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Sale of Kid Gloves Thursday

The season's selling of Kid Gloves leaves us with a few odd lines not in order for next season, and which we are going to clear out on Thursday at exactly half the original value of the goods.

On Sale Thursday Morning

3 dozen pairs Black Kid Gloves, "Eugene" one of Andre's best makes, with colored welts and colored stitching, 4 buttons, regular price \$1.50, for **75c a pair**
Size 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 7, 7 1/4.

On Sale Thursday Morning

3 1/2 dozen pairs Black Kid Gloves, "La Traviata", one of Jammot's best makes, colored welts and colored stitching, 4 pearl buttons, regular \$1.25, for **62c a pair**
size 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 6 3/4, 7.

On Sale Thursday Morning

2 dozen pairs Black Kid Gloves "Julia", 7 hooking lace, one of Jammot's best makes, colored welts and colored stitching, regular price \$1.25, for **62c a pair**
size 5 1/2, 6, 6 1/2, 7.

On Sale Thursday Morning

3 1/2 dozen pairs Black Kid Gloves, "Andre", 4 pearl buttons, all black, Jammot's French Kid Gloves, worth regular \$1.00 a pair, for **50c a pair**
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| Tweed Suits for men, fine Scotch patterns, very desirable colorings, pure wool tweeds, best grade lining and best workmanship throughout, single and double breasted styles, special at \$8.50, \$9.00 and..... \$10.00 | Men's Overcoats, in frieze, havana, boucle and kersey cloth, made in the most approved style, best grade linings, properly tailored, selling at \$4.50, \$6, \$7.50, \$8.50 and..... \$10.00 | Boys' Reefers, heavy rough serge, double breasted, high storm collar, Italian lining, the correct garment for cold weather wear, for boys from 4 years to 16 years, special at \$2.90 and..... \$3.50 |
| Men's Suits, made from good all-wool Canadian tweeds, single or double breasted, neat patterns, medium and dark shades, strong serviceable linings, perfect in fit and finish, special at \$7.50, \$8.50 and..... \$4.50 | Boys' 2 pc. Suits, dark mixed tweeds, in choice patterns, good, strong and serviceable, neatly made, good value at \$2.00, our special price..... \$1.65 | Boys' Overcoats, in heavy boucle serge, fly front, velvet collar lap, lined with satin, well lined throughout, for boys 10 years to 16 years, special at \$6.00 and..... \$6.90 |
| Irish Serge Suits, fine pure wool, in black or navy blue, made with French facings, edged with satin, first quality linings throughout, matchless value at..... \$10.00 | Boys' 3 pc. Suits, navy serge and fine tweeds, correctly made, well lined, suits that are made for wear, special at \$3.90, \$4.50, \$5 and..... \$6.00 | Boys' Knicker Pants, all-wool Halifax tweed, in gray and brown mixtures, real strong and serviceable, lined, for boys 4 years to 16 years old, extra value at..... \$4.90 |

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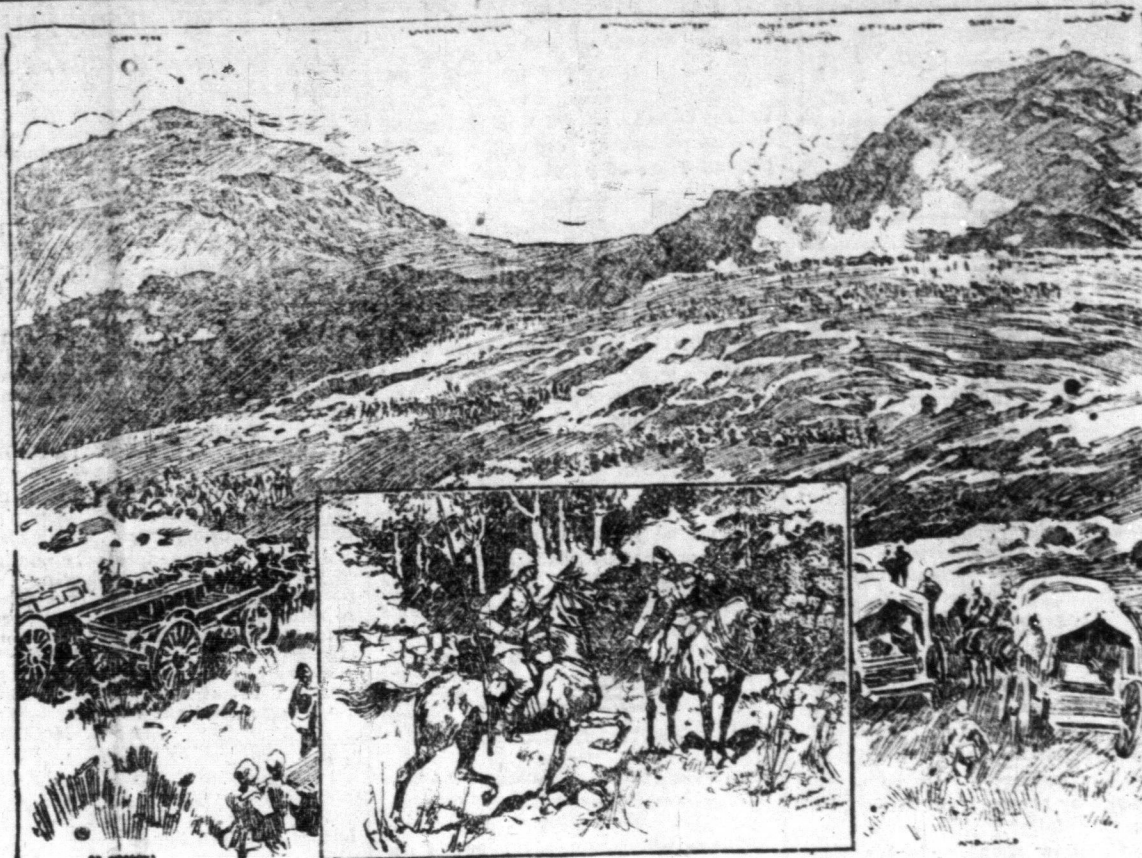
Papal Dispensation Required For Marriages of Catholics and Protestants.

New York, Dec. 26.—By a decree just issued from the Vatican relative to the celebration of the jubilee of holy year marriages between Protestants and Catholics cannot be made during 1900 except by special dispensation direct from the Pope. Marriages between Protestants and Catholics have been permitted by the Catholic church only by dispensation of the bishops, but for the holy year this power of dispensation is suspended.
Archbishop Corrigan, in a circular, states that the Pope suspends special faculties to ordinaries of dioceses, "so that, at this season particularly, Rome

should be the great fountain of mercy and spiritual favors for the Catholics of the entire world." This is understood in Catholic circles to mean that only by applying direct to Rome shall dispensations be granted during the year 1900.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On Tuesday evening, at the regular meeting of Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., the following officers were duly elected for the term ending June 30, 1900:—
P. G.—Dr. Geo. T. McKeough.
N. G.—Wm. H. Carswell.
V. G.—C. Austin.
R. S.—G. J. Wanless.
P. S.—Wm. Sprittall.
Treas.—D. B. Hulin.
Physician—Dr. Geo. T. McKeough.
Trustee—S. Holmes.



ENGAGEMENT AT RIETONTEIN AND WOUNDING OF GEN. SYMONS AT TALANA HILL.
In the latter action the British commander was alone with his orderly when shot. He died a prisoner of the Boers, having been left behind with other British wounded when his next in command, General Yule, retired from Dundee to Ladysmith. The battle of Rietfontein was fought by a force sent out from Ladysmith by General White to aid General Yule's retreat. The sketches are by correspondents of the London Graphic.

A SUCCESSFUL SORTIE

Three Boer Guns Destroyed by a Dash From Ladysmith.

London, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 4.50 a. m.—Despatches from South Africa are still greatly delayed. But they are arriving more freely, which shows that the censorship has been relaxed. There appears to be no great change in the situation.

A despatch to the Daily News from Ladysmith, dated Friday, Dec. 15, by heliograph, says:—
"Another sortie last night. Gen. Hunter, with 500 volunteers, destroyed one six-inch Ormsby gun, one Howitzer and one Maxim. One Briton killed. The Boer gunners fled."

There is an idea in some quarters in London that Gen. Buller's destruction of the Tugela River bridge heralds an attempt to cut off the Boers now south of the river, but the general opinion is that the British will not make any serious move, pending the arrival of Lord Roberts.

A despatch from Chieveley Camp, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, says:—
"Lyddite shells are daily thrown into the Boer camp to prevent them working at the trenches. The firing of the big guns is heard daily from the direction of Ladysmith."

HIS ATTEMPT FAILED.
Commandant Demeillon, who was captured at Blundelange and brought to Simon's Town, where he succeeded in making his escape from the British cruiser Penelope, has been recaptured.

The British War Office has received a despatch from Pietermaritzburg, Natal, dated Sunday, Dec. 24, announcing that in an engagement at Ladysmith on Dec. 22, Major A. C. King, Captains Wether and Oakes, and Lieut. Huttee and Lieut.-Col. Fawcett were wounded, and that nine non-commissioned officers and men were killed and ten wounded. This engagement had not been recorded before this.

NEWS FROM BOERLAND.
A despatch from Lourenco Marquez, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, gives the following from the Boer head lager, dated Dec. 19:—
"The British naval guns at Colenso have been cannonading Bulwer Bridge, over the Tugela River, with a view of smashing it."

The bombardment of Ladysmith is proceeding slowly. Gen. Joubert has arrived here and been accorded a hearty welcome. He addressed the burghers on Dec. 18.

More British prisoners have been sent to Pretoria, including Col. Bullock, Maj. Walters, Maj. Balfour, Maj. Foster, Capt. Dick, Capt. Norton, Capt. Fitzherbert, Capt. Fort, Capt. Hutchinson, Lieut. Bonham, Lieut. Smithers, Lieut. Thorne, Lieut. O'Connell, Lieut. Kunbuld, Lieut. Christian, Lieut. Briggs, Lieut. Birch, Lieut. Halford, Lieut. Larball and Lieut. Jones."

THIS CANADIAN PICKET

Is Reported Cut Off by the Boers

BUT THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF THE REPORT—METHUEN WILL NOT ADVANCE FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS.

