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TALES OF THE TOWN.

"HE Government performed a wise act when they issued the commission to Sir Matthew Begble to enquire into the circumstances of the recent smallpox affair. They could not have selected a more capable man, and it was certainly not possible to have chosen a more fearless, impartial and painstaking enquirer. If there has been a laxity of duty among those in high places, he is the last man to shield the offenders from reprimand; he is no respector of persons; on the Bench he is as fearless to day as he was in the turbulent days up-country, when he went out and quelied with a look the mob that raged for his removal. Some people say hard things of Sir Matthew, but they don't know him. It is said he is harsh and prejudiced; generally those who speak in that strain, it will be found, have been rapped over the knuckles by Sir Matthew at some time or another. The Matthew at some time or another. public is watching with interest the proceedings of this enquiry; already there have been some important particulars elicited, and the result will, without doubt, be instructive.

The familiar face and form of my friend, the Hon. Marmaduke Wood, caught my eye in town the other day. I find he is down from Plumper's Pass showing his friend Mr. Daly the beauties and attractions of Victoria. Mr. Daly is recently out from the Old Country, and for the purposes of becoming initiated into the peculiarities of this western life, could not have a more accomplished tutor than the Hon. Marmaduke, who is a host in himself in the matter of entertaining. They have so far had a thoroughly enjoyable time, with some little adventure, all, however, calculated to cause them to have a lasting remembrance of their visit.

A contemporary attempts to throw ridicule on the scheme of bringing the remains of Christopher Columbus to Chicago, and asks, "which remains?" Two cities have the dust of the explorer quietly inurned." Indubitable proof is aducible that the little urn set in the inner wall hard by the chancel in the cathedral at Havana contains his dust, and evidence at San Domingo is paralyzing in its convincingness that the good monks of San Domingo played a strategic act of substitution when the Spanish authorities called for the sacred ashes. But that should make no difference in the plans of Chicago. By all means let the fair have the two dusts and give each dust a fair show to prove that it is genuine. Famous historians can plead the two cases and the matter can be settled, once for all, by a

counted at the close of the fair. Thus universal suffrage, of which Columbus was ignorant, can elect the proper dust of Columbus to hold office, or rather to hold urn for the full term of office-namely forever.

The dress reform craze is spreading in Victoria, and if there is one reform more necessary to-day than all others, or one temperance question less consistently presented, it is that -which pertains to woman's dress. To make better conditions and better demands is the first step toward a real reform in woman's dress. The semi-fitting gown is as graceless in itself as are the millions of the wearer, while the feeling is as little rhythmic as is the foot in a loose shoe, Partly suspended from the shoulders, but chiefly from the throat, it produces the same friction that the semi-fitting shoe produces, and moves automatically in all directions. Woman is still reluctant to acknowledge that a framework of over 200 bones, gracefully supported by more than 500 muscles, is sufficient for her support and comfort. 'Ihe dress reformer wno can first persuade woman to study and apply these fundamental laws of freedom without compromising principle is the reformer that can truly serve the highest type of womanhood, and when she is fully appreciated in her efforts, womankind everywhere will demand a style of dress that will serve her. When we behold the simple elegance of the Greek statuary in its graceful drapery from the shoulders, while the face and attitude indicate a corresponding repose and ease, we may well wonder how woman has ever been led to adopt any other style than the flowing gown. Surely it can be readily modified to suit our climate and our habits of life.

The feeling that Victoria should next year have a mayor and council composed of business men, is rapidly growing, and, no doubt, a movement in this direction will be made before long. The benefits which the city would derive from a business administration cannot be overestimated. It should, however, be remarked that I do not mean by "business" the 'outfit" of half-a-dozen or so who have organized themselves into what is known as a "Business Man's Progressive Union." This organization, I understand, is headed by a young man whose great desire is to secure cheap notoriety, and right here I would observe that he will receive enough of it before long. A movement in the right direction of electing a business mayor and council must be engineered by a man of standing in the community, and not by an ignoramus, whose time could be better employed in conducting his little voting contest, the votes to be opened and business in a clean and orderly manner. I

will have more to say on this subject in a future issue.

