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SIXTIETH YEAR.

The Youth's Companion celebrates this year its six.ieth anniversary. It might well be named the 'Universal Companion,' so widely is it read, and so withly adapted to all ages. Its contributors are the most noted writers of this country and of Europe Among them are W. D Howells, J T Trowbridge, Prof. Huxley, The Duke of Argyle, Marquis of Lorne, and Princess Louise, Archdeacon Farrar, C A Stephens, Admiral David Porter, Lieut. Schwatka, and many others. We do not wonder that the Companion, with such contributors, has nearly 400,000 subscribers. It costs but \$1.75 a year Perry Mason & Co., Publishers, Boston.

Vick's Magazine for January is an excel-lent representative number of this always interesting journal. Every lover of the beautiful in nature should sceure it.

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If we gave a column to The Youth's Companion announcement, we could scarcely enumerate the attractions t promises for its 61st volume. Serial stories of adventure and domestic life, including the eight prize stories for which \$5000 has recently been awarded: Narratives of travel by celebrat-Serial stories of adventure ed explorers, biography, history, science, hygiene, recreation, -- and many other subjects are represented in it.

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The Marion Tract Depository of Saratoga Springs is a purely benevolent and Christian enterprise devoted to the dissemination of religious literature. The founder, Dr Kesdall, lost his only daughter, Marion, a child of rare leveliness and piety, about two years ago, and he has commemoratively christened the society in her honor. An 8-page monthly journal, printed on fine paper, and of handsome typographical appearance, The Word and the Way, was started last Jansary, and it has rapidly grown in circulation and influence. Each number contains a sermon by a leading clerzyman, together with poetry, contributions, children's depart-ment, temperance column, and choice miscellany. There is no sound reason why any Christian family should be without a sound religious paper. The Marion Depository also publishes a large line of tructs.

The New York Tribune, says, No pains or expense have been spared in the production of Vick's Floral Guide, and every effert has been made to render it worthy the reputation of its publisher, James Vick, Seedsman, Rochester, N.Y.

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plants, are triumphs of chromo-lithography which have probably never been excelled, while the hundreds of smaller illustrations are true to nature and thoroughly described.

The volume opens with the enter of practical and a second se

cal articles of great service to both amateur and professional gardeners, is followed by faithful illustrations shewing interior of the immense seed house, and then by engravings of all the leading and rare varieties of flowers and vegetables, with directions for their culture.

The Portuguese Cortes.

LISBON, Jan, 1 .- The Cortes was opened to-day. In the speech from the throne the King returned thanks for the receptions accorded him by the European courts on his recent journey abroad. Portugal's foreign relations were declared satisfactory, and anouncement was made of intended changes in the customs tariff in order to establish as equilibrium of revenues and expenditure.

Perishing in Sight of Shore,

ROCKAWAY BEACH, Jan. 2.—Great fears are entertained here for the safety of five unknows men who are out in an open boat hemmed in by ice in the middle of Jamaica Bay. It is almost impossible they can survive exposure much longer, and they are making small progress in their effort to reach shore.

HOME AND FOREIGN

Von Tisza says peace will be maintained. The German Army Bill Commission meets

The Rothschild syndicate refuse further Russian loans.

The fund for ex-Head Center Stevens amounts to £1831.

Goblet's pacific speech is unanimously applauded by the press.

The gold yield in Victoria was 135,000 ounces less in 1886 than in 1885.

M. Munkacsy, the artist, sailed for Hungary Saturday evening.

The Philadelphia Evening News has reduced

its price to one cent.

The thermometer at St. Paul dropped to 26 degrees below zero Friday.

The railway lines between Detroit and Chicago are blocked with snow.

Alex. Brown of Lampasas, Tex., was murdered and his house robbed yesterday.

M. Bartholdi has been promoted to com-mander of the Legion of Honor. Count D'Aunay says France will not allow her Egyptian interests to be endangered.

The German War Office has completed arrangements to increase the army in April.