London, Dec. 27.—Despatches from Modder River, dated Thursday, Dec. 21, report that intermittent firing was continuing on both sides, although the Boer shells fell short. A number of Free State burghers had surrendered. There is an unconfirmed report that a Canadian picket was cut off near Belmont. It is also asserted that fever is raging among the Boers.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Daily News, telegraphing to-day, says: "Lord Methuen, I understand, intends to remain at Modder River about three weeks longer. From Boer sources, hitherto singularly well informed, I learn that there are 8,000 European officers and men, skilled in modern military tactics, particularly artillery, now in Pretoria, as reserve. An administrative official in the Cape service has just returned from official relieving duty in the dutch dis-

trict, says the news of the British reverses has been received with great joy, even in localities where there are no open revolts."

The tests of wireless telegraphy at Modder River have been highly successful, communicating over a distance of 70 miles. Six Marconi instruments intended for the Boers have been seized at Cape Town.

The war office has received the following despatch from Cape Town, dated Dec. 15.—There is no change in the situation at Modder River. General Methuen is well entrenched and the Boers have not disturbed him. The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard reports the discovery of a plot to connive at the escape of Boer prisoners. The Times advises stern treatment of the disaffected Dutch colonists, and the enforcement of the penalties of treason against persons and property.

The recruiting of British colonists in Cape Colony is actively proceeding. Thirty thousand are already under arms and several thousand more will be added.

85 FROM TORONTO.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—The first troop of the mounted infantry for South Africa service was organized here yesterday by Col. Kitchin, and 30 men of the Royal Canadian Dragoons were sworn in. The other 12 men to complete it will be taken on to-morrow morning. The total number to be enlisted in Toronto for the mounted infantry, including the Dragoons, will be 85.

ONLY 10 AT LONDON.
London, Dec. 27.—Provisional recruiting has begun at Whiteley Barracks, Col. Holmes, District Officer

WHICH DIED FIRST

Capt. Brown and His Wife Perished Together.

And a Law Suit Between the Heirs of Each is the Result.

Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 27.—The question of who is entitled to the \$2,000 insurance carried in the C. M. B. A. on the life of the late Capt. John C. Brown, who, together with his wife and only child, were drowned by the foundering of the steamer Margaret Olwill in Lake Erie on June 29, is to be determined in the courts here, suit for the purpose having been commenced by James Doyle, of Cleveland, father of Mrs. Brown. The relatives and heirs of Mr. Brown, namely, Capt. Wesley Brown and Capt. Wm. Brown, of St. Clair, brothers; Mrs. J. L. Morrison, of Detroit; and Mrs. Dan Morrison, of St. Clair, sisters, also lay claim to the money.

The policy was payable to Mrs. Brown, the wife, and to establish the beneficiary rights of the claimants it will be necessary to legally determine which was the first to succumb in the disaster. The courts have held where there is no evidence to the contrary, that a woman is the first to perish, and in such a case the captain's relatives would obtain the insurance. It is claimed, however, on behalf of the wife's relatives, that some of the survivors of the wreck had seen Mrs. Brown afloat after the vessel had gone to pieces.

WITH FOOD SUPPLIES.

New York, Dec. 27.—Secretary of States John Hay has communicated with United States Ambassador Choate in London regarding the seizure off the coast of South Africa of three vessels loaded with American goods and consigned to merchants in Lorenzo Marques, Delagoa Bay. R. W. Geldart, an export merchant of South William St., is one of the sufferers by the confiscation of goods in transit, and he has laid the facts before Secretary Hay.

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HELP ON THE RED CROSS WORK.

Dr. Ryerson, of Toronto, chairman of the executive committee of the Canadian branch of the Red Cross Society, writes The Planet as follows:—

As no doubt you are well aware, the Government proposes to send a second contingent, composed of the flower of our young men, to assist in maintaining British supremacy in South Africa, and to give the world a demonstration of the solidarity of the British Empire. These troops will be equipped in most essentials by the Government. There are, however, many common comforts which the Government will not supply, both in the way of clothing and food. This society, which is the recognized agency for voluntary aid, proposes to furnish the contingent with bath towels, 2,000 handkerchiefs, 250 pairs of slippers for sick or footsore, tobacco, wooden pipes, lime juice cordial, beef iron and wine, cocoa, cocoa wine, lime juice, pickles, jams, canned fruits, fluid beef, beef essence, Fuller's earth, toilet soap, stationery, etc., and surgical dressings. These proposals, which necessarily involve the expenditure of a very considerable sum of money. We again confidently appeal to the public to assist in this good and patriotic cause. We would feel grateful for subscriptions which may be sent to the treasurer, 60 College street, Toronto.

THE COAL OIL ROBBERY.

Here is the St. Thomas Journal's attempt to excuse the Government's blunder in the matter of coal oil:—

"The concession which Mr. Fielding made in regard to the importation of oil in tank steamships and a slight lowering of the duty are blamed by Conservative newspapers for the high prices which the Standard Oil Company is inflicting on consumers, including gas companies. Inasmuch as the gas men are going to ask the Government to entirely remove the duty on gas oil, this story does not appear to harmonize with the facts. The real state of the case seems to be that the Standard Oil Co. has obtained the advantage by a secret discrimination of rates in its favor by the C. P. R. and the G. T. R. The matter was supposed to have been settled and the discrimination removed, but there is at least room to doubt it. Here is another argument in favor of an independent railroad commission."

The Journal's attack on the railroads, to shield the government, only makes things worse. The handle the Standard Oil octopus uses against the roads, is the threat to import oil in tank steamers if the railroads do not give the monopoly a special rate. Under the late Conservative administration the Standard Company, through its Canadian boomers in the House of Commons, tried again and again to secure permission to send oil into Canada in tank steamers, and tank cars. The permission was always refused until the present government got into power. Then it was granted. While the Standard Company could only send its oil here in barrels, Canadian refiners could defy it, and so could the railroads. When it was enabled to send in its products in bulk, our own independent refiners quit and sold out to the monopoly. As a result the price of Canadian oil is now regulated in the United States.

All this is due to the blunder of an inexperienced minister. Archie Campbell and many Liberal candidates had promised the people cheap coal

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oil. Jim Lister, and two or three other M. P.'s from the petroleum districts, opposed any reduction in the duty. The minister tried to satisfy both sides by the tank concession, and lamentably failed.

Oil will now soon be double what it was when the Conservatives were in power. The present government can force the price down by removing duty. But the removal of the duty will not restore the independent oil refineries which the Standard has gobbled up. It will simply close down our oil fields and make us burn American oil. So Mr. Fielding's blunder leads to this. We must either retain the duty and continue buying double priced oil, or remove the duty, get cheap American oil and abandon our own oil fields. It is an unpleasant alternative, but the government got the country into the mess, let it get it out again.

WHY KITCHENER WAS FIRST TURNED DOWN.

Some time ago an English exchange had the following:—"Rumor says that Lord Kitchener, when he was last in England, made strenuous efforts to obtain a command, and even the command in South Africa, suggesting to the authorities that one of his brigadiers, Maxwell or Lewis, could be entrusted with the pursuit of the Khalfi, while he was winning laurels at the Cape. The appointment would no doubt have been very popular; but, apart from the fact that Kitchener is still one of the juniors, there was the more solid reason against him that he knows absolutely nothing of the peculiar conditions of South African warfare. While the question was still unsettled, a prominent statesman, whom it would be unfair to name, was asked if there was any chance of the Sirdar being sent to the Cape. "Let us hope not," he said; "he might embarrass us terribly. Why, when he got to Pretoria the man might actually send Mr. Kruger's head to Madame Tussaud's!"

THE FUEL OF THE FUTURE.

Are we utterly dependent upon coal, so that the wheels of industry will stop when the forests be consumed for fuel when coal gives out? As a writer in Gunton's Magazine, of course not. It is an idle fear. Already we have the beginning of a new method of utilizing natural energy, which will prove enormously more effective than coal ever has been and will be practically inexhaustible, to whatever extent industry may expand.

Electrical energy, developed by water power, will light the world's industries, furnish light and heat, and be the universal substitute for all forms of combustion methods. Water power is practically unlimited. And it will be utilized more and more in proportion as the need for it arises and as its use becomes, at different places and at successive periods, cheaper than coal. The substitution will proceed gradually, until, when the coal supply finally is exhausted, nobody will have anything more than a curious or academic interest in the matter, and probably not a ripple will be produced in the steady, onward flow of the world's industry. As the use of water power to develop electrical energy increases to the point of formidable competition with coal, electrical students and inventors will doubtless bring out improvements making it possible to store the power

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Look up the cards of the candidates in this issue, and pick out your choice.

Where is the man who said this was going to be an open winter?

Would-be Fenians, who talk of invading Canada, would find this grand climate extremely unhealthy in the present state of public feeling.

We wish to call Archie Campbell's attention to the fact that the increased charge for coal oil is equal to about \$4 per year on every family using petroleum in Canada. This money, which in the aggregate amounts to millions, is going into the pockets of American millionaires. What is Mr. Campbell going to do about it?

We thought this end of the century matter was settled long ago. There is no ground for argument over it. Ninety-nine years do not make a century, nor do 1899 years make 19 centuries. It takes 1900 years, and as soon as these 1900 years are completed, the twentieth century will begin. That will be on January 1, 1901.

FARM WAGONS.

Some Points That Should Be in the Best of Them—Low Wagon With Rack Above.

I have often wondered, writes a correspondent, why it was that manufacturers did not make farm wagons more especially and particularly adapted for use on the farm than they do. The kind that are usually put out all over the country do very well on the road, but they do not fill the bill on the farm. The wheels are as a rule too high and it takes one side of a tender to turn around in, unless the body is made so narrow that it won't hold anything. We have had our farm wagons of late years made to order in the following manner: The front wheels are 40 inches high, hind wheels 50 inches. We prefer broad to narrow tires for farm use. The front axle is made eight inches short-



LOW WAGON WITH RACK ABOVE.

er than the hind one. Hind bolster nine inches wide, front one ten inches. The break is fastened to the gear. The standards are made of iron, projecting above bolster six inches, and extending down through same and taking a nut. The width of body is 51 inches, almost a foot wider than ordinary body. The front wheels turn under the wagon bed, and by this means you can turn round in a very small space, as is often necessary to do on the farm. The doubletree extends out on either side even with the front wheel, thus throwing your horse far apart, and on the road they follow the wagon track. Thus distanced they are not bumping each other or treading on each other's feet in turning round.

