterian building committee have accepted the plans of Greg & Greg, architects, of Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Sherwood and family left yesterday for Toronto, where they will remain a few days before going on to New York. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood have won a host of friends during their sojourn here, who regret deeply

ly their departure, but wish them every success in their new home. Our popular townsman, E. H. Moran, will receive a medal for being in active service at Ridgeway during the Fenian raid.

### A RESTAURANT EPISODE.

#### A Sort of Straw Vote.

An advertising agent, representing a prominent New York magazine, while on a recent western trip, was dining one evening in a Pittsburgh restaurant. While waiting for his order he glanced over his newspaper and noticed the advertisement of a well known dyspepsia preparation, Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets; as he himself was a regular user of the tablets, he began speculating as to how many of the other traveling men in the dining room were also friends of the popular remedy for indigestion.

He says: "I counted twenty-three men at the table and in the hotel office I took the trouble to interview them and was surprised to learn that nine of the twenty-three made a practice of taking one or two of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets after each meal."

One of them told me he had suffered so much from stomach trouble that at one time he had been obliged to quit the road, but since using Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets had been entirely free from indigestion, but he continued their use, especially while travelling, on account of irregularity in meals and because like all travelling men he was often obliged to eat what he could get and not always what he wanted. Another, who looked the picture of health, said he never ate a meal without taking a Stuart Tablet afterward because he could eat what he pleased and when he pleased, without fear of a sleepless night or any other trouble. Still another used them because he was subject to gas on stomach, causing pressure on heart and lungs, shortness of breath and distress in chest, which he no longer experienced since using the tablets regularly.

Another claimed that Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets were the only safe remedy he had ever found for sour stomach and acidity, he had formerly used common soda to relieve the trouble, but the tablets were much better and safer to use.

After smoking, drinking or other excesses which weaken the digestive organs, nothing restores the stomach to a healthy, wholesome condition so effectively as Stuart's Tablets. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets contain the natural digestive, pepsin, diastase, which ever weak stomach lacks, as well as nux, hydrastin and yellow parris, and can be safely relied upon as a radical cure for every form of poor digestion. Sold by druggists everywhere.

A little book on stomach troubles mailed free by addressing F. A. Stuart, Co., Marshall, Mich.

### THE GORE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

ANNUAL REPORT  
IT MAKES A LARGE GRANT TO THE PATRIOTIC FUNDS

The Gore Insurance Company held its sixty-first annual meeting at the company's headquarters in Galt, on Monday evening, Jan. 22nd, that proved exceedingly gratifying to the stockholders, and the statements presented at the meeting gave every evidence of the stability of this well managed institution. During the year 5161 policies were issued and 13,170 were in existence—representing 15,077,881, or an increase of 884,303.92 over the previous year.

The total income from all sources was \$132,708.32, and the disbursements amounted to \$103,518.43, leaving a balance of \$29,189.89 as profit on the year's business; out of this it has been decided by the Board of Directors—under a By-law passed to that effect—to make a refund of 20 per cent on all monies received from the Members of the Company—less amounts paid out for re-insurance—during the year, and who were in good standing in the Company's books in the thirty first day of December, 1899.

The total assets of the Company, including the unpaid balance of the premium notes in force, amount to \$407,723.07, of which \$250,300.27 are cash or cash items. The total liabilities amount to \$35,005.09, and consist of \$54,008.85 held as reserve for unearned premiums on the cash premium business, being 50 per cent of all premiums received for insurance, which is still in force on the cash premium plan, and \$808.84 due to agents as bonus on profitable business of 1899.

Hon. Jas. Young, President, said: "It is somewhat surprising that the last three consecutive years should have been the most successful in the long history of the Company. We called 1897 our red letter year, and it was, but it was surpassed by 1898, and now 1899 bears away the palm and takes the foremost place. These handsome results enable the Gore to deal liberally with its insured, whether on the cash or mutual plan, but especially with the members of the Company, who will be pleased to learn that the Directors have decided again to make a refund to them of twenty per cent of all premiums they paid during the past year."

### \$1,000 TO PATRIOTIC FUNDS.

The question of contributing something in aid of Canadian soldiers and their families in South Africa, having been brought forward, after discussion, it was moved by Jas. P. Jeffray, seconded by W. K. McNaught, that if it is the wish of the Members of the Company in Annual Meeting assembled, would recommend the Board of Directors and hereby pledge their approval to make a liberal grant from the funds of the Company towards one or more of the patriotic funds being raised for the benefit of the troops who have gone or may go to South Africa to take part in the existing war.—Carried unanimously. A grant of \$500 to the Patriotic Fund and \$500 to the Red Cross Fund was made.

This old and reliable company is having a marvellous record, and it has very large business in Chatham and Kent. Frank P. Weldon is agent of this District and this city.

## LOCAL BRIEFS

A young girl lost her pocket-book yesterday afternoon.

Cowan sells Slater stamped shoes, \$3.50 kind for \$3; the \$5 kind for \$4.

The residents of Harwich and Howard, near Stratford, are petitioning for a new postoffice.