I understand that the bi-chloride of gold institute, lately established in Victoria, has already two or three subjects under treatment, with a strong probability of effecting a permanent cure of their bibulous propensities. . While I cannot speak from experience, I must confess that I have great faith in the efficacy of this remedy. Of course there have been cases where it has not been successful, but should it effect cures in 75 per cent. of the patients, it must readily be confessed that its mission in this world is not a failure. Temperance societies have never claimed such marvellous results, although they have accomplished a great work in their, own way.

Old friends of T. M. Daly, jr., the new Minister of the Interior, now resident in this city, are joyful over the promotion of that gentleman to the cabinet. "Tom," as he is familiarly known, is one of nature's noblemen, and is popular with all classes. The appointment of so young a man to such an important cabinet position is accepted by the young Canadians with much pleasure, and as an indication of the fact that the political mossbacks must make room for younger and, if not better, at least just as good men.

There have been several attempts made to open up Bird Cage Walk by our city fathers, to the shores of the Straits, and I hope they will succeed this time. It is what should have been done years ago. The street proposed to be widened is not very thickly built upon and would cos: but a trifle compared with the expenditure a year or two hence. What signifies the extra taxes to each lot if they will increase the value of the same to nearly double?

An eastern writer notes the fact that the prime motive of the man who insures his life either for a large or small amount is the laudable wish to place the women and children depending on his exertions beyond immediate want in case of his taking off. There are, of course, exceptions to this rule, where policies are held for purely business reasons, but it is safe to say that more than seventy-five per cent, of the life insurance held on this continent is for the sole benefit of women. One might, therefore, be pardoned for supposing that as the gentler sex is an important factor in the insurance business, the companies, always anxious for new policies where men are concerned, would at least look with a kindly eye on an application from a woman. Such, however, is not the case; and, ungallant as it may be to say so, ruth compels the admission that a mean

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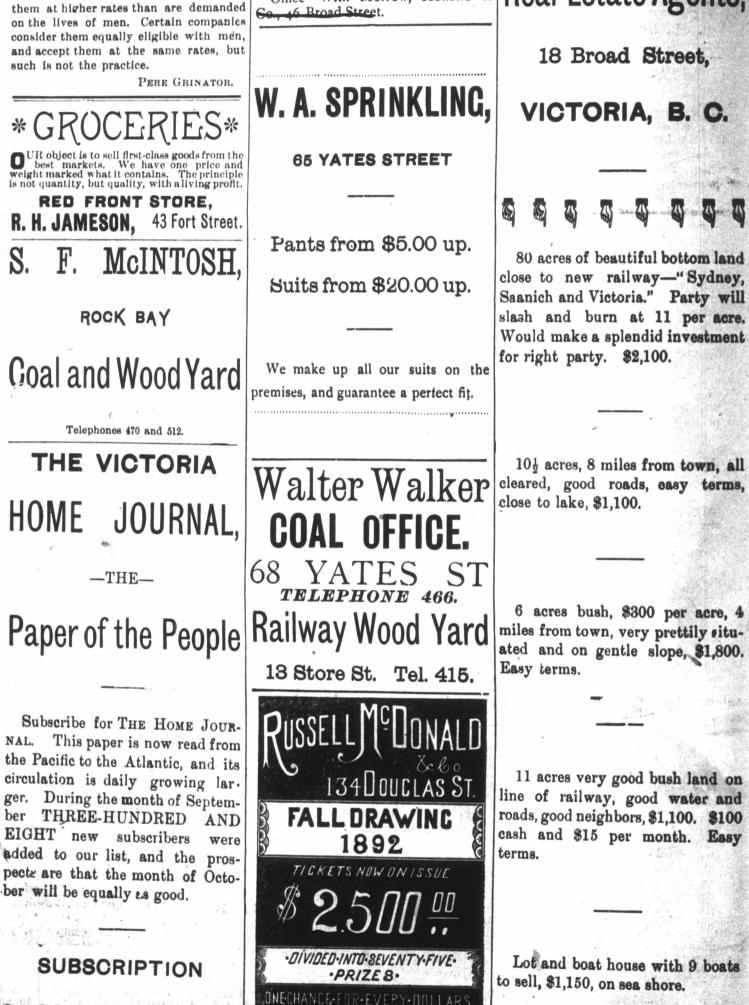
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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