In addition to the regular wagon body take two crosspieces, 10 feet long, 2 inches thick and 6 inches wide, and on this you bolt on crosspieces, a two at each end, one on top and another on bottom of rail, and then bolt one piece in middle, 15 on the under side of rail. This makes a good support for the floor, and let us have a good rack for hauling all kinds of grain, grass or straw. Outside this frame, between the rails and hind wheels, we nail a board, 4 about three feet long and 15 inches wide to keep the hay or grain off of the wheel. Or instead of board, a frame can be made out of 1x3-inch slats to answer the same purpose. This rack is also very convenient to haul threshed wheat, potatoes, fertilizer or anything that is in bags, and being low down is easily loaded and unloaded. If a farmer tries this sort of an outfit once he will not have any other. It costs a little more to have a wagon made in this style than to buy one as usual, but this additional cost is nothing compared with the great convenience found in using such a wagon for all purposes on the farm.

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FOR ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:
As I am running for the position of alderman for 1900, I respectfully ask for your vote and influence during the coming contest, and if elected will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

JOHN HENDERSHOTT.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for alderman for 1900, and beg to solicit your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours,
W. E. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am a candidate for the council for the ensuing year and shall be pleased to have your vote and influence. Wishing you the compliments of the season. I remain,
Yours truly,
GEO. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Having been unexpectedly nominated for alderman, and having been pressed by a number of my friends to remain in the field, have consented to do so. If elected will serve you to the best of my ability. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I remain,
Your obedient servant,
A. B. McCOIG.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I again solicit your vote and influence for one of the aldermen for the year 1900. As I will be out of the city during the incoming week, I will not have the pleasure of seeing you personally, but trust you will not forget me when marking your ballot. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.
Respectfully yours,
GEORGE STEPHENS.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again a candidate for alderman for 1900. This being an extremely busy season of the year for me, I cannot make a personal canvass, but trust that my action in the council for this year will commend me for another term and promising you the strictest economy, and that I shall look more closely after the keeping of our streets in better shape than they are now, and asking you for all the compliments of the season. I am,
Yours respectfully,
W. S. MARSHALL.

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FOR ALDERMAN 1900

FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 1.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for public school trustee.

WM. ROBERTSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

ALEX. GREGORY.

To the Electors of Wards No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I am again a candidate for re-election as trustee in your ward. If my record in the past has been such as meets with your approval, I shall esteem it a favor if you can again give me a renewal of your confidence. Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I remain,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
J. A. WILSON.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:
I respectfully solicit your vote and influence for school trustee.

GEORGE T. McKEOUGH.

To the Electors of Ward No. 3

Ladies and Gentlemen:
At the request of a number of ratepayers, I am a candidate for the position of School Trustee in your ward, and I will esteem it a great favor to have your vote and influence.

Yours sincerely,
ALEX. YONGUNTEN.

To the Electors of Ward No. 4

Ladies and Gentlemen:
Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited for John Holmes for Public School Trustee.

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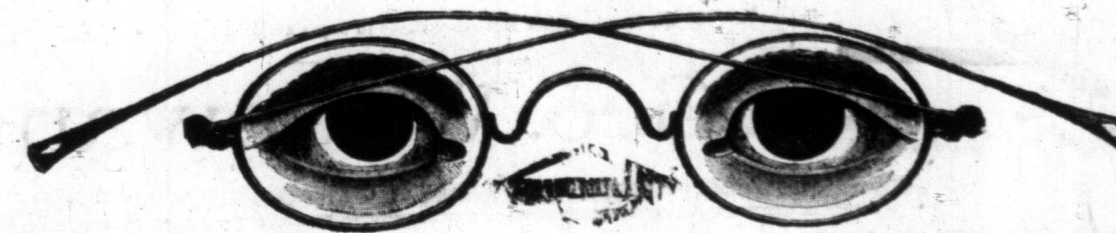


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A BUNCH OF ORCHIDS.

By Mate Palmer.

"Carrying coals to Newcastle" is not the only mistaken generosity of the charity inclined. Benevolence and philanthropy need a slight governing power of good judgment and common sense to accomplish entirely satisfactory results.

A good story is told of a wealthy and kind-hearted woman whose name was better known in connection with liberal contributions for special purposes than for any individual efforts along charitable lines. Not that she was in any way lacking in kindly sympathy, but the sheltered life of affluence protected her from actual contact with that kind of suffering that comes from destitution.

She thought of poverty as an uncomfortable malady prevalent among masses instead of individuals, and requiring a certain amount of the red tape of committees and regular organizations to accomplish any results. But one day her heart was deeply stirred by a story of suffering that came to her knowledge. She went when she heard it, and she resolved to do something to give the poor invalid a little pleasure—a glimpse of luxury.

It didn't take long to decide what to do. She had a collection of orchids of which she was very proud, and it required a good deal of self-denial to part with any of her beautiful favorites, but she had determined to give the sick woman a treat, so she selected some of the most wonderful specimens, and took them to the poor sufferer.

She knew if she had been ill and confined to her room nothing could possibly have given her more pleasure or have been a greater diversion than those same orchids, and she was happy in the consciousness of a good deed as she approached the poor little dwelling. She had preferred taking them, so she might enjoy the woman's happiness in such an unaccompanied delight.

There was no hesitation in her manner as she rapped on the little door. But it seemed a long time before the door was opened by a pinched, wan-looking girl, perhaps a dozen years.

Surprised at so well-dressed a visitor, the girl simply stared at her until she asked if she might see her mamma and give her some orchids she had brought. A moment later she was piloted through a bare and dismal room into a still more dismal little bedroom, where an emaciated woman lay propped up by soiled and dingy pillows.

The gentle twilight that comes from too close proximity to tall buildings softened the sharp features of the sick woman as she turned weary inquiring eyes toward her elegant visitor. If Mrs. Brown was unfamiliar with such destitution, the sick woman was surely startled by such a guest.

But the young daughter was quite equal to the emergency. She didn't intend her mother should be humiliated by not knowing what those blossoms were worth. With the reckless abandon of childhood, she rushed up to the bed and told her mother a nice lady had brought her some "orgies." Then she set a broken chair for Mrs. Brown, and went to get something to put the flowers into.

"Orgies" or "orchids," it was all one to sick Mrs. Rogers; she said: "Thank you," in a listless sort of way. Mrs. Brown asked her how she was feeling. Before she was through telling how dreadfully weak she was the young girl returned with a cracked blue pitcher, and Mrs. Brown arranged the orchids that even the old blue pitcher did not detract from their loveliness, and held them where the invalid might fully admire them. No enthusiasm rewarded her efforts.

"Pretty, ain't they? Look some like lady slippers, don't they?" That was all she said about them. She spoke again about being so very weak, and then relapsed into silence. Mrs. Brown tried to talk a little with her, for that she learned the name of the young girl's name, and feeling that she wasn't succeeding very well in her endeavors, tried to say a few words of encouragement and started for home.

Her visit had been a great disappointment to her. She hardly knew just what she had expected. She wouldn't like to have admitted, even to herself, that there had been an undercurrent of vanity in her condescension and that she had really taken a great deal of credit to herself for taking her floral treasures to such a forsaken place, and had expected a reward of overwhelming enthusiasm.

Her self-love had been deeply wounded, and as she walked slowly toward her elegant home she tried to even things up by a wholesale mental condemnation of ingratitude. She even determined to write a scathing paper on the subject of "The Absolute Absence of Appreciation Among the Poorer Classes," for a very exclusive and aristocratic club of which she was a member. She liked the alliteration, and the story of the orchids would make a good illustration.

It was nearly dinner time when she reached home, and she found her husband awaiting her and eager to know the details of such an unheard-of visit as he had just learned she was making.

Mrs. Brown was very witty and her annoyance had rather blinded her to the pathos of the occasion, so she told the story in a manner that savored strongly of heartlessness.

"What did you take her to eat?" Mr. Brown asked as she finished her story. "Why, nothing! I—Why, John, you don't suppose she was that poor?" "Oh, no! you weren't exactly that poor yourself last spring when you were getting up from the grip. But I noticed dainty soups brewed away from home were wonderfully welcome. Perhaps the poor creature hasn't a good chef, and food would be more nourishing than soups and oranges would taste better than orchids."

"Don't be sarcastic, John; really I didn't think about—"

"No, I see you didn't; you make me think of dear old Auntie McIntosh's visit to Jane McGuire. You know Auntie McIntosh was very rich and very religious, but she sometimes had droll experiences in her good-natured, though ill-advised attempts at soul-saving. Her visit to Jane McGuire was one of these instances. Jane was an industrious Irish woman who had supported herself by hard work until a protracted illness brought her to the end of her resources and nearly to the brink of the grave at about the same time. It made her very rebellious to see her hoarded savings melt away while she was too weak to earn more. When Auntie McIntosh drove up in her fine carriage one morning to have a talk with Jane, thinking it would be a good time to point a moral on occasional glasses of beer and cuss words that Jane was reputed to indulge in. Jane took it all quietly until Auntie proposed a season of prayer. Then her Irish temper and her sense of injustice put politeness to rout. "Blast cuss to such Christians as you are," she said, "with yer preachin' and yer prayin'. You'd better be givin' potatoes than prayers. You'd be makin' more converts with yer soups than with all yer sermons."

"What did Auntie McIntosh say?" "Oh, she wasn't a fool, if she didn't have very practical ideas. She thought her knowledge, she said, 'I guess you are about right. I won't be so anxious about your soul, I didn't think about the needs of your poor body, but I will bring the things you need right away.' When she returned a little later with a liberal supply of provisions she found poor Jane driven to the wall with mortification at what she called her meanness. But it was a salutary lesson to both of them, and I would suggest that you try the same scheme with your portage to-morrow."

The next day and for several days following Mrs. Brown sent nourishing foods and dainty fruits to the home where she had taken the orchids. But it was eight or ten days before she again went to visit the little home. When she did go such a happy-looking girl opened the door she could hardly believe it was the pale child she met the week before. There was real joy in her manner as she ushered the fine lady into the little room—miser was sitting up and actually trying to do a little sewing. Was it possible that a week's supply of wholesome food had wrought such a wondrous change?

If there had been lack of appreciation when she took the orchids there was certainly enthusiasm now. But she had been mistaken. Surely there was the old blue pitcher. And there, too, still fresh and beautiful, were many of the orchids.

"How did you manage to keep them so long?" she exclaimed. "Why, you see we have so few flowers, and we love them so much that we have learned how to care for them. If the water is changed frequently and two or three rusty nails put in the vase to keep the water sweet instead of the flowers, and they last longer. These are the most beautiful I have ever seen. I seem to see faces in every one. But the day you brought them I was so weak for want of food I could hardly see them at all."