There were thirty-four new cases and twenty deaths from cholera at Buenos Ayres yesterday.

Small-pox prevails at Melbourne, having been brought by the German steamer Prus-

It is said De Frecinct and Ferry have been reconciled and will support the Goblet minis-

f. The price of gas in Kingston has been low-ored fifty cents a thousand.

On Thursday the price of wheat rose two cents a bushel at all points in Manitoba.

Dr. D. C. Hickey of Kingston has been appointed American Consul at Charlottetown, P.E.I.

The Thomas family of Pittsburg is suffering from trichinosis contracted by eating raw ham. Wm. Poole and Joseph Font, life prisoners at Sing Sing, were pardoned by Gov. Hill yester-

In a saloon quarrel at New York yesterday Patrick Dolan was shot and killed by Thomas Horn.

The output of silver in Colorado for 1886 was \$16,450,921, lead \$5,123,296, gold \$5,087,901, copper \$132,570.

The Excelsior House at Lake Minnetonka, Minn., was destroyed by fire Friday night. Loss \$2000.

Lord Dufferin disapproves the Government's request for a volunteer corps of natives in

The Progressists of the Reichstag will introduce an income tax bill to meet army expendi-

The inaugural procession of Lord Mayor Sullivan of Dublin yesterday was the simplest

The Spanish commercial modus vivendi with the United States will be prolonged until March

The Czeck members of the Bohemian Diet ask the Gormans to submit a statement of their grievances.

The Standard says the Government would warmly welcome Mr. Goschen if he would enter the cabinet.

Hon. J. J. C. Abbott, Q.C., M.P., has consented to become a candidate for the mayoralty of Montreal.

Last week a barrel of apples passed through Sarnia for China. They were shipped from Guelph, and the freight was \$8.

Dominico Monsillo was stabbed to death over a game of cards in New York last evening by John Mannore.

The California Horticultural Society requests its Congressional delegation to urge the passage of the bill to endow experimental stations.

The streets were ankle deep in slush and mud in New York on Saturday and New Year's calling was more limited than in former years.

A man named Brown claims to have seen the sea serpent in the Hudson River last Thursday, although the river was frozen over. Brown avers he was sober.

avers he was sober.

Gen, Gonieff has been appointed to succesd Gen. Kaulbars as military attache to the Russian embassy at Vienna.

Chamberlain has postponed his proposed meeting of Birmingham electors until the present crisis has culminated.

Mr. Gladstone, Cardinal Manning and others, have appealed to the press not to publish the details of divorce suits.

Two syndicates are competing for the Austrian and Hungarian 80,000.000 deficit loan. The Rothschilds are in one syndicate.

Mr. Sexton, in thanking Dublin people for electing him sheriff, said if the Government asked him to do anything against Irish inter-ests it would receive a short answer.

The mayor of Broos has been ordered to pre-pare the troops for spring manœuvres, the early call being taken as an intention of massing the troops in Transylvania.

The Berlin Post charges Gen. Sobloff with writing the anti-German articles in the Russian papers. The paper says it cannot understand Russia's conduct in this matter.

Favoring Home Manufacture.

BERLIN, Jan. 3.—German iron masters have made an agreement with those of Belgium to refrain from selling rails in each other's country. Iron masters of these countries are endeavoring to induce English manufacturers of rails to enter into a similar agreement.

A Boycott Where Least Expected.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Dublin Express of yesterday asserts that Archbishop Walsh is being boycotted by the Catholics of the upper classes because he supports the Nationalist plan of campaign.

Anniversary of a Consecration.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 3.—Impressive ceremonies were held this morning in St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the consecration of the Right Reverend W. Bacon Stevens, LL.D., Bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania.

Married Papa's Coachman.

