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### The Musical Eckhardts

Without doubt the show on Tuesday evening by the Swiss Hand Bell Ringers, was the best that it has been the lot of Cardston theatre patrons to witness.

Every feature was a headline attraction and it is hard to single any one act out as being the best.

The only circumstance that marred the harmony of the evening was the draping of the Stars and Stripes over the piano. This caused considerable comment.

A fairly large audience was in attendance, and M. I. Associations under whose auspices the attraction appeared, must feel highly complimented upon the success which has attended their efforts.

Entertainments like the above are highly elevating and can never come too often.

### Skating Rink Re-opens

The O. K. Skating Rink re-opened to the public on Wednesday evening, under the management of Mr. Van Brown.

A large crowd of skaters were out and a very enjoyable time was spent.

We feel sure that under the new management, the rink will be a success.

### "Uncle Dan'l"

The well known success "Uncle Dan'l" or "The Messenger from Jarvis Section" which comes to the Assembly Hall, one night, Thursday, Nov. 11th., was dramatized from the novel of the same name, which has been read by many thousands of people and has been presented in every city in the Union by that well known actor Barney McCauley, for so many seasons, and having received nothing but flattering comments from the press and public for so many years, is surely a guarantee of its merits, as a pure wholesome "Down East" comedy and with the introduction of many high-class specialties, the value of the entertainment cannot be doubted. Mrs. Fiske made one of her first successes in "Uncle Dan'l" and other well known stars who found fame and fortune in it may be mentioned Mary Marble and winsome Lizzie Evans.

### Forty-five Singers Wanted

A meeting of the Choral Society will be held at Mrs. Leigh Youngs Saturday evening Nov. 6th, at 8 o'clock. Business of an important nature will be transacted. All members, and all those who are desirous of becoming members, are requested to be present.

### Cardston Beats the World

Billings, Oct. 29th.—The Dry Farming Exhibition and Congress has closed. The premiums were awarded today.

For the best exhibit Colorado won first prize, and Alberta second.

Cardston took first prize for brome grass, alsike clover and rye grass and second prize in alfalfa, spring wheat and buckwheat.

For the best display of Winter Wheat Lethbridge was first. Macleod landed first prize in threshed grain.

### Clever Juveniles Coming

What should prove to be one of the best musical treats of the season, is the Juvenile Bostonians, who are to appear at the Assembly Hall, Friday and Saturday, Nov. 19th and 20th. This remarkable organization of youngsters has a wide reputation for their wonderful voices and they give a remarkable performance equal to many of the performances offered by older and more pretentious companies. They have been secured by the local management only after offering large inducements, and their appearance at this time should be heralded with much pleasure.

### Glenwood Gleanings

Glenwood, Alta., Nov. 1st, 1909. Elder Hammer and Elder Edwin Leavitt were here last Sunday as home Missionaries.

Elder Wm. Wood was also a visitor and was very pleased with the progress of the ward.

Levi Webster formerly of Mountain View is building a nice five roomed house. There are no shacks in Glenwood.

We understand the contract for the Glenwood school house is let to the Stacy Lumber Co. of Lethbridge.

### Alberta's Exhibits Were Prominent

(Lethbridge Herald)

The Southern Alberta exhibits were all along the south end of the hall, while Mr. McNicol had managed to get his across the corner in full view of the main entrance. Taber, Macleod and Cardston were all represented with very creditable exhibits. The whole four exhibits worked in well together as a Southern Alberta exhibit, and as such carried off the second prize for exhibit from state or province, Montana being barred.

CARDSTON A REVELATION  
Cardston's exhibit specialized in grasses, there being between thirty-five and forty kinds in their exhibit. All kinds of clover, alfalfa, timothy, and shif were there. Agricultural authorities, like Prof. Shaw, visiting the exhibit, declared that it was a revelation to them. The Cardston exhibit was handled by R. W. Pilling and S. M. Woolf. They expected to get inside the money for spring wheat, having a very fine sample, but it was given to Colorado, to what was a soft variety, whatever other good qualities it may have had. They did get several prizes however.