Poor Mrs. Brown was in tears. This woman, who she almost ridiculed and thought of writing compositions about for the detection of her club—proved to be a cultured woman quite capable of earning a comfortable support by means of the exquisite needlework which soon rendered her a perfect treasure to Mrs. Brown and her aristocratic friends. —Banner of Gold.

Frains in Kindness.
I have known some people—men as well as women—happily ingenious in the small services of life, and the house in which they live has always a favorable aspect toward the sun. They have received their consolation from duty. They act in firm and settled course. Though their aims are in secret, they are never in the dark, for they shed a light of their own. They give little presents which have exaggerated attention, because they are just what you want. They say the right word—just what every one would say—only they say it at the right time, so that the apple of gold gleams in a basket of silver. They have a promptness of manner which forestalls your comfort and helps you without any burdensome reminder that the help is given. Watching genial and attractive people I have often fallen into a deep despair about myself, for all this seemed a natural gift, like music or poetry. But I have some reason to think that it is not so natural, either, but tollously acquired in the accustomed places—viz., the oratory at the foot of the cross, and the cave under the hilt of duty.

The British Flag—Its Egyptian Origin.
On this square the equinoctial points are called by the recorded name of Horus, and those intermediate between at the corners by the name of Hat-hor. These points, when united by horizontal, perpendicular and traverse lines, form the Egyptian star, the sign of God and harlequin to the ancient Akkadians and Chinese, and the Rahman or eight-rayed god of the Phoenicians.

These divisions were formed by placing a St. George's cross over the cross of St. Andrew, and that St. George's cross is the sign of Horus, the god of the year measured by the equinoxes with their equal days and nights, has been proved by M. Clermont Ganneau. It shows that the Egyptian star, the sign of God, is the sign of Horus as the bird-headed knight, riding on the sun horse and slaying the dragon of winter with his spear is identical with the Byzantine picture of St. George. At the St. Andrew's cross represents his mother, the Shvema bird of the Rigveda.—Westminster Review.

Adjusting Birds of Calcutta.
On a parade ground at Calcutta are several adjacent birds. These creatures walk up and down the ground, and they look so much like soldiers that at a distance strangers often mistake them for such.

Going to a Finish.
"Why does your son return to college after graduation, madam?" "I don't understand these educational terms, but he wants to take a post graduate course in the gridiron."

ALL SORTS

A lost art—Family government.
Man doubles his evils by brooding upon them.

A favorite Chinese medicine is baked clay dust.
A line to follow with a view to matrimony—The "Plum" line.

If a man blows his own trumpet, can his opinions be sound?
Congregational singing was introduced shortly after the reformation.

A "straight drink" may be termed one that goes directly down to the right spot.
A Chicago horse not only chews tobacco, but picks the hostler's pocket for that luxury.

The millionaire, E. T. Hooley, owns 20,000 acres of land distributed over six British counties.
A lady in Paris advertises for employment as "ornamental guest at dinner and evening parties."

"Here are the eggs, mum." "Lay them on the table." "I'm not the hen, mum; I'm the grocer's boy."

In the seventeenth century, the epithet "miss," applied to females, was considered a term of reproach.
A sentimental youth says he prefers hanging on the neck to hanging by the neck, but that both are dangerous.

A baldheaded man may always expect to find a friend and sympathizer in the manufacture of wigs.
Most of the shadows that cross our path through life are caused by our standing in our own light.

It's all nonsense to talk about "our first parents; no man ever had more than one complete set.
The dearest spot on earth to me is "Home, sweet home," as the husband said when the milliner and dry goods bills came in.

A female divine in Indiana, after concluding the marriage ceremony the other day, insisted on kissing the bridegroom.
Why is a man paying his note at a bank like a father going home to his children? Because he meets his responsibilities.

When nature wishes to appear lively and beautiful she takes a bath, and the example is a good one for the human family to follow.
What is the difference between the captain of a baseball team and a prize fighter? One heads the batters, and the other batters the heads.

In this country there is no wine so essentially popular, none which has a firmer hold on the public taste, than champagne.
First Boarder—Hurrah! Second Boarder—What for? First Boarder—The prune crop for next year will be a total failure.—Syracuse Herald.

Martin Martin, an eccentric and wealthy Scotchman, has begun the erection near Lunenburg, Ia., of a baronial castle, with parks and lakes, which he will occupy alone, as he has no family.

ODDS AND ENDS.

Mohammedans say that one hour of justice is worth seventy years of prayer.
A man once thanked God for placing death at the end instead of the beginning of life.

Spurgeon defines a gentleman as "one who can serve God, and at the same time paddle his own canoe."
When a married man becomes corned it is perfectly proper for his wife to pull his ears.

English grocers use chromate of lead to an almost fatal extent in the adulteration of sugar.
"Return good for evil," as the match said when lighting the pipe of the man who had just struck it.

The purest iron ores in the world are said to be those found in the Huronian rocks of northern Michigan.
Why was Robinson Crusoe's man Friday like a rooster? Because he scratched for himself and crew-sol.

"I'm sitting on the 'style, Maty," as the fellow said when he ruthlessly sat down on his sweetheart's new bonnet.
Some one remarks that if the best man's faults were written on his forehead, it would make him pull his hat over his eyes.

Jewelry is said to be a corruption of jawharp, the name suggested from its being placed between the jaws when played.
Mothers used to provide a switch for their daughters from the nearest bush; now the daughters get their own switches from the milliner.

Man is a mill; the stomach the hopper. Be careful how much grit goes into the hopper, as clogging and heat will be the result of overfeeding.
Flattery, the current commodity of the world, on which fashion lives and thrives, is at most a lie in its best clothes.

An admiring husband complimented his wife, who was sweeping the parlor (for exercise and amusement of course), on her in-dust-ry.
It is a marked trait of human nature that no one is satisfied with an imitation when he can get the genuine article.

Old "Coronation," the well-known popular hymn, was written eighty years ago by the Rev. E. Fennell, of the Church of England.
Sarcastic—Reporters are often unconsciously satirical. A morning paper says in an obituary: "Mr. — was an estimable citizen. He lived uprightly. He died with perfect resignation. He had recently been married."

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The Chinese are not stingy, and wagon loads of roasted chickens, pigs, ducks, various sweetmeats and fruits are taken to the cemeteries. The food is piled before each grave amid burning red, carrot shaped candles and joss sticks. Then the living prostrate themselves before the dead and beg them to rise up and enjoy themselves. Chinese wines are then sprinkled liberally over the graves, while some graves receive boxes of cigars and packages of cigarettes.

But you must not suppose that the eatables are left on the graves. Oh, no! That would be throwing too much temptation in the way of heathen tramps. In about two hours it is believed that the ghosts get the essence of the eatables conveyed to them, and then the devotees gather up the offerings and carry them home again to feed to their own material bodies. But the cigars and cigarettes are burned on the graves.

We look before and after, and pine for what is not.
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THE PROBABLES.

G. N. W. Special.

Toronto, Dec. 27, 10 a. m.—Westerly winds, fair and cold. Thursday cold.

LOCAL BRIEFS

Wm. Bruce, of London, spent Christmas in the Maple City.

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Goodwin leave for Grand Rapids today.

Mrs. F. E. Young, Vancouver, B. C., is visiting Mrs. Wm. Ball, Cross St.

John Sullivan, of St. Thomas, is in the city attending the funeral of his brother.

Hiram Davis, mother and daughter, Leora, who have been in Port Huron, Mich., returned home today.

Major Rankin returned last evening from a visit with his brother, Archie Rankin, Paisley.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. John Barry, who were married at Port Huron on Saturday, assembled and welcomed the newly married couple to their home last evening.

Mrs. J. Turner and son, Robert, Leora Ave., are visiting relatives in St. Catharines.

Miss Grace Gammage is spending the holidays with her aunt, Mrs. D. E. Eckert, Toronto.

Miss Carrie Shaw, of Toronto, spent Christmas with relatives in the Maple City.

Charles Cole, Robt. Shore and Victor Skirving leave today for London to present themselves for examination for South African service.

Arch. Patterson was well pleased at his sentence of three years. He expected seven although he still protests his innocence.

The funeral of the late Chas. Sullivan took place this afternoon and was quite largely attended. The A. O. F. and A. O. U. W. attended in a body. The pall-bearers were the four brothers of the deceased—Alfred, Arthur, Fred and Timothy.

Mrs. Latimer, daughter of Mrs. Symington, and a former resident of this city, was brought all the way from Butte City, Montana, to the Public General Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Latimer was so ill that she had to be brought all the way in the baggage car. She is very poorly.

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ALL IS NOW OVER.

The Council for 1899 Closes up Business.

A Vote of the People on Improving the Leading Thoroughfares Recommended—The Usual Courtesy.

The city council of Chatham for the year 1899, A. D., is now an organization in history. Last evening, the members wound up the business of the year, generously extended to each other the customary cordial closing courtesies and adjourned sine die.

The business of the evening was largely routine in nature. A number of communications were dealt with and accounts passed upon, the reports of the various civic committees were submitted and approved, while the by-law dealing with the restriction of canines running at large was discussed at some length and finally left to the council.

The meeting wound up in a most pleasing manner. Congratulatory and complimentary motions were passed to the worthy Mayor Smith, the chairman of the civic committee, the city clerk, Sergeant-at-Arms Holmes, and the reporters of the local newspapers.

FINANCE REPORT.

Ald. Scane reported on behalf of the Finance committee:

That the assessment of Mrs. E. Northwood, block E, lots 1 and 2, be reduced \$150, that being amount of error.

We recommend placing to the credit of the Library Board \$200, but as this will overdraw the appropriation, the amount overdrawn will be charged to next year's appropriation. Adopted.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Ald. Martin reported on behalf of the Board of Works:

That the account of J. J. Couzens for laying asphaltine stone walk on Bartle St., and west side of Head St., \$399.68, be paid. There is a discrepancy of about seventy square feet between Mr. Couzens's bill and engineer's report. Committee recommends payment on amount of engineer's report.

Recommendation of balance due W. H. Garswell on granolithic walk contract, amounting to \$589.01; also Wm. Chrysler, sprinkling, \$20.

In the matter of communication of board of health about water in the cellar of J. C. Wanless, your committee instructed the engineer to investigate the situation as to levels, etc., and he reports a fall to Mud Creek drain, a distance of about 500 feet, of 5 feet, this being the nearest outlet to which this drain would have to be constructed and as there are no funds available for that purpose, resolution.