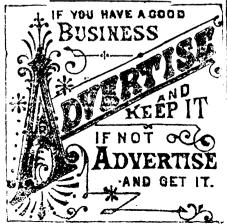
New Haven, Conn., Jan. 3.—Eunice Hill, the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. Hill of Redding, eloped with and has been married to Fred Hicks, her father's coachman. Hicks is 25 years old and uncultivated. The lady is 19. Mr. Hill refuses to recognize either of them.

LONDON, Jan. 1.-Mr. Goschen, Lord Hartington, Sir Joseph Chamberlain and Sir Henry James held a long conference to-day. The weight of opinion was in favor of Mr. Goschen's repting office. Mr. Goschen thereupon was ed all personal distaste, and wrote to Lord Salisbury that he would enter his Cabinet uncertain conditions. He will hold a conference of the salisbury that the work of the salisbury that th ence with Lord Salisbury on Monday.

Mr. Goschen's Appointment.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Post in announcing that Mr. Goschen has agreed to succeed Lord Randolph Churchill in the leadership of the Youse of Commons, expresses the fear that his appointment will lead to the abandonment of the Tory democratic policy upon which it is necessary to fight the Conservative battle. The Post again urges upon Lord Salisbury the imperative necessity of seeking some means to regain Lord Randolph Churchill, if Mr. Goschen's acceptance be not final.

Harcourt Interviews Goschen. London, Jan. 2.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt and Arnold Morley visited Mr. Goschen to-day. It is rumored that the latter was sent by Mr. Gladstone to advise Mr. Goschen not to leave the Liberal party.



A Jury Commission Asked for.

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Representatives of the Oitizens' Association, the Iroquois, Union League and the Commercial Club have agreed upon two bills to be presented during the coming session of the Legislature. One is "Mob and Riot" Bill, and the other provides "Mob and Mot" Bill, and the other provides for the choosing of jurors by jury commissioners. The jury bill vests the power of appointing three jury commissioners in a majority of judges of each county. Of the first three so-chosen, one shall hold his office for one year, one for two years and one for three years. The duties of such commissioners are to commissioners are to commissioners are to commissioners. The duties of such commissions and the ages of 21 and 60 years, and from time to time select the required jurors and grand jurors. from such list.

An Experiment in Profit Sharing.

Boston, Jan. 1.—The proprietors of the Boston Herald announced to-day to their employes a proposition to give to them for the current year a portion of the net profit of the business, after reserving the interest on the value of the property. The employees are to share in proportion to the wages received during the year. They also suggest to the employees the formation of a mutual benefit society, promising to contribute an amount of the secret, and the secret of th equal to the aggregate contributions of the employes. The proprietors say in their circular announcing the proposition: "We hope this experiment may be so successful that profi sharing may be adopted by us as a permanent policy." permanent policy.

Tobogganing on New Year's Day.

The Park and Riverdale slides were in full blast Saturday and hundreds dressed in toboggan attire enjoyed themselves there. night the slides were illuminated. The festivity at the Park was marred by an acfestivity at the Park was marred by an accident which shook up a party of ladies and gentlemen but caused serious injury to none of them. The accident happened at the curve, which will be altered and widened to prevent a recurrence of the event. While the alterations are being made the slide will be closed

Strike of Locomotive Firemen.

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 1.—The firemen on the passenger trains on the Atlantic Count Line system struck to-day for higher wages. They are now paid \$30 a month. The railroad officials refused to accede to the demand. The places of the strikers were filled by new men. and the running of trains has not been interrupted. No trouble has occurred and none is expected. The Atlantic Line system embraces all the connecting roads from Richmond to Charles ton, S.C.

Murdered Because of a Dissolute Woman-New York, Jan. 1.—Eugene Carter, colored, has been living at 93 West Third-street with a white woman. This morning another. negro named Taylor went in to possess the white prize. He struck Carter on the head with a slab of marble. Carter died to-night.

The Storm in Indiana.

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Jan. 2.-The present storm on the railroads was the worst in this locality for five years. Fortunately the weather is not very cold or the roads would be unable to move a train. There is over five unable to move a train. There is over five feet of snow on a level in the exposed places, while in the ravines it is much deeper.