THROGGED WITH VISITORS  
The exhibits from Alberta were constantly thronged with people eager to know more of that province, especially in view of the splendid array of products on exhibition. The men in charge were kept busy talking and handing out the abundant supplies of literature they had.

MARVELLOUS DEMONSTRATION  
The whole exposition was a marvellous demonstration of what can be done by scientific dry farming methods. Displays were there from many western states and Alberta, grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables were in elaborate profusion and all produced on the land so long supposed to be incapable of producing any agricultural products.

### Taber Notes

Taber, Oct. 29—The big steel bridge across the river near Taber, is nearing completion. The sides have been completed, and the work is being pushed on the middle pier. The report comes in that about three weeks of good weather will have the bridge finished. Farmers on the north side of the river have been waiting patiently for this improvement, and no doubt it will bring farmers to Taber, who have heretofore gone to other towns for their trading.

Robert Ibeys returned on Wednesday morning from Raymond, where he was called by a message from his wife, who is sick there. Last summer she received a shock from a stroke of lightning, and since then she has not enjoyed the

best of health. It is hoped she will have a speedy recovery.

Mr. W. E. Layton and "Bride" returned on Sunday morning from Salt Lake City, Utah, where they spent their wedding trip. The groom is a young man of excellent qualities and good habits, while the bride, Miss Elsie Burrows, of Mountain View, Alta., comes of a good family who cannot be too highly recommended. The wedding supper was given at the home of Mr. S. J. Layton, on Thanksgiving night, and only intimate friends and relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Layton will go to housekeeping in C. Layton's house about the first of November. The community extends a hearty welcome to the young couple.

### Council Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.

Those present were Mayor Brown, Councillors Burton, Cahoon, Coombs, Duce and Hunt. Opening prayer by Councillor Duce.

Minutes of regular and adjourned meetings for October read and approved.

A communication was received from the Northern Electric & Manufacturing Co. of Winnipeg re light carbons. Filed.

The School Trustees through their Secretary E. A. Law applied for transfer of School taxes. Moved by Councillor Duce and seconded by Councillor Burton that the Sec.-treasurer be instructed to pay over one thousand dollars. Carried.

A communication was received from the Rogers-Cunningham Lumber Co. re transfer of a portion of taxes to the Stacy Lumber Co. Referred to finance committee.

A communication from the Canada fire and engine Co. Limited making enquiries as to whether town were in need of a chemical engine or hook and ladder apparatus or repairs of any kind in their line. Moved by Councillor Coombs and seconded by Councillor Burton that the communication be referred to fire, license and police. Carried.

A communication was received from George A. Stumpson & Co. re debenture bonds, asking for lowest price etc. Filed.

A communication was received from P. L. Naismith, Manager of the A. R. & I. Co. re sidewalk from Station platform to Red Crow Street stating that carpenters would be here in a few days. Filed.

A communication was received from J. F. Porter of the Robb Engineering Co. asking for a settlement of account in full. The said account was in dispute and has since been adjusted and paid.

Moved by Councillor Cahoon and seconded by Councillor Duce that each standing committee be instructed to certify to all accounts originating in each committee's department. Carried.

Berg Ellingson asked for permission to canvass for musical instruments for 30 days. Moved by Councillor Cahoon and seconded by Councillor Hunt that as Mr. Ellingson has already paid \$15.00 his petition be granted. Carried.

A communication was read from F. W. Atkins making complaint against J. C. Cahoon in reference to waste water running from the premises of J. C. Cahoon to F. W. Atkins' property. Moved by Councillor Coombs and seconded by Councillor Cahoon that the Sec.-treasurer notify Mr. F. W. Atkins that the matter does not come within the jurisdiction of the Town Council and consequently

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## THE TERRITORIAL ARMY

### ENGLAND'S CITIZEN TROOPS IN CAMP.

The Conditions Were Made to Resemble Those on Active Service.

A goodly portion of old London moved out to Salisbury Plain for the first two weeks of August, when the Metropolitan Territorials went into camp. Thirty thousand men in uniform tented and manoeuvred on the plain. Not since the South African war has London seen so many men in khaki. Getting the men and horses and equipment out to the camp was a huge business, and the work fell heavily on the Great Western and South Western Railroads, which had at the same time to handle the usual Bank Holiday excursion crowds. The start was made on Saturday afternoon and as evening advanced Waterloo Station became a picture of warlike preparations.