In compliance with your worship's order your committee interviewed the city solicitor to get his advice as to the council's jurisdiction in expending public money on the permanent improvement of some of our leading thoroughfares and he advises that under the present system of frontage the council have no power to go further than general repairs. To raise money for permanent improvements there would have to be a by-law setting forth amount required to be raised and how expended, submit this by-law to a general vote of the ratepayers and issue debentures in the event of it being approved. This your committee would advise being done to permanently improve at least three streets, viz., Park street, St. Clair street, and the western end of King street, to the city limits in each case.

Your committee beg to further report that the following improvements have been made this year under the frontage system:

Granolithic walks \$5,372
Planks walks 5,351
Sewers 5,825
Roads, Macadam 3,468

Total 17,929

GENERAL EXPENSES.

Walks, and sewer repairs \$1,138
Sweeping and cleaning King St 322
Carting, scraping and grading streets 1,371

Cleaning street crossings and cutting weeds 530
Repairing King street 320

Unclassified general work 578
Foreman's wages 410
Share of engineer's salary 468

Total \$5,131

Grand total, \$23,000.
The above does not include cost of material for repairs.

Ald. Martin explained that he presented this more as a statement than as a report. It was accordingly received.

PROPERTY REPORT.

Ald. Cowan reported on behalf of the property committee as follows:

Your committee to whom was referred the disposal of the unused desks recently used by the city council, recommend sales for three desks and three chairs at \$7 each, desk and chairs.—Adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From ratepayers on Wellington St. asking reduction on cost of macadam by reason of same having been constructed in unreasonable weather and an extravagant manner. Referred to finance.

From City Engineer Shackleton submitting annual report. Received.

From Emily Cumming protesting against raising of assessment on house from \$400 to \$500. Reduced to \$400.

From C. E. Milvain asking rebate of amount paid for cemetery lot. Ref. to parks and cemetery.

From Alfred W. Palmer asking transference of cemetery lot. Granted.

ACCOUNTS REFERRED.

Police station \$ 71 85
Sawyer-Massey Co 350 00
City treasurer 20 10
Jos Westmore 3 00

Waterworks dept 5,130 00
Diamond Glass Co 5 00
Canada Electric Co 23 00

ACCOUNTS PASSED.

Bell Telephone Co 15
City clerk postage 4 00
Wm Rennie 10 30
W R Baxter 5 00
W R Baxter 7 00
Bell Telephone Co 70

Waterworks dept 40 00
" " 33 65
" " 25 00
" " 28 07
" " 2 33
" " 20 25
" " 45 40
" " 15 28
Waterworks dept 403 59
J A Morton 7 87
Fred Wood 4 85

Burrows Bros 5 52
Herb Murphy 60
Nagle & Hughes 30 92
Geo Plumridge 75
McKee & Trotter 1 58
J B Blackburn 2 00
Chatham Bill Posting Co 8 25
McKee & Trotter 35
O B Hulin 7 54
Morley & Co 1 48
R C Burt 280 97
Fire dept laundry 2 56
Horn Bros 61 00

FOR S. S. TRUSTEES.

The supporters of St. Joseph's Separate school met today and nominated the following candidates for trustees for the term 1900-1901, ex-Ald. J. J. O'Keefe acting as returning officer: Ward No. 1.

J. T. O'Keefe, by J. Taff and Wm. Healey.
Matthew J. Doyle, by J. Gordon and Wm. H. Curran.

Ward No. 2.
Peter Blonde, by Jas. Marshall and H. LaJoie.
Joseph Kenney, by Wm. Healey and H. LaJoie.

Ward No. 3.
William O'Brien, by Wm. Healey and Jos. Kenney.
James A. Gordon, by H. LaJoie and Jos. Kenney.

Ward No. 4.
H. LaJoie, by Wm. Kenney and Jos. Kenney.
Wm. H. Curran, by Jacob Blonde and Jos. Kenney.

John Stevens, by Ed. Reardon and John Welsh.
Ward No. 5.
John Welsh, by Jas. Marshall and Jos. Kenney.

Jas. Dillon, by Wm. Healey and Jos. Kenney.
Eugene Thibodeau, by John Welsh and M. J. Doyle.

In ward 1 Mat. Doyle withdrew in favor of J. T. O'Keefe, and in ward 4, Homer LaJoie and William Curran withdrew in favor of John Stevens so that J. T. O'Keefe and John Stevens were declared elected by acclamation.

Ex-Ald. Jas. Dillon also withdrew from the contest in ward 5. The proceedings were then adjourned until Wednesday Jan. 3rd, when the election will be held.

CATCHER AT THE RIVER.

Boers Massing to Oppose Methuen--

Winston Churchill's Escape.

London, Dec. 27.—The war office has received the following from Cape Town, dated Dec. 26:

There is no change in the situation. Methuen reports that the enemy's force has increased and is engaged in entrenching three and a half miles from his outlying pickets.

Methuen reconnoitered with two squadrons of mounted infantry for two miles along the line, and drew the fire of four guns and two Vickers machine guns. Four horses were hit.

The Queen's Christmas message was received with enthusiasm. Gatacre is endeavoring to reopen communication with the Indwe collieries.

CHURCHILL'S BOLD ESCAPE.

London, Dec. 27.—Lieut. Winston Churchill, who escaped from Pretoria, describes that affair in an interview as follows:

"On the afternoon of Dec. 12 the Transvaal secretary of war informed me that there was little chance of my release. I therefore resolved to escape, and that same night I left the state schools prison in Pretoria by climbing the wall when the sentries' backs were turned momentarily. I walked through the streets of the town without disguise, meeting many burghers, but was not challenged in the crowd.

AN INTERESTED VULTURE.
"I got through the pickets of the town guards and struck the Delagoa Bay railroad. I walked along it, evading the watchers at the bridges and culverts, and waited for a train beyond the first station. The 11.10 goods train from Pretoria had arrived before I reached the place and was moving at full speed. I boarded it with great difficulty and hid under coal sacks. I jumped from the train before dawn

and was sheltered during the day in a small wood, in company with a huge vulture, who displayed a lively interest in me. I walked on at dusk. There were no more trains that night. The danger of meeting the guards of the line continued, but I was obliged to follow it, as I had no compass or map. I had to make wide detours to avoid bridges, stations and huts, and so my progress was very slow. Choccolate is not a satisfying food. The outlook was gloomy, but I persevered, with God's help. For five days my food supply was very precarious. I was lying up by daylight and walking by night.

"Meanwhile my escape had been discovered and my description telegraphed everywhere. All trains were searched and everyone was on the watch for me. Four times the wrong people were arrested. The sixth day I managed to board a train beyond Middleburg, from whence there was direct service to Delagoa Bay."

Mr. Churchill reached Lorenzo Marques Dec. 22, and left for Durban by the steamer Induna.

WAR NOTES.
Ladysmith telegraphs that it can hold out indefinitely.

The Boers at Modder River say Gen. Cronje's jambocks (whips) them into fighting. There is much dissatisfaction.

The shells which wrecked the Tugela bridge on Dec. 18, probably struck a Boer mine, as the damage done exceeded that which could have been inflicted by a single shell.

The Times makes a warm attack on the war office, which it accuses of glaring errors. It says the war is being managed in the interests of the war office instead of in that of the nation.

The Bank of Montreal has subscribed \$10,000 to the soldiers fund and the directors personally \$7,500 more.

The report that a detachment of Canadians has been cut off is probably untrue. Col. Otter cabled "all well" two days after the affair is supposed to have happened.

MARRIED IN MICHIGAN.
The Holland (Mich.) Daily Sentinel—The marriage of Dr. George Baker, of Holland, Mich., and Miss Hattie A. Shaw, was solemnized at the home of the latter, 386 Fontaine St., Grand Rapids, Rev. Mr. Beckwith, an Episcopal clergyman, performed the ceremony.

The wedding was a quiet affair, only the immediate friends being present. Dr. Fred. Betts, with whom Dr. Baker is associated in the practice of medicine, was the only witness from this city present. At 10.40 this morning Dr. and Mrs. Baker left for Detroit, and from there they will go to Chatham, where Mrs. Baker's parents reside. They will make a tour of various Canadian cities, stopping at Windsor and London, and will return here January 3. They will reside temporarily at 16 W. Sixth street.

Mrs. Baker is a professional nurse and has been employed in the U. S. A. hospital at Grand Rapids. She is very popular, and has a large circle of friends.

Dr. Baker has been a resident of Holland for five years. He came here from Hopkins, where he was a very successful practitioner, and during his residence here, assisted by Dr. Betts, has built up a large practice. He controls a cottagers at Macatawa Park during the summer, and has always been remarkably successful in his work.

The congratulations of the doctor's many friends in Holland are extended to him.

For Ladies
Purses from 25c to \$3.50
Portfolios from \$1 to \$5.
Party Fans from 40c up.
Chasteline Bags, Shopping Bags, Comb and Brush Sets.
Manicure Sets.
Handkerchiefs and Glove Boxes.
Hand Mirrors.
Fancy Boxed Stationery.

For Men
Fountain Pens.
Ink Stands.
Collar and Cuff Boxes.
Neckwear and Handkerchief Boxes.
Pocket Diaries for 1900.
Walking Sticks.
Travelling Companions.
Bill Wallets, Pocket Books, etc.

For Boys and Girls
Winter Evening Games.
Picture Books, Mouth Organs.
Fancy Pen Holders.
Books of Adventure, Scrap Books.

For Everybody
Books, Bibles, Hymn Books,
Prayer Books, Albums,
Stationery, Christmas Cards,
Calendars, Pictures, etc.

Lost!—On Sunday, a glove, between Fifth St. Bridge and the Wagon Works. The finder will oblige by leaving it at the Planet office.

The Tantallon Castle with artillery corps, siege and lyddite ordnance has arrived at Cape Town. These guns are equal in range to those of the Boers. Roberts and Kitchener have sailed from Gibraltar.

Minard's Liniment for sale everywhere.

Massey & Knight
PHONE 60. Prompt Delivery
Allen's Older.

Dress Goods and Millinery | C. Austin & Co. | Carpets and Clothing

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One eye-witness is better than ten heresays

That our business is increasing rapidly is not a matter of heresay. Hundreds of eye-witnesses (customers) testify to the fact that the place to buy Clothing and Men's Goods at the lowest prices and where all are treated courteously is at C. Austin & Co.'s

That we want to emphasize in this advertisement is its truth, not strained, stretched or garbled, but plain unvarnished facts.

All through our store stand out items of interest to buyers, interesting because of their reasonable price and good quality.