T. J. Burnes, jr., left for California, Wednesday evening.

Mrs. and Miss Flett, Winnipeg, are staying at the Driard.

Mrs. McNeil and daughter, Shoal Bay, are visiting in this city.

Mrs. S. W. Vaille, of Springfield, Mass., is paying Victoria a visit.

Mrs. Parr was a passenger from the Sound, Thursday evening.

Baroness Macdonald and daughter arrived in the city, Thursday evening.

J. A. Thomas and Dr. Verrinder returned rom the Sound, Weanesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Maclure are visiting with Rev. P. McF. and Mrs. Macleod.

Samuel M. Robins, manager of the New Vancouver Coal Co., Nanaimo, is in the city.

Miss Martin, of Seattle, who has been visiting here for some time, returned home Thursday evening.

The Iolantha Club has been reorganized, and will hold its usual number of social events the coming winter season.

Mrs. Jones, wife of Commander Jones of H.M.S. Warspite, left for Liverpool via the Canadian Pacific, Wedresday night.

Mr. Berkam Davey, nephew of Sir Horace Davey, the celebrated lawyer, is in the city. Mr. Davey is on a tour round the world.

Mr. Arthur Thursby left by the Barbara Boscowitz, Tuesday evening, for Metla-katla, in company with the Rev. Stevenson and wife, to spend the winter there.

On the 19th inst., at St. Barnabas church, by the Rev. G. W. Taylor, Halcrow P., eldest son of Capt. T. H. Johnson, of St. Aubynis Place, Brighton, England, was married to Annie E., only daughter of Robert Law, Esq., of Silverdale, Fraser River, B. C.

There will be a grand masquerade ball in the Philharmonic Hall next Tuesday even ing. Good music will be furnished and a prize offered for the best lady waltzer in costume. All maskers will be identified at the doors, and every effort made to keep the whole affair very select.

Victoria society is in a state of prospective pleasure and interest over what is expected to prove the event of the season -the Charity Ball. Several elaborate costumes are being prepared for the event, which, it is believed, will far surples any-thing of the kind ever held in Victoria.

late Richard Fuggle, of St. Thomas, Ont. A number of friends witnessed the interesting ceremony.

The music loving public of Victoria were given a most enjoyable treat in the First Presbyterian Church, Tuesday evening. The choir of the church, under the direction of Mr. J. G. Brown, rendered the beautiful cantata of "Rebecca," in a most artistic manner. The various numbers were well delivered, and received rounds of applause from the delighted audience.

W. H. Mawdsley, wife and child have been in the city for the past few days. Mr. Mawdsley is here in connection with floating the Point Comfort Hotel Co., L'td., for a large summer hotel to be erected at Plumper's Pass. It is understood the scheme has already been approved of by some of the leading monied men of the Province. Mr. Mawdsley has considerable experience, and would make an ideal host.

The musical society, formed this season, already has a membership of thirty-five persons belonging to the best families. Prof. ;Yarnley, formerly of Honolulu, and a very clever musician, is conductor of the society, which will study both vocal and instrumental music. The society meets each week at the home of one of its members. At present they are studying Rossini's "Stabat Mater." During the season private concerts will be given on the first Tuesday of each month.