Regiment after regiment came along, all in khaki and carrying their field kits. The entrances in Westminster Bridge road to the new platforms were reserved for the troops, and many corps made that the place of assembly, the men falling in smartly and entraining with great speed as soon as the empty vehicles drew up to the platforms.

#### GREAT PLAIN TOO SMALL.

So great has been the growth of the Territorials that the spacious Salisbury Plain seems to have grown small and cramped. Five thousand acres will be added to it as soon as the War Department can obtain possession of the land. The work began on Monday, and mostly for the sake of the newly-joined men, company and battalion drill occupied all of the first week. The manoeuvring ground on the downs was divided into practice areas upon which the units could carry out their exercises separately. For the senior men there were more ambitious exercises. Small mobile columns were formed, with guns and cavalry, and these marched, each column carrying its own tents, stores and equipment and bivouacked at an appointed distant spot. An expeditionary force was sent out for a two-days' march and eventually had to fight its way back to camp.

#### MOBILE COLUMNS.

The first of these mobile columns was sent out on Thursday night, after the men had become somewhat used to camp life and a little hardened to the work. An interesting little campaign had been worked out by General Vesey Dawson, commanding one of the divisions, and Major Ruthven, his chief of staff. The situation had been imagined of a victorious invading army marching upon Winchester. They had scattered the defending army into small parties, capable only of carrying on guerilla warfare. Through the country in which the guerillas were operating a reinforcing column was to march towards Winchester, their care being to get through as quickly as possible without being impeded by the small but desperate bodies possibly lurking in the way. The reinforcing column sent out consisted of the Fifth London Infantry Brigade, comprising the London Irish and the battalions from Poplar, St. Pancras and Blackheath, with three batteries of the Sixth London Artillery Brigade, the Eighth London Howitzer Battery and the Field Ambulance and Army Service Corps of the Fifth Division—a handy little column. Their arrival was of great importance to the besiegers. Each man carried a blanket and two days' rations only.

#### THE ENEMY REPULSED.

Before they had left camp General Vesey Dawson inspected them and wished them good luck. Colonel Nugent, the brigadier of the brigade, led them away. They marched out eastwards upon the plain to Netheravon at one of the crossings of the much-troubled Avon, and there, having crossed the river and cooked their dinner from supplies carried with them they wrapped themselves up in their blankets with their rifles ready to their hands. Whether or not they would still have to fight they did not know. They had no knowledge that they would be attacked, but that guerilla bodies of infantry were roaming the downs about them they had reason to suspect. As a matter of fact, they were attacked but repulsed the enemy.

#### OPERATIONS AT NIGHT.

Night marching and the taking up of outpost positions were made essential features of the training, and one or more units were sent out every night or so. When darkness settled down over the plain, the men marched off clad in overcoats. This marching to the compass had to be carried out as noiselessly as possible, with no talking or smoking, for the enemy, it was assumed, were ever on the alert. When the outpost line had been taken up, a surprise attack followed to test the vigilance of the defenders, and the operations

were made to resemble as nearly as possible those on active service.

#### SHAM FIGHT WITH REGULARS

While the London "Territorials," as they have been nicknamed, went through their elementary drill on the western side of the plain, the Wessex Territorials, some 20,000 strong, were completing their manoeuvres on the eastern side. As a grand finale, a sham battle was arranged between the regulars in quarters at Bulford on one side and the Wessex division, together with the boys from the public schools, on the other. The scheme outlined supposed a small force holding Silk Hill to cover the operations of the army from which it had been detached on the other side of the Avon. This force was wholly composed of regulars under the command of Brigadier-General Drummond. To the opposing army it was of great importance to capture the Silk Hill position, and for this purpose reinforcements which had arrived were sent forward. This body the Wessex Territorials and the public school boys represented under the command of Major-General Blomfield.