George C. Knight, Northwood, has gone to Stratford to attend the Central Business College.

Any shape, any size of Slater shoes at Cowan's—\$3.50 kind for \$3.00; \$5.00 kind for \$4.00.

Miss Husband, of Wallaceburg, is spending a few days the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Foster, Brook St.

Mrs. Wm. C. Houghton and daughter Elma, have returned home to Detroit, accompanied by Mrs. Houghton's niece, Miss Grace Ehlins.

George G. Martin has a letter in Wednesday's Globe pointing out how an order for security for costs works injustice in certain cases.

Messrs. Stephen and Isaac Seburn, Filbury West, received their medals Saturday evening for active service during the Fenian raid of 1867.

The Rev. Mr. Baldwin and family arrived in Ridgeway Monday. He will take charge of the English churches in that town and Highgate.

Joseph Edwards, of Witherspoon street, has returned after a short visit with his uncle in Clinton, Iowa, who has been very sick but is much better.

Miss Alma Cunningham, of the 1896 class of the Chatham Model school, left Thursday for her home in Hamilton, Mo., after visiting friends in her old home at Ridgeway.

A delegation from South Woodlee waited on the M. C. R. officials in Detroit on Wednesday asking for the erection of a new station at that point. They report a favorable reply.

The Macaulay Club, of Chatham, will debate with the Canadian Club on Friday evening, Feb. 23, in the rooms of the public library—Ridgeway Plaindealer.

Who would do it? Pay \$5.00 for Slater shoes when you can get them at Cowan's for \$1.00. The \$3.50 kind at Cowan's for \$1.00. The \$5.00 kind at Cowan's for \$1.00.

The infant child of Mr. Wright, a colored resident of Chatham Twp., died yesterday morning. The funeral, which takes place to-morrow, is in charge of the township council.

John Chant, the well-known Edgar St. horseman, has sold his splendid four-year-old trotting stallion, Sylvester, George James, of Hamilton, was the purchaser, and the price paid was \$1,200.

Chairman J. A. Wilson and Trustees J. E. Johnston, John McCorvie and R. M. Paxton, of the Public School Board, paid an official visit to McKeough school yesterday.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

Wm. McMaster, Ridgeway, has sold two and one-half acres of land on the creek that is Glenora Gadd. Matthew Gausgrove also purchased an acre from Mr. McMaster adjoining the above mentioned land.

Alfred Palmer, of Bridge End, has sold his farm and purchased another about 22 acres in Toronto. Mr. Palmer went to his new home Monday, and Mrs. Palmer and family left by the G. W. P. yesterday morning.

One hundred and nine dollars and seventy six cents was the amount realized at the patriotic concert given by the Canadian Club of loyal Ridgeway. The sum of \$85 was donated to the National Patriotic Fund and the balance to the Red Cross Society.

The final game in the Ontario tankard series was played at the Windsor curling rink yesterday morning between London and Detroit, Detroit being defeated by 10 shots. London will represent the district at the tankard contest in Toronto.

Ridgeway Plaindealer.—A number of delegates from here will attend the fifth annual meeting of the Chatham Presbyterian to be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Chatham, on Tuesday and Wednesday next. It is expected that there will be a large attendance and that the meetings will be very profitable.

Wm. Simpson, of Howard, will shortly start on a trip to California, where he has a son at Wrights, 68 miles south of San Francisco. He will take a side trip to New Orleans where he has a niece, and will also visit British Columbia, returning by the C. P. R.

Wednesday, before Judge Woods, the case of Merritt vs. Kime & Longmore, was heard. This was an action on a promissory note upon which neither principal nor interest had been paid and was long overdue. As part payment Kime offered to sell Merritt a sporting dog for which he was to receive \$40 credit on the note. Piff. claimed that the dog was of no value for breeding purposes. His honor held that the offset was not proved, and gave judgment for the full amount of the note, with interest and costs. B. Rankin, J. C. for piff., M. Houston, for deft.

### A TILBURY MAN GETS IT.

Rodney Smith, of Stuart, Tilbury township, has been appointed to fill the vacancy in the customs department caused by the death of the late Chas. Sullivan, at a salary of \$500 per annum. Mr. Smith will assume his government duties at once. There were thirty-six applicants, it is said, for this position. Mr. Smith is a graduate of the Canada Business College.

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Feb. 2.—West Kent Farmers' Institute meeting here next Tuesday.

J. H. Magee has moved his office down stairs to the room lately occupied by Laird's barber shop.

Miss Lizzie Coutts is visiting in Belle River.

There will be a hockey match here with Chatham to-night.

Owing to the severity of the weather and bad roads the lecture by Mr. Farthing was not largely attended, but those who were present missed a treat, as it was a very pleasant and instructive.

There will be a subscription to the patriotic fund taken up in the Methodist Church Sunday school next Sunday.

Geo. Chalmers, of Tilbury East, is preparing to remove to the village, and has about completed arrangements to erect a handsome new dwelling on Canal St. at a cost of \$1,500.

The Chatham Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

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