Here are some prices for the winding up days of the year:

A Bonanza in Men's Ulsters

Heavy all-wool friezes in fawn, black, gray and claret, regular value at \$6.50 and \$7.00, put in at

\$5.00

Great \$7.50 Suit Sale—a hummer

Over 100 Suits to choose from, made from all-wool tweeds, worsted and novelty rough goods, sold all season at \$9, \$10 and \$12, clearing at

\$7.50

Men's Dress Overcoats \$13.00 worth for \$10.00

Wednesday Dec. 27, 1909

THE MARKETS

Latest Quotations Which are of Interest to Everybody.

Retail Prices in Chatham—Gossip About Grain.

The markets, as happens every year, have been affected by the holiday season, and in all lines, there is a marked dullness.

Wheat—The market is dormant, there being no demand and no receipts. The farmers seem to be holding for better prices. After the holidays, comes the stock-taking time, and as a result there is generally little trading till February, when the grain business revives.

Dressed hogs.—Dull, from \$4 to \$4.75 was paid on Saturday. There was a little better demand now the weather has got cold. The packers are all over-bought and they will not be in the market again until the stocks in hand have been cut up.

CHATHAM'S MARKET.

There was a splendid Xmas market. One Harwich farmer, who has been attending the market for years, said, as he came out of the shed: "You people needn't go hungry for a week at least. There are enough turkeys in there to feed the whole of Chatham twice. I never saw anything like it. If it were only possible to buy those turkeys and send them to Ladysmith the whole garrison would have a fine Christmas dinner of turkey." The statement wasn't an exaggeration, either, as a visit within proved. Every available space was packed with turkeys and fowl, and some were turned away. The crush was the greatest seen on the market in years. The offerings were all of excellent quality and the night was enough to delight the eye of the most particular epicure. The turkeys ranged in size and price, and sales were noted at 4, 9 and 10 cents a pound. Geese, ducks and chickens also sold freely at good prices. Eggs were scarce at 20 cents a dozen, and butter was in fair supply at 20 cents a pound. Outside, the usual vegetables found immediate sale, with no change of any moment in value. Mr. Tyndall had a dressed calf on exhibition, only seven weeks old, fed in Chatham townships, and rolling in fat. E. A. Mounter, the East End butcher, purchased it as soon as he saw it, to add to his splendid display. Dressed hogs and pork were offered in some quantity, but there was no change in price.

Wheat, 67c, standard.
Mixed oats, 25 1/2 to 24 1/2.
White oats, 24 1/2 to 25 1/2.
Barley, 70 to 75c, per cwt.
Corn in the ear, 30c per bush.
Corn, new, shelled, 20c.
Beans, \$1.15 to \$1.20.
Soybeans, 45c.
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.
Alfalfa, \$5 to \$5.50.
Red Clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25.

HAY AND HOGS.

Hay, timothy, per ton, \$9 to \$10.
Hay, clover, \$8 to \$9.
Hay, baled, \$9 to \$10.
Live hogs, \$3.75.
Dressed hogs \$4 to \$4.75.

LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES.

Wool, washed, 45c, cash, 17c, trade.
Wool, unwashed, 10c.
Calf skins, 8c.
Sheep skins, 30 to 75c.
Lamb skins, 40 to 55c.
Pelts, 20 to 30c.
Horse hides, \$1 to \$2.
Skunk skins, 25 to 75c.
Fox skins, \$1 to \$1.50.
Goat skins, 25 to 75c.
Dog skins, 25 to 50c.
Mink, 75c to \$1.50.
Tallow, rendered, 3c to 4c.

HOUSEKEEPERS' PRICES.

Eggs, 19 to 20c.
Butter, 20 to 22c.
Apples, 15 to 20c, a peck.
Cabbages, 5 to 12c, each.
Peas, 20 to 25c, a peck.
Apples, 10 to 15c, a peck.
Potatoes, 60 to 65c, a bag.
Onions, yellow, 20c, white, 30c.
Carrots, 10c, a peck.
Parsnips, 15c, a peck.
Turnips, 10c, a peck.
Beets, 15c, a peck.
Pumpkins, 5c.
Celery, 4c, up.
Chickens, 20 to 30c.
Spring chickens, 15 to 20c.
Ducks, 25 to 30c.
Turkeys, 75c to \$1.50.
Lamb, 6 to 7c.
Mutton, 5 to 6c.
Geese, 15c, a peck.
Wild ducks, 25c to 75c, a pair.
Pork, 5 to 6c.
Beef, 4 1/2 to 6c.

TORONTO GRAIN.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Wheat—Outside markets were all easier today, and local prices subsided in sympathy. Red and white Ontario is quoted at 65 to 67, according to nearness to mill. Goose wheat at 70 to 70 1/2 cents middle freight and 60 to 62, north and west. Manitoba are firm. No. 1 hard, g.t. 78c asked; and Toronto and west 77c asked; and track, Midland and Owen Sound, 74c asked.

Flour—Dull. Straight roller, in buyers bags, middle freight, in demand by exporters at \$2.50, with \$2.85 asked. Same, in wood, for local account, \$3 to \$3.10 per bush, in single car lots.

Corn—Quiet. No. 2 American, yellow, low quoted at 41c, Toronto, and mixed at 40 1/2 to 40c. Canadian corn is offering at 39 1/2 to 40c, track, Toronto.

Barley—Quiet. Car lots, No. 1, middle freight, sold at 38c, and No. 1 was quoted at 40c.

Pens—Easy. Car lots sold at 57c, north and west, and 57, middle freight. Car lots, east, sold at 58c.

Rye—Easy and unchanged at 49c west, and 50c east.

Millfeed—Unchanged. Bran is quoted at \$12 to \$12.50, and shorts at \$14 to \$14.50.

Oats—Steady. White oats, 25 1/2 to 26, north and west; 26, middle freight; and 26 1/2 east.

Oatmeal—Quiet. \$3.25 for cars of bags, and \$3.35 for bbls, on track, Toronto.

Wheat—Car lots, east, sold to

Excelsior Hams

Are tender, juicy and sweet. That is the important thing, but besides that they are cured by very particular people—Everything that can be done is done to make them perfect. May we have your order for New Years?

Kent Tomatoes, 3 cans for 25c.
Kent Beans, 3 cans for 25c.
Kent Corn, 3 cans for 25c.
Kent Peas, 3 cans for 25c.
Baked Beans, 10c a can.

H. Malcolmson

day at 49c and west at 48c.

TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Eggs.—Receipts only fair, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Strictly new laid will bring 20c; fresh gathered, 17 to 18c; and No. 2 at 15c, and 10c at 16c.

Butter—Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter rather light. Local demand is good. Local quotations to the trade—Dairy, tubs, poor to medium 15 to 16c; strictly choice 15 1/2 to 16 1/2; large rolls 17c; small dairy, 18c; prints, about 18 to 19c; creamery, tubs and boxes, 20 to 21c; pounds, 22 to 23c.

Potatoes—Free deliveries and a slow local demand keeps prices down. Car lots are sold on track here at 35c, to 40c, per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 50c per bag. Cut of store, choice stock brings 45 to 50c per bag.

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c, per lb for 5, 10, or 60-lb tins, and in comb at around \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen sections.

Baled hay—Choice stock in demand. No. 1 timothy will bring \$9.50; No. 2 sells at \$8.50 to \$9.

Straw—Nominal. Car lots are quoted at \$4.50 to \$5, on track.

Hops—Quiet. Dealers here quote choice Canada 99c at 14 to 16c. Outside holders are asking from 16 1/2 to 17c.

Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 25 to 40c; geese at 5c to 6c; ducks at 40 to 60c per pair; and turkeys at 40 to 60c per pair.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

| | Up. | Down. | Low. | Close. |
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| Wheat—Dec. | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 |
| May | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 69 1/2 | 70 |
| Corn—Sept. | 33 | 33 | 32 1/2 | 32 1/2 |
| Dec. | 33 | 33 | 32 1/2 | 32 1/2 |
| Oats—Sept. | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 |
| Dec. | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 | 23 1/2 |
| Pork—Jan. | 10 40 | 10 55 | 10 37 | 10 47 |
| May | 5 50 | 5 82 | 5 47 | 5 62 |
| Jun. | 5 70 | 5 80 | 5 70 | 5 80 |
| Ribs—Oct. | 5 27 | 5 32 | 5 27 | 5 30 |
| May | 5 17 | 5 52 | 5 47 | 5 52 |

BLENHEIM.

The 5 o'clock train last night from Chatham was nearly two hours late, caused by the derailing of a baggage car at Erieau.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held their annual Xmas tree entertainment last night in the school room. A splendid program was given and an enjoyable time spent.

George A. Breeze is advertising an auction sale for Saturday, of all his household effects and intends moving early next month to Colorado.

Wilfrid Samson, son of Archie Samson, has been very ill.

Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Burke and Miss Alice spent Xmas holidays in town with friends.

Miss Lottie Gibson, Windsor, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Stephenson.

Mr. Res. Davis spent Xmas with friends in Chatham.

Mrs. Marshall, Chatham, sang last night at the Presbyterian Christmas tree.

Mrs. W. R. Rowe, who spent Xmas at Ridgetown, returned home yesterday.

Frank Sheldon was quietly married Monday night to Miss Breeze at the residence of the bride's father. Rev. T. E. Higley performed the ceremony.

The Chatham Mandolin Club was present at the Xmas tree entertainment of the Methodist Sunday school and rendered good service.

The Baptist Sunday school gave their Xmas tree entertainment Monday evening. A large Christmas tree was loaded with good things for the children and also the older people. A very enjoyable time was spent.

J. W. Baird, teacher in the Public school, is taking his holidays at Niagara Falls.

Miss Kisman is spending Xmas at her home in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Spakeman, Exeter, are the guests of their son, E. H. Spakeman, hardware merchant.

W. D. Samson and family spent Xmas in Dresden.

The Daily Planet is on sale at J. N. Babcock's Drug Store, where subscriptions will be taken, and the paper delivered free to any part of the town.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Broom Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c. E. W. Grove, signature in each box.

EXCELLENT WORK.

Result of the Recent Collegiate Institute Examinations.

We publish below the results of the recent written examinations held at the O. C. I.

Detailed reports are being mailed to parents and guardians. In the various classes where many have done well, special mention should be made of the heads of Forms. These are:

Form 4.—Bessie Errett and Dwight Walker, equal.

Form 3B.—O. R. McColl, 76 per cent.