The result was that the battle culminated in a final charge up the hill on the part of the attackers, and a charge down the hill on the part of the defenders, and in what would have been a glorious melee with clubbed rifles but for the intervention of the umpires and the signal to cease hostilities.

It was an exciting finale to the battle, as it looked as if the attackers and defenders were bound to clash, and the officers saved the situation in the nick of time.

#### OTHER BRIGADES IN CAMP

Salisbury Plain, though it had 50,000 men on it, was not the only armed camp in Britain at the time. A large number of Provincial brigades of artillery and infantry went into camp at other places. Twelve battalions pitched their tents in the New Forest, the Warwick Brigade at Sway, the Gloucester and Worcester at Lyndhurst, and the South Midland at Beaulieu. The Middlesex and Surrey Brigades mustered at Arundel, while at Dover there were three camps: the Royal Engineers from Kent and Sussex, the Kent Cyclists' Battalion, and the Sussex and Kent Royal Garrison Artillery.

#### PREDICTING THE WEATHER.

Frenchman Says It Can be Done Months Ahead.

There is a secret de Dieu, the distinguished meteorologist, believes that real progress has at last been made in the direction of determining in advance the general character of the seasons. Wide and continued observations of the behavior of the atmospheric movements of ocean currents seem to him to establish already certain general laws and to furnish the hope that we should soon be able to predict the weather for months ahead. He says:

"For thirty years I have been studying the movements and centres of high and low pressure. I observe certain interesting and suggestive phenomena. For instance, in the summer, when the oceanic high pressures, whose centre is in the neighborhood of the Azores, remain south of England and west of Europe, we enjoy normal weather and clear skies. If, on the contrary, the high pressures are driven back toward the south, they leave the field clear for atmospheric vortices with low pressure, which ordinarily remain in the latitude of Iceland and west winds with gentle rain predominate in Western Europe. If high pressures reascend north without expanding over Europe, we have cold winds, rain and hail, and in the winter equally interesting facts are observed.

"Now it is the differences of temperature in marine currents, like the Gulf Stream, that influence the behavior of atmospheric depression. Prof. Hildebrandsson, the Swedish savant, has given himself for some years to the study of the relations of high and low pressure areas and marine currents. From one of a series of very suggestive curves that he has drawn the curious fact is made clear that the temperature at North Cape in summer is the opposite of that of Iceland the next springtime. The spring of a northern port in North America is of the same character as the weather in Iceland in the March of the year preceding. Likewise, one is able to deduce from the observations in Iceland what will be the character of the seasons in Newfoundland six months later.

"The behavior of atmospheric pressure at North Cape in springtime is regularly the opposite of that of the corresponding season reported from Debreczin, in Hungary."

He has great hopes that results will attend the establishment at Monaco by the conferences last May of an organization for cooperative meteorological reports from all parts of the world, from Spitzbergen to the South Pacific islets. Man is just beginning to understand that he need not be the ignorant victim of the weather.

Love is blind, and self-love is hopelessly so.

## A MARVEL IN STATISTICS

### WOMAN WHO IS A VERY CLEVER FINANCIER.

Miss Florence Spencer Is Librarian of One of the Largest Banking Institutions.

There has been great stateswomen. Women of to-day are among the most ardent students of practical science. Business women of eminence throughout the world are many. The heads of the largest mercantile establishments in Paris and Berlin, as well as one in Chicago, are women. But women as financiers have never been distinguished.

#### ROYAL FAILURES.

Cleopatra was a failure in strictly money matters. Queen Elizabeth left financial affairs to her ministers. Maria Theresa was utterly lost in the intricacies of finance. Catherine of Russia knew the value of a soldier far better than the worth of a rouble. Marie Antoinette—Maria Theresa's daughter—when told there were no francs in the royal treasury, asked naively, "Then why don't you make some?" When Jay Gould died the world was startled to hear that the world's richest man had been a failure in money matters. Helen, knew her Poor's Manual of Railroads as well as any stock broker. But her knowledge was confined to railways. It did not extend to the wider field of industrial corporations, of government indebtedness, of domestic and foreign exchange, of letters of credit, of trustees, etc., etc.