The Mayor of New York Installed.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-Mayor-elect Hewits and other municipal officers who were elected in November were formally installed to-day, but without any special ceremony.

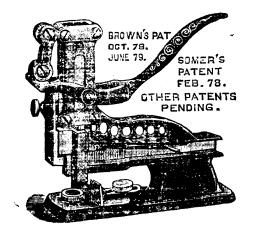
A Landlord Makes a Liberal Offer.

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Brockyille is making arrangements to light its streets by electricity.

An effort is being made to stop the sale of Sunday papers in St. Thomas.

Quebec claims the oldest living printer in the country, Joseph Dupras, aged 87 years.

Two mounted policemen have been imprisonal at Macleod, Northwest Territory, for drank-

A carload of presents for the convicts in the Kingston penitentiary were distributed en Christmas morning.

R. N. Roddy of Peterboro has been arrested and locked up under a third conviction for violating the Scott Act.

Mr. Conway, a farmer resident of Campbell-ford, while hunting in the country northeast of Haliburton last week shot a cow moose weighing 700 pounds.

Saturday night a safe belonging to George J. Bradley of Port Huron, was opened and az iron box containing a lot of deeds, policies and other papers abstracted.

Science, an English review, s ys that the deepest of all the North American lakes is Lake Temiscouata, below Quebec, which in some places attains a dep h of over 500 f. ct.

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On Friday the Grand Trunk car shops at London were closed. It is sai: that the shut d wn will last but a short time and that work will be resumed sh rtly after the new year.

H. J. Cloran of Montreal has taken criminal action against Richard White of the Montreal Gazette and also sues for \$25,000, because to was spoken of in the paper as a dynamiter, William White is in custody at London charged with having committed rape on Miss Maggie Brighton of Clarence-street in that city. White was formerly in the employ of the Grand Trunk Railway Company.

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Melland's boot and shoe store, Winnipeg, was burned on Wednesday; loss \$8000.

Phil Wilkins of Galt has been fined \$20 and costs for disturbing the Salvation Army.

Wm Schotten's spice mills, St. Louis, were damaged \$85,000 by fire Wednesday night.

Gen. Kaulbars has been attached to the staff of the Grand Duke Vladimir, eldest brother of

The winter at Fort McLeod has been favorable for ranchmen, no losses of cattle having occurred.

A house-to-house collection at Quebec for the poor, just completed by the Sisters of Charity, realized the sum of \$3796.

The thermometer registered from 18 to 42 degrees below zero Thursday morning in Maine and New Brunswick.

The Michigan Central directors have declared a dividend of 2 per cent. The dividends are payable February 15.

John O'Connor, M.P., and Messrs, Mandevills and Casey, resumed the collection of rents on the Kingston estate in Cork at midnight.

The Birmingham Radical Union has agreed that Mr. Chamberlain's recent speech offered to Home Rulers grounds for compromise.

There is talk in New York of forming the "Improved Knights of Labor." Circulars have been sent to dissatisfied Knights in that city.

Five persons were killed and a number of firemen were injured Thursday at a fire which destroyed a large block of buildings in Lisbon The ice bridge across "the Si Lawrence at

The ice bridge across the Si. Lawrence at Montreal has now formed, all present danger of the city being inundated being consequently averted.

Mr. Kenning, Collector of Inland Revenue at Winnipeg, has been removed to Windsor, Ont. Mr. Coatigan, deputy collector at Winnipeg, takes his place.

The Gloucester fishing schooner. Richard K. Fox, was wrecked at North Chatham in a snow storm Thursday morning. The crew escaped. The vessel had a full cargo.

Madagascar has concluded arrangements for obtaining a loan of \$3,000,000 for twenty-five years at six per cent. per annum from the Comptoir d'Escompte of Paris.

Henry Russell of Albany has sold during the year of 1886, 500,000 barrels of flour. This is believed to be the largest amount ever sold by any commission house in the world.

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