The Hebrew Ladies' Benevolent Society, of Temple Emanu-El, gave a grand Simchas Torah ball at Philharmonic Hall, Thursday evening, at which many Hebrews of this city attended. Dancing was kept up until an early hour Friday morning. The evening was most enjoyably spent, and the ladies must be congratulated on the success of their enerts. Among the guests were, Mr. and Mrs. Gus. Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Leiser, Mr. and Mrs. Lenz, Mr. and Mrs. Wolff, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Levy, Dr. Philo and family, the Misses Sylvesters, Mrs. A. A. Aaronson, J. P. Davies, and many others.

The basket social of the Young Ladies' Institute in Philharmonic Hall, last Wednesday night, was well attended. The baskets were made by the young ladies, filled with fruits and sweetmeats and here and there a cigar. The purchasers had the pleasure of eating with the ladies whose baskets they bought. Mrs. J. Leonard was awarded first prize; Miss E. Wilson. second prize, and Miss Ollie Deasy, third prize for the prettiest baskets. Miss G. Goddyn sang a sweet French air. Miss Kate Dolan executed a good instrumental selection. An instrumental duet by Misses Dougherty and Martin was loudly ap-plauded. Miss Beatrice Martin's recitation was deservedly encored. Dancing was indulged in till an early hour.

Mr. E. W. Matthews, manager of Dun, Wiman & Co's mercantile agency and one of the most popular young business men At the Reformed Episcopal Church, on the th inst., Bishop Cridge united in bonds of matrimony Mr. John Tumilty, of Liverpool, England, marine engineer, and Miss Emily Jane Fuggle, daughter of the of the former city. The ceremony which made the young o ple one was performed DR. JOHN HALL, 98 Yates street, over Cochrane & Munn's Drug Store. Chronic and Children's diseases a specialty. Office hours, from 1 to 4 p. m. only excepting Sun-day and holidays.

by Dean Grisdale at the residence of the bride's parents. The wedding was somewhat of a private nature, only the relatives of the contracting parties being present. The groom was assisted by Alex. Logan, brother of the bride, and Mr. W. Bannatyne. The bride was charmingly attired in a costume of fawn and green silk, trimmed with passmenterie, and the bridesmaids, Miss Turin Logan and Miss Annie Bannatyne, were dressed in light grey tweed and brown shot tweed costumes. After the ceremony, the party repaired to the diningroom where a recherche wedding breakfast was spread. The happy couple took the N. P. express to St. Paul, amid copious showers of rice, and will be absent about a month on their wedding tour.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1892.

SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

The Colonist has declared war against Chief Sheppard, and the world awaits the outcome in breathless silence.

JAPANESE doctors never present bills to their patients. They await the patient's inclination to pay, and then thankfully accept whatever sum is offered. Here is a lesson in good manners for Victoria physicians.

At the last meeting of the James Bay Flats Germ Club, Smallpox Germ proposed a vote of thanks to Mayor Beaven, which was seconded by Cholera Germ, a recent arrival from Hamburg, and adopted unanimously by the whole family of germs.

RECENTLY a San Francisco citizen armed himself with a butcher knife and, while thus equipped, chased his wife in a manner not deemed to be wholly friendly. For this he was arrested, but discharged. The right that a man has to chase his better half with a knife has heretofore lacked the sanction of the United States courts. The precise limit of the right, provided the woman be overtaken, still awaits definition.

It is not generally known that Edison received in one instance a fee of \$40,000 for his opinion as an electrical expert. He was employed by the company organized to bore the Niagara power tunnel to examine the ground, study conditions and plans, and give an opinion as to the feasibility and practability of the work. He received the fee named. Other experts from various parts of the world were also consulted, and there was concentrated upon the plans an amount of expert knowledge such as has rarely been invoked for any one undertaking.

A NEW YORKER and his wife who have been spending a holiday on the north shore of Lake Superior, are now edifying the readers of a native magazine with blood curdling accounts of their perilous doings in "Darkest America." The lady declares she is the first white woman to set foot on these wild regions. The Manitoba Liberal says: "This will be news to the thousand and one white women and children who came to Manitoba and the Northwest via Port Arthur, Rainy River and Lake of the Woods in the sixties and seventies." It is rather surprising that the New York tourists did not plant the Stars and Stripes on the north shore and pre-empt all the country west to the Pacific in the name of the President of the United States, American enterprise and travel are astounding, truly.