#### THE EXCEPTION.

But there is now a young woman in New York city who embraces a very extensive scope of finance. She is not only a rarity in that respect, but in the respect of being the chief of a financial library. The term "financial librarian" inevitably conjures up a bloodless being, shrivelled in body; a yellow and terribly wrinkled face; white, unkept hair; quite deaf; a harsh voice; a man neither of manners nor of conversation.

#### A WOMANLY WOMAN.

This conventional conception holds good everywhere except in the instance of the librarian of the National City Bank of New York. Miss Florence Spencer—that is her name—despite her stately height, is young—she is in the early twenties—and she is a woman. Those large dark eyes look as if they read Shelley and Tennyson and Swinburne instead of Adam Smith and Ricardo and John Stuart Mill; read periodicals of police literature, instead of the Economist and the Financial Chronicle; read the literary and music and drama columns, instead of the financial pages of the daily newspaper.

A few minutes' talk with the young lady will convince you to the contrary, will assure you that she is an encyclopaedia of financial information. You will also notice that in having steeped herself in economical literature she has not sacrificed a single womanly attribute nor lost any of the charms of refined femininity.

Under her direction the financial library of the National City Bank at New York is become one of the most complete private collections of that kind in the country. Every volume of any value, written in English on fiscal subjects is there. What is of equal importance, every financial periodical of standing printed in the English language is on file.

#### MISS SPENCER THE HEAD.

Miss Spencer has assistants, of course, but every detail of this literary branch of the National City Bank is under her direct supervision. After noting the brilliant results and especially after meeting with Miss Spencer, the conclusion is inevitable that woman's sphere is not distant date will be still further enlarged. There will be a woman banker—a woman the president of a bank. And she will have one advantage over man—the advantage of a stronger and surer intuition. Theoretical knowledge and practical experience count for much in banking. But intuition also counts for something. It counts for a great deal in critical moments and in appraising character.

#### MEXICAN KNIFE GRINDERS.

The knife grinders in Mexico are all Spaniards, and come chiefly from the province of Galicia. Although some are from Asturias, Clad on a linen smock reaching to the knees, often with a boina (a cap worn by the Basques) on the head, they trundle through the city streets a one-wheeled contrivance with a pedal attachment which affords the power for the little grindstone and emery wheel. They make their presence known by a little tune played on what is called the Pandean pipes, or syrinx. The melody varies according to the taste and musical ear of the grinder; it is usually in a minor key. In Spain, however, they do not use this instrument; but simply cry "Ahador" (grinder).

## ADVERTISING FOR WIVES

### PECULIAR REQUIREMENTS OF WOULD-BE BENEFACTORS.

Irishman Wanted One Who Was Able to Fight a Round or Two.

Some marry for money, some for beauty, but an eccentric old gentleman named Tasino, who lives in a village hard by Naples, Italy, cares for neither looks nor beauty. Tired of single blessedness, he offered his land and purse to the lady who could best cook his pet delicacy, macaroni. Tasino was reputed the richest man in the village, so a great flutter was caused by his announcement, and no fewer than 120 ladies entered the contest. Tasino himself acted as judge, and a week later led the prize-winner—a respectable middle-aged widow—to the altar.

#### AN HEIRESS PREFERRED.

A study of matrimonial advertisements will reveal some queer "wants" in the shape of both husbands and wives. This is from a Bengal journal: "Wanted for marriage, a fair girl Hindu, kayastha, for a graduate student. Very respectable heiress apparent preferred. Address sharp, confidentially," etc.

The word "kayastha" refers to caste, but the idea of a "fair Hindu" who is an "heiress apparent" is distinctly amusing to British ideas.

The following requisition appeared in a paper hailing from the West of England: "Wanted immediately, with view to matrimony, handsome, sporting young man, hard rider, but not drinker; must own hunters."

#### ABLE TO COOK AND WASH.

They are practical folk in Australia. Listen to this from a New South Wales journal: "Wanted a wife; must be able to cook and wash. Lady preferred." This man, at any rate, was honest, and no doubt many girls would much sooner trust themselves to an advertiser of this kind than to one who angled for looks or money.