Form 2B.—W. Leroy 77 per cent.

Form 2A.—Lena Bulis, 67 per cent.

Form 1A.—B. Burton, 60 per cent.

Commercial Senior—Eva Barassin, 84 per cent.

Commercial Junior—Queenie Holmes 83 per cent.

In the shorthand test Miss Barassin attained a speed of 123 words per minute, having only eight errors in five hundred words.

Two of the four colored pupils attending the school are at the head of their respective Forms, 1A and 3A.

Form 4, Honor Matriculation—Bessie Errett and Dwight Walker 73, W. D. Doherty 70, Genevieve McGee 67, Cora Lawrence 59.

F. W. Hall, no mathematics, 62.

Form 3B, Pass Matriculation, or Junior Leaving—O. R. McColl 76, F. F. Shadrack, Cora Doyle and Lucy Reek 75, Bertha Robinson 71, Cassie Hill 70, A. Thibaudan 69, Edna Dennis and Mabel Neilson and Christina Bates, 63, Dora McKerrall 61, Melissa Lewis 60, Allen Fritz and W. H. 59, Sue C. Terry and Margaret Lewis 58, Sue C. Terry and J. P. Oliver 56, Ada Richards 55, John Blythe 54, Percy Bedford 50, Nettie Leak and Edna Tiffin 48, Robt. O'Neill 46, G. Wells 45, H. Rice and Nellie Adams 44, Ida Tobey 41, Mattie Gardiner 40, Ada Wong 34, Mac Holmes and Minnie Jeffs 32, Percy Miller 30, W. Jeffs 23, Ethel Parks 22.

Form 3A.—E. Shreve 77, W. Chantrel 75, Gertrude Brown 70, W. McGrail 69, Geo. Doyle, Olive Birch and Pearl White 68, Millie Broadbent 64, W. Walsh 64, W. Rogers 63, R. Miller 62, Annie Hutchison 60, Max McCormick 59, Flora McDougall 58, J. Farquharson 58, Maggie Kingwell 58, J. Farquharson 58, P. Guttridge 58, H. M. Cockfield and Mary Douglas 54, Hattie Hutchison 53, L. Traxler 53, G. O'Hara 50, Ber-51, L. Moore 47, Vida Farquharson 46, F. Shamboule 42, M. O'Rourke 38.

Form 2B.—W. Leroy 77, R. Benson 73, W. Wheeler 72, M. Bates 69, Robinson 68, S. Dunlop 66, R. Campbell 64, H. Smith 63, J. Lewis and J. McCosh 60, V. Watson and R. Hutchison 59, J. Robert 57, V. Adams and Chas. Langford 54, M. Houston 53, C. Bowers, J. Houston and Clifford Langford 51, E. McDowell and L. Pardo 50, M. Hennessey 49, B. Marshall and N. Tong 48, R. Park, W. Parrott and Smith 47, A. Stewart and J. Russell 44, P. Laine 43, O. Dyke 35, W. Tichborne 33, S. Forbes 32.

Commercial.

Seniors—Eva Barassin 95, Marion Marshall 91, Lisle Blackburn 83, Alice Neilson 83.

Juniors—Queenie Holmes 83, Lila Cameron 74, Laura Fellows 73, Annie Bressy 69, Lizzie Cameron, Shirley Errett and Grace Jones 68, L. Parrott 66, R. Ingalls 64, E. Foy 64, B. De-65, Goodlands 63, Edith Daniels 63, E. Woodwell 62, G. Errett 61, B. Arnold 58, R. Hicklin 56, R. Oldershaw 51, C. Cornet, S. Northwood and A. Gam-52, none ranked.

Form 2A.—Lena Bulis 67, F. Wong 61, Mary Masters 61, L. Kelley 57, Edith Ryan 56, Edith Holmes 55, F. McLean 55, B. Oldershaw 55, G. Brackin and Grace Randall 53, B. Dale, Ruby Minges and Argie Phillimore 52, J. O'Rourke 50, W. Tackaberry, M. Paterson and E. Weldon 48, Vera Smith 47, C. Clements 46, P. Griffith, G. Laid-48, J. Robertson 42, S. Shaw 40, M. Kerr 38.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Divine service will be held in Christ church this evening at half past seven.

Miss Mamie Hoesy has entered St. Joseph's Hospital, suffering from la grippe.

Mr. Williams, of Harwich, who has been visiting Fred J. Crowe, returned home yesterday.

Mr. Geminhard has returned to his home in Detroit after a visit to Fred J. Crowe.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bloor have returned to the city from their Christmas visit.

Miss Maggie Lecoq, of Fletcher, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Annie Kerr, Lacroix street.

Miss Grace Sullivan, of St. Thomas, is spending the holiday vacation with Mrs. Sayer, Taylor Ave.

Bert Jones is spending the Christmas holidays with his father, Supt. Jones, of the waterworks department.

Mr. and Mrs. Axford and family, of Ridgetown, who spent Christmas with Mrs. F. W. Kogalschitz, have returned home.

You know

The Xmas presents have to be bought—you will find a good assortment of Fancy Lamps and China. Also a full line of Dinner Sets, \$5.50 and upwards, Tea Sets \$2.50, Chamber Sets \$1.80. They are low in price. Call and see them.

Our Xmas Fruits are in:

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| 3 lb. Selected Raisins..... | 25c |
| 3 lb. New Currants..... | 25c |
| 1 lb. Mixed Peel..... | 20c |
| Pure Lard, per lb..... | 9c |
| Mixed Candy 7c lb., 4 lbs. for..... | 25c |

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Canada: mapleland, land of great moun-
tains,
lake and riverland, land 'twixt the
Great Sea, God, hearts that are large as our
heritage,
Spirits as free as the breeze.
Grant us thy fear, that we walk in humil-
ity,
Fear that is reverent, not fear that is
base.
Grant us thy righteousness, wisdom, prosper-
ity,
Peace, if unstained by disgrace.
Grant us love, and the love of our
country,
Grant us thy strength, for our strength's
in the name:
Shield us from danger, from every adver-
sity,
O, Father, from shame.
Last born of nations, The offspring of
freedom,
Heir to wide prairies, thick forests, red
soil,
God grant us wisdom to value our birth-
right,
Courage to guard what we hold.

AN EAST INDIAN HURRICANE

By George H. Coomer.

We were making a passage from
Samarang, in the island of Java, to
Singapore, which, as most readers are
aware, lies close off the southern ex-
tremity of Malacca, and is one of the
greatest commercial emporiums of the
world.

Our ship, the Lion, a vessel of about
700 tons, was loaded with coffee and
pepper, large quantities of articles being
carried from Java to Singapore, and
thence reshipped to other ports upon
demand.

We had as passengers an American
physician and his wife, who brought
with them a large number of beautiful
Javanese birds, which they hung in
cages about the deck cabin. In a large
cage, placed in the open air, they had a
wild peacock, with its mate, these superb
fowls being very common in the deep
forests of Java, where they must often
one would think, meet with unpleasant
neighbors.

On leaving Samarang we were able to
head directly for our place of destina-
tion, with the northwest monsoon
squarely on our broadside, blowing a
gentle breeze of five or six knots an
hour, which, in about five days, brought
us within sight of the tall tree-tops of
Singapore that looked as seen through
our glasses at a distance of some 20
miles, as if they sprang directly out of
the water.

Here, however, there fell a dead calm,
the monsoon being entirely gone. The
sky had an appearance which we did
not like; for, although not a cloud was
visible, the whole heaven assumed a
strange, brassy look that was reflected
on board the ship.

The captain and mate conferred anx-
iously together, the hands forward
squinted at the sky and shook their
heads, and the two passengers, Dr. At-
ton and his wife, were evidently not a
little startled. The very peacock failed
to cry out that day, as was his custom,
and the birds in the cage were more
than usually quiet.

On the other hand, a cat, which we
had on board because strangely rest-
less, darting hither and thither, and
staring about her in such a wild man-
ner as led the second mate to remark
that it must be high water, if there was
anything to be told by a cat's eyes.

Hurriedly the lighter spars were sent
down to the deck, and while this work
was in progress there came sweeping
toward us three prodigious rollers in
close proximity to each other, the cen-
tral wave being as we judged, 20 feet
high, while those which accompanied it,
and were merely its companion ad-
juncts, were considerably lower.

There was something almost super-
natural in the appearance of those
three broad undulations, as they
coarsened heavily, glom upon an otherwise
smooth sea. The ship, lying totally
beheaded, received them "broadside to,"
and it was our fear that they would
sweep the decks; but, with three tremen-
dous rolls, which threw the very por-
tack off his legs, she surmounted them
in safety. The moment they had gone
by the surface of the China sea re-
sumed its ordinary appearance.

At the end of an hour, however, we
received a second visitation, precisely
like the first, except that the swells were
somewhat heavier. They struck the
ship upon the bows, and, as her position
for the moment was the most favorable
one possible, she received no injury, al-
though pitching "howsprit under."

Again succeeded the ordinary aspect
of a calm at sea, where the gentle un-
dulations, although nearly imperceptible,
are never entirely absent.

Another hour and we saw a third ad-
vancing column, which, like the first
and second, consisted of a trio of waves,
but with an increased weight and ter-
ror. The ship was now "stern on," and
we awaited the result with great anx-
iety.

There was a terrible grandeur in the
appearance of the rolling deluge. The
middle wave could not have been less
than 30 feet high, while those in front
and rear may have lacked some eight or
ten feet of this altitude. The combined
line illustrated the military idea of a
column of attack, formed three deep.

The silence which this mighty
avalanche glided onward was, in itself,
fearful. Upon the top there might be
an occasional break and growl, but be-
low was an utter noiselessness, and the
whole bespoke a weight and power to
mock any effort of the imagination.

The foremost of these combined seas
swept under the ship's counters, throw-
ing her stern in air till the deck lay at a
most unusual angle. Then the bow cor-
respondingly rose, while the stern sank,
and now the middle wave hung like a
sacred mountain close to the taffrail.

The good old Lion—an excellent sea
boat—once more lifted her after part as
the base of the tremendous swell rolled
under her rudder port, and for a mo-
ment we thought that even this huge
sea would go harmlessly by.

But it was too steep, and too near its
fellow wave for the ship to ride it
safely. She had glided swiftly down
from the smaller, and the larger sought
her at a disadvantage.

As the stern began to rise, the top of

the swell broke over the taffrail. It
came with inconceivable force upon the
poop deck, which was seven feet high,
and under which was the cabin. The
boat which hung at the stern was stove,
the masts broken, the compass
smashed, and the mizen mast carried
by the board.