In Ottawa, electricity has probably been more fully developed than in any other city in the world. Power for the generation of electricity is obtained from the Chaudiere Falls. The streets and houses are thoroughly lighted, and in the city of from 44,000 to 45,000 population, there are in use 700,000 lamps of various kinds, with power for a million more. The cost of lighting is hardly more than nominal. Electricity is to be extensively used for heating and cooking purposes. Already one hotel, the Windsor, uses it exclusively for cooking. It is to be used the coming winter for heating the electric street cars. and it is said an even temperature of 70 degrees can be obtained with the weather at 40 degrees below zero. Heating and cooking facilities are obtained by a device patented by two young Canadians. Tailors use the fluid for heating their flatirons, which are simply connected with the current by a small wire, with thumb screws, and the irons can be, under full force, made so hot as to set fire to paper or cloth. Great are the uses of electricity.

As the season of warm weather is rapidly passing away, and as it is very rational to think that the appearance of frost will drive from our beautiful city all possibility of any contageous disease, it seems fitting that we should, before cold weather reaches us, prepare for what may come when the warm and balmy breezes of spring appear. One of the most attractive feafures of our city is the beautiful lawns, the unbroken soft and velvety touch of nature, adorned by costly and magnificent dwellings, the clean and tidy front yards. The superior advantages, the commercial activity, the social and industrial attractions, have been hurled all over the country, and to day Victoria stands as one of the leading cities on the Coars. Now with all this apparent grandeur and cleanliness, will our back yards stand inspection? We have been casting away refuse all summer. Where has it gone? Many of us by stepping around into the back yard, into the woodshed and outbuildings, can see what should imperatively be removed at once before snow flies. Let the front yard alone for a while and invite our health-seeking friends into the back door. Have our cisterns and wells cleaned, remove all rubbish from the stable, in fact prepare for a scourge which our neglect may hasten. Not only should our dwelling houses be cleaned up but our business houses as well. By riding around over the city one can not help receiving the impression that there are a good many dumping holes which are positive conductors of disease, and if we are to perpetuate the prestige of our city, these and all like places must have attention. Throw away the lawn mower and take the back door refuse by the throat, and 1893 will find Victoria healthful and marching on to commercial greatness that shall increase her capital, her population and prosperity.

John T. Kelly, will be the next attraction at The Victoria.

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To Editor of THE VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL: SIR: I have read with pleasure the ar-

ticles in your last two issues, relating to the formation of an Irish society in Victoria- Why the Scotch and English have societies here and Irishmen have not, is an enigma to me. Such a society would be of great benefit to Irishmen and their descendants. It should not alone help to keep alive the memory of some of the very many great men which our small and not over productive country has sent forth, but tend to make Irishmen of the present day try and copy the many great and notable examples set by our countrymen. That the society be non-political and nonsectarian should be made a sine qua non. Perhaps a few Irish Victorians will be patriotic enough to give some time and attention to the matter, and bring it to a successful issue.

R. E. SPROULE, M. D.

GAMBLING.

To t he Editor of the VICTORIA HOME JOURNAL SIR-As the daily papers of your fair city appear to be muzzled when attention is directed to the morals of the city, I feel in duty bound to come out and say something respecting the gambling that is carried on in your midst. While visiting Victoria recently, I was being shown around town by an old friend, and, to my surprise, I beheld gambling an all sides, particularly in saloons and hotels, so-called, What amazed me most was the presence of mere boys or youths betting their (?) money on the turn of a card or the rolling of balls on a billiard table. The above houses were running wide open during the exhibition week both in Victoria and New Westminster, and my friend informed me such was the case almost every week. Surely the law does not permit gambling in your Dominion.

I your Dominion. I am sorry ts say that gambling is carried on openly in this city and, in fact, all the cities of the Sound with no apparent attempt to stop it. The respectable portion of your city should insist on the law being enforced in every particular. Who knows but that your father, son cr brother might bring ruin upon your household by first looking on and afterwards being enticed to run the chance of being robbed WATCHMAN.

Port Townsend, Oct. 8th, 1892.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Mous. Albini, with his troupe of Mountebanks, tortured a small audience at The Victoria, Monday night.

The Junior Partner Company arrived too late last Saturday night to give the performance announced at The Victoria. A late issue of *Stage Sparks*, Portland, contains a portrait of Frank Armstrong, who was leading man for the Belmour-Gray combination.

Manager Goldsmid of the Vancouver Opera House is endeavoring to make arrapgements for a performance in that City by the Duff Opera Company.

The San Francisco Call says: "Miss Kate Dalgleish is a pretty, versatile and accomplished young actress, and was thoroughly enthused with the part of Chispa. Her rendering of the rollicking thoughtless California mountain girl was well appreciated."

OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

ONCERNING the subject of dress reform, which is now interesting so many Victoria women, Miss Annie Jenness Miller says : "Experience would seem to prove that the advocacy of healthful and improved dress must of necessity become a vicarious atonement for the original dress reformer. Much has already been accomplished, but much more remains to be done in this single direction, or the popular mind has become so used to unrelated parts that the correct daily passes upon our public thoroughfares for the deal in human shape, and to establish spect for harmony in physical form equires more than the logic of physio-ogical facts. Perfect dress must cognize such permanent principles as reedom, comfort, grace, æsthetic elegance, nd, above all, the general characteristics of the wearer and the occasion upon which any given dress may be worn. The aim of all my work is to urge the higher development of the body and its immediate clothing with a view to the evolution of of specialized beauty in coming generations. Dress improvement, not reform, is what is being aimed at, and this is evolutionary, not revolutionary. With the essentials secured the rest is a question of art."

CLOAKS.

The winter fashions in cloaks have brought no surprises. The novelties isible are in the trimmings and in the modes of using them. The lines of coats exhibited show an excellent variety, which speaks well for the universal popularity of these garments. Reefer jackets and military coats divide honors. Another favorite is the revised Russian coat with box pleated back. This latter coat is an excellent modification of the Russian garment, for the heavy woolen stuffs suitable for winter do not lend themselves for make up as rigid copies of the original form of this coat.

Capes from thirty-six inches to forty-two inches are still good. It is a garment which is peculiarly fit for early fall wear. In trimmings for fall, furs, feathers and

passementerie are being used in a diversity of ways.

Though there is no lack of varieties in all classes of cloak goods, still nothing distinctly novel is shown.

A WOMAN'S IDEA OF A DRUMMER.

Time was when Sam'l of Posen represented a type of the race known as the drummer, says an exchange. Of course this was to the uninitiated, the woman who was married or in any way related to the drummer himself, knew him for what he was.

Now-a-days, all her ideas have changed, and she thinks of the traveling man as an indescribably fascinating person, who goes about something like the lion of biblical story—not a roaring lion—oh, no l but a lion "seeking whom he may devour." An immaculately attired somebody with nothing to do but be agreeable. A sort of male butterfly that a woman traveling alone must beware of for fear he figuratively and literally sips all her honey.