Leaving forward, from the taffrail to
the bowsprit, went the prodigious inun-
dation, filling the decks to the top of the
rail, saving a great hole in the fore-
ward, where it deluged all the berths
of the sailors, and tearing away many
of the lower boards.

Our captain, together with the doctor
and his wife, had darted into the cabin
under the poop, while the rest of us ran
up the fore and main rigging, they be-
lieving at the time no one at the helm on
account of the calm.

The poor peacock and his mate went
out in their cage over the forward bul-
warks, and the cat with them, and all
this while there was not a breath of air.
But what a sight the cabin presented!
The water had entered it to a depth of
three or four feet, and gone swashing
from side to side till it swept down all
the bird cages, besides half drowning
the captain and the two passengers.
However, as the floor was on a level
with the main deck, the flood soon
abated.

We cleared the wreck with all pos-
sible haste, and had just completed the
work when the great East Indian hurri-
cane, of which the waves we had seen
had been the advance guard, struck us
with terrible fury. It had somewhere
been circling around for many hours,
although making so very rapid head-
way in a direct line, hence the mighty
swells that swept far out into the calm.

For the rest of that day and all the
following night the roar of the wind
was awful. Our two remaining guests
were whisked out of the ship, as if they
had been only dry twigs, while the fore-
ward house was carried overboard with
all our sea chests and mattresses. A
man could not stand for a moment
without grasping some object to support
him.

Soon after daylight the hurricane on a
sudden died away, and an hour later
the ship, which had been driven to all
points of the compass by the cycling
wind, struck on the island of Singapore,
and a spot about five miles from the
city.

An enormously high tide carried her
sheer over the seashore rocks, and into
the edge of a swampy forest, which
lined the low bank, yet she was drawing
at the time 18 feet of water.

Here the old Lion stuck fast, a per-
fect wreck, and when the tide went
down, she was high and dry, with
"windrows" of great trees lying about
her, looking as if some terrible scythe
had cut them down.

In the afternoon we made our way on
foot along the island shore toward the
city.

When half the distance had been ac-
complished, it became necessary to pass
over a piece of broken and difficult
ground, where we came upon the dead
body of a tiger, which had been crushed
by the fall of a tree.

Pausing to examine the grim but still
handsome creature, we began to hear,
close to us, a low, deep, sonant, resem-
bling the just perceptible roll of very
distant thunder. Everyone started, and
the doctor's wife turned pale with af-
fright.

"Hast!" exclaimed the captain, point-
ing to a spot not more than 20 yards off,
where there was a low, flat rock, par-
tially hidden by a tree-top which had
fallen across it. We fixed our gaze
upon the place, and a sharp thrill passed
through us. There, crouched upon the
rock, growing in a suppressed, snapper,
and with its flaming eyes, intently
watching us, was another tiger, and in
the full possession of life and strength.

"There is but one way," said the cap-
tain. "We must step back as gently as
we can. It is just possible that he may
not spring upon us."

He was large and fierce, and had
been able to kill 20 human beings in
some of his many thimble, but perhaps the
terror inspired by the hurricane had not
yet left him.

We drew slowly away from the dan-
ger, the tiger all the while watching us
with those terrible eyes, but remaining
as motionless as the rock on which he
lay. I remember distinctly the black
stripe that marked the orange ground
of his face and shoulders as he
crouched there looking at us.

Our retreat, however, was effected in
safety, and never were people more
grateful for a happy deliverance from a
most appalling danger than we were.

Reaching the city of Singapore, we
found that the damage to its buildings
and shipping had been immense. My
carry at the spot was not long. I was
placed with the other foremost hands
on board a steamer, and we went up to
Calcutta.

The captain remained for awhile long-
er at Singapore, but the doctor and his
wife accompanied us to the great cap-
ital of Hindostan, where they fixed their
residence—Golden Days.

Every bell must ring its own tone.
Beware of pride, says the peacock.
Suspicion is a key that fits every lock.
Give me to drink, but drench me not.
Stroke the dog, but beware of his bite.
The fuller the hand, the harder to hold.

If you break your bowl you lose your
broth.
In comes the fiddler and out goes the
money.

The shorter the wit the longer the
word.
One cock is sure to crow if he hears
another.

My partner ate the meat and left me
the bone.
Saw off any branch but that you are
sitting on.

If you give me a knife, give me a
fork, too.
A hole in the purse, and the cupboard
the worse.

If you shoot one bird you scare the
whole flock.
Don't wait till it is dark before you
light the lamp.

The fool kept the shell and threw
away the kernel.
Don't pull the house down because
the chimney smokes.

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Leaves

A man with a grip entered a down
town drug store and asked permission
to look at the city directory. He was
so long about his search that one of
the clerks got to watching him, and
not without result. The man was ap-
parently looking through the business
indexes at the back of the book, and
whenever he came to a page he fancied
he cut it out with a deft movement,
barely detectable. The clerk called the
proprietor, and between them they saw
him cut no less than five pages from
the book.

Then the proprietor beckoned to a
policeman just outside the window and
went up to his customer.

"Got through with the book?" he
asked.

"Yes, quite," was the reply. "Much
obliged. Is there any charge?"

"Yes—the usual charge," said the
drug store man. "Eight dollars,
please."

The man looked at the proprietor,
took in the policeman and without a
word produced his wand and settled.

"This is not the first time people
have mutilated my directory," said
the druggist in relating the incident,
"but it's the first vandal I caught at it.
Instead of copying the few names he
wants he preferred to cut out whole
leaves. Well, he paid for his fun."—
Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Pride can't pray; it only boasts.
No load is heavy to a light heart.
We should praise because we can
praise.

A smart man can learn a great deal
from a fool.
The kingdom should be put first,
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When we put down the saloon we
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CURIOUS FACTS.

A Russian does not become of age
until he is 25.

A male adult has half an ounce of
sugar in his blood.

In Greenland potatoes never grow
larger than a marble.

All the Pope's private fortune is in-
vested in British securities.

Ireland possesses the most equable
climate of any European country.

Twenty-six thousand men are em-
ployed at the Krupp gun works.

Frogs and toads are gifted with a
remarkably acute sense of hearing.

The municipal palace at Puebla,
Mex., is being remodeled at a cost of
nearly \$200,000.

A German law prevents proprietors
of eating houses from serving beer to
people eating fruit.

Cyclists in Denmark are forbidden by
law to ride faster than the speed of a
cab through any town.

St. Petersburg has the largest bronze
statue in existence—that of Peter the
Great, which weighs 1,000 tons.

Henry Arthur Jones is a devoted
cyclist, and most of his plays are
thought out while the author is wheel.

The State Historian of South Caro-
lina estimates that that State furnish-
ed 74,000 men to the service of the
Confederacy.

St. Paul's Cathedral, London, is the
most heavily insured building in Great
Britain. It is insured for \$475,000 in
10 offices.

The depth of water affects the speed
of steamers very considerably, the ves-
sels moving more slowly in shallow
than in deep water.

It is not generally known that clip-
pings from masculine heads of hair are
used for making strainers through
which syrups are clarified.

The largest library of small books
in the world belongs to a Frenchman,
who boasts that he can pack 700 of his
pocket editions in a single portman-
teau.

There is a creature known as the
hagfish, or myxine, which is in the
habit of getting inside cod and similar
fish and devouring the interior until
only the skin and the skeleton are left.

In an Atlanta divorce suit the al-
legation is made by the plaintiff that
"he would have lived happily but for
his habit of going through his trousers
pockets and relieving him of all
the cash on hand."

A meteorological observatory is to
be established in the spire of the Cathe-
dral at Ulm, one of the largest
churches in Germany. Next to the
Eiffel tower in Paris it will be the
highest post of meteorological ob-
servation in the world erected by human
hands.

A process has been discovered by
which sails of vessels of all kinds can
be made out of paper pulp, and it is
claimed that they serve quite as well
as canvas and are very much cheaper.
They swell and flap in the wind like
the genuine old-fashioned article, and
are supposed to be untearable.

A stalwart young fellow in a the-
atre at Armagh, Ireland, intoxicated by
a melon and probably something
besides, sprang on the stage, knocked
down the principal villain of the play
and dragged the heroine from a galli-
otie. He had to be removed by police-
men before the performance could go
on.

The domestics of Christiansa, Nor-
way have formed a union and declare
that all work must commence at 8:30
a. m. and end at 9. Service after that
hour must be performed by another
set of servants, for which extra pay is
demanded. One afternoon each week
and every alternate Sunday is claimed.
Other unions are forming all over
Sweden.

Governor Mount, of Indiana, says
that the State contains large tracts of
land which have been exhausted and
abandoned. In Clay county alone 19,-
000 acres and 15 square miles. His
idea is that farming can be made more
attractive by teaching some of the
science in the public schools, and says:
"I expect to see a law placed on the
statute books of the State this winter
which will provide for the teaching of
the primary principles of agriculture
in the public schools."

The four Powers have agreed upon
the color and design of the Cretan flag.
The ground of the flag will be blue,
traversed by two diagonal white bands,
forming a St. Andrew's cross. The
upper quarter, next to the staff, will
consist of a red field bearing a white
five-footed star. The red square will
be the symbol of the Sultan's suzerain-
ty, but there will be no crescent. The
flag will be submitted for approval to
the Sultan and the Cretans, and is not
likely to be modified.

ODDITIES IN PRINT.

Sicilian farmers receive only \$2.25 a
thousand lemons.

In England more than 10,000,000 oil
lamps are lit nightly.

"The Pilgrim's Progress" has been
translated into 203 languages and dia-
lects.

Wabash, Ind., has an ordinance for
bidding the hitching of horses on as-
phalt paved streets.

According to a census taken by the
Maine Bureau of statistics there are
1,577,552 hens in that state.

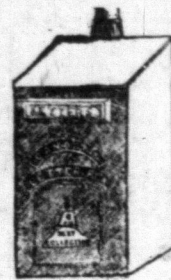
Blanc-mange means literally white
food; hence chocolate blanc-mange is
something of a misnomer.

It is stated that much of the so-called
vanilla extract is made from coral
tar productions and tonks beans.

The Salvation Army place in their
telephone boxes the following sugges-
tive notice. "Ye have need of patience."
—Heb. x. 2.

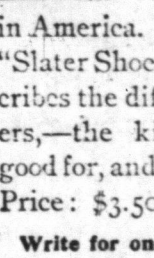
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