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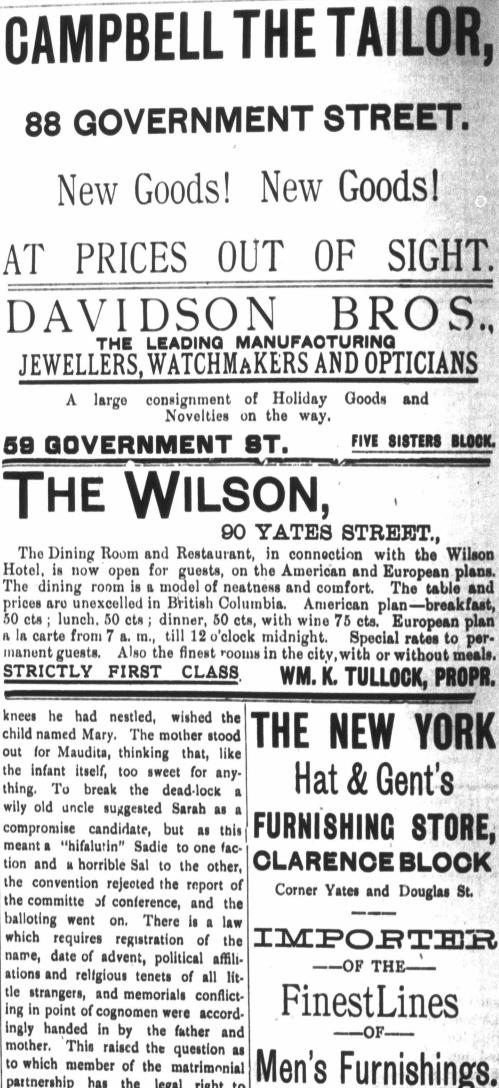
Thomas E. Nicoll, well-known to many Victorians, has cast his fortune at Monnt Tolmie, where he has erected a \$1,500 building for a general store. Mr. Nicoll will also have charge of the post-office, and has secured the mail contract for a daily service between that thriving suburb and Victoria.

The New England restaurant and bakery is now located in the handsome new building on Government street, recently erected by M. & L. Young. The New England was established in 1858, and has been under the present management since 1876. Already a large number of the rooms in the new building have been engaged by persons desiring comfortable quarters.

A clever Yankee woodman, hailing from the State of Maine, has conceived, what is proving to be, a very profitable idea, of utilizing the immense quantities of sawdust, that gather around every sawmill, by compression. Thousands of tons of sawdust are pressed into compact blocks and bales, and in this form is finding a ready market for kindling and fuel in eastern cities.

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A husband and father has recently won an ignominious legal victory over the mother-wife. There came into the household a babe, not as a wellspring of pleasure but as a fountain of strife. The man of the house, with a dim, world-worn, but still affectionate remembrance of one at whose



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SHE HAD BEEN FOOLED TOO OFTEN.

"I am a lawyer's daughter, you know, George, dear," she said, after George had proposed and had been accepted, "and you wouldn't think it strange if I were to ask you to sign a little paper to the effect that we are engaged, would you ?"

George was too happy to think anything strange just then, and he signed the paper with a trembling hand and a bursting heart. Then she laid her ear against his middle vest button, and they were very, very happy.

"Tell me, darling," said George, after a long, delicious silence, "why did you want me to sign that paper? Do you not place implicit confidence in my love for you?"

"Ah yes," she sighed, with infinite content, "indeed I do; but, George, dear, I have been focled so many times."

THE WORLD'S FAIR.

A correspondent writes : "Wonderful, wonderful, wonderful is the magic wand of Chicago. The genii of the lamp of Aladdin are Pigmies beside it ! The wildest dreams of Monte Christo become tame and prosaic before it, and the mightiest works of the historic past in Rome, in Egypt and in India dwindle under its spell | Pharaoh kept his one hundred odd thousand laborers at work for decades under the lash to build the great pyramid of Cheops Slaves innumerable worked for many years in constructing the Colosseum and the stones of the Taj Mahal and the great Fort at Agra were cemented together with human blood and with tens of thousands of human lives. The wand of Chicago in a few' months has created massive structures which in magnificence and splendor outrival anything ever conceived by man, and the human mind grows dizzy in trying to comprehend the immensity of the mighty exposition she is building. have spent the day in wandering in and out among the massive palaces which are springing up like magic on the banks of the lake, and the din of great hammers, the shrieking of engines and the running to and fro of six thousand workmen still ring in my ears as I write. The exposition grounds cover just about the area of a section peat from memory, word for word, of land and if they were square it forty chapters of the Bible.

would be just about four miles around them. This space is to-day the busiest place in the world. The crowded streets of Canton, China, are not more lively than it, and every kind of work almost under the sun is going on in the building of this exporition city of great palaces. Hundreds of men are working in iron and other hundreds are hammering, sawing and cutting in wood. There are scores of artists here modelling in clay the delicate carvings which are to decorate the great buildings, and other artists are making the gigantic statues which are to stand guard over the doors or upon the roofs. There are painters by the hundred, designers of all kinds, workers in tin and in copper, masons and plumbers, and in short men of every trade and vocation required in the building of a city. It takes big restaurants to furnish the feed for the workmen and corps of policemen are present to keep guard over the whole."

THE MAN OF CLOSE FISTED PROCLIVITIES.

A prominent man in this city, who is noted for his close-fisted proclivities, a few days ago met with the directors of his company. It happened that there is a very comely maiden who hammers the keys of a typewriter for the company, and this has worried the avaricious gentleman quite a good deal, as he is of the opinion that a woman's place is at home. At the meeting mentioned, the directors were auditing bills, and among them was one that read "Ribbon for typewriter thus : seventy-five cents." When the avaricious gentleman noticed it, he was dnmbfounded; he could not believe his senses. The idea of the company furnishing the young lady stenographer with ribbon fairly froze him. He was on his feet in an instant, waving his arms like a windmill and demanding of the secretary if the company was compelled to board and clothe its emyloyees. After he had been laughed at for some minutes, it was explained to him that the ribbon was for the machine and not for the operator.

The state of Maine can boast of a prodigy in the person of an eight-yearold bundle of precocity who can re-

MARRY AN UGLY MAN.

"When I marry," said a budding schoolgirl, "I want a tall, fine-looking man." "There's where you're wrong, sis," said her more practical sister. "You'll have less trouble watching an ugly man and have more of his company."-N. Y. Mercury.

A JOY SHE NEVER CAN KNOW.

"Nothing can make a woman so superlatively happy as to have a baby of her own to kiss," exclaimed Mrs. McBride, rapturously, as she fondled her first-born.

" My dear," replied her husband, pityingly, "you can never know the unutterable joy of being 'Next' in a crowded barber shop on Saturday night."

HOW MANY MILES CAN A GIRL DANCE?

Speaking of girls taking exercise sufficient for their health, a grumpy old bachelor, whose feet were not built for dancing, said : "During the bail season, a girl gets lots of exercise. I've made a study of dancing and figure that an average waltz takes a girl over threequarters of a mile of floor; a square dance is good for a half mile and a galop equals a run of one mile. Twenty such dances is the average, you know, that is, if the girl is not a wall flower. Of the twenty, twelve are waltzes, and you have nine miles; three are galops, and that makes twelve miles; five other dances at a half-mile give you a total of That is not counting fifteen miles. strolls, promenades and other trips. So you see that if a girl attends two balls a week she gets plenty of exercise.

We are pleased to observe that the Victoria Lacrosse Club have decided to wind up their season's pleasure by holding a concert. The committee who have the programme in hand say that it will surpass anything of the kind ever before attempted in the city.

Emperor William of Germany is a great stickler for what he is pleased to denominate "royal etiquette." The lives of his little boys are therefore made burdensome to them by their attendants, who, by the imperial command, insist upon changing the clothes of the poor little fellows three and sometimes even four times a day.

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COSTUMES COMPLETE FROM \$10.00. STYLE AND FIT GUARANTEED.

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Staples ;

Grey Flannel, all-wool	••		net en ser		25 cents 20 cents
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Grey and White Blan Welch Flannels, Yorkshi	keis.	Fancy	Flannels, etc.	Saxony	Flannels,

In view of the Heavy Stocks we have on hand, our prices have all been reduced to the very lowest margin possible for CASH.