Japanese matrimonial advertisements are the very antithesis of the hard practicality of the Anglo-Saxon announcements. The "Kanawaza Shimbu," a Japanese paper, had an advertisement from a lady who, after describing her own personal charms and fortune in flowery language, ended, "If there is a gentleman who is clever, learned, handsome, and of good taste. I will join with him for life, and share the pleasure of being buried in the same grave."

#### LITTLE BUT GOOD.

Workhouse guardians not infrequently receive applications for wives. The Eccleshall Board considered one which, in which a Yorkshire workman, who described himself as "steady, very homely, no drinker, and not quarrelsome," set forth his requirements in a letter. His chief anxiety seems to have been that his bride-to-be should not be too tall. "If you would be kind enough," he wrote, "to supply me with her name and height of body I mean she should not be taller than five feet or so—and with age and respectability, I would provide her with a very new, comfortable home."

#### AMONG GERMAN STUDENTS.

A great many are serious, hard-working young men. But there is also a curious survival among them in the form of various students' societies, and in the most select of these duelling is still carried on. With these students the highest possible ambition is to get some nasty scar on the face in a fight with broadswords, and frequently these bouts end fatally.

#### WILLING FOR A FOURTH.

One is driven to wonder whether there were any replies to this curious advertisement, which appeared in a London daily paper: "Wanted, a respectable gentleman—widower preferred—to marry the housekeeper of an aged gentleman, whom he would like to see happily married before he dies. She has had three husbands, but is willing for a fourth." If anyone did volunteer to make "number four," he was certainly braver than the average man.

#### POOR FELLOW!

Once in a while a man is too proud to beg and too honest to steal—then the only alternative he has left is to go to work.

## THE KAISER'S COUNTRY

### SOME STRANGE CUSTOMS IN GERMANY.

Of Her Domestic Conditions There is Little Known in This Country.

In the country districts the German people are steady and hard working, and save money during a month or two at a time. But as soon as they have a nice round sum saved they go off to the nearest city, or some holiday resort, and get rid of it in about one-twentieth part of the time it took to save it. They have no fear of becoming paupers in their old age, however, because of the pension fund towards which they are compelled to subscribe a certain portion of their wages each week, says London Answers.

#### DANCING OUT THE NIGHT.

In many large cities, and notably in Berlin, there is not much to be said in favor of the younger workers of the community, especially the unskilled. Instead of going to bed at a reasonable hour, they go off, after supper, to one of the numerous ball-rooms and dance the night through, drinking—a very light beer, it is true—most of the time. In the morning they have an air of lassitude, and are by no means sprightly about their work. In the work-rooms you will find the girls snatching the repose they ought to have had the night before; and even the domestic servants are permitted to indulge themselves in this way.

Under German laws, certain minor offences are dealt with in a way that should commend itself to our lawmakers. For instance, a man, when under the influence of drink, is rather noisy, and, perhaps, breaks a window. He is escorted to the nearest police-station, where his name and address are taken, after which he is conducted home safely. Next day he receives a little account, as:

Damage to window .... 10mk.  
Fine ..... 10mk.  
..... 20mk.

#### OBEDIENCE AT ALL COSTS.

For certain offences, again, the German policeman can administer summary justice in the street.

Suppose a man spits on the pavement, the policeman stops him, and commands 50 cents, for which he offers a receipt. If the offender is a foreigner who does not know the power of the law in Germany he may be tempted to spit again in defiance. All right. The guardian of the law will remain quite imperturbable, but the stranger will have 50 cents more to pay.

In this country, people who reside in boarding-houses or furnished apartments generally escape all taxation; but this is not so with the Kaiser's subjects. In Germany, even bachelors have to pay taxes, and the foreigner who is only in the country temporarily has also to pay a share, and a substantial one, too.

Of course, you may protest that you are only in the country for a couple of months, and refuse to pay. You will receive a visit from two or more officials, who will seal your boxes, your dressing-case, and your handbag, and dare you to open any of them, under dire penalties, until the tax has been paid.

#### FISH FROM THE CLOUDS.

Picked Up on Hillside—Instances From India.

Recently a number of townspeople taking a walk on the stones of Knockscallert Hill were surprised to see on the grass near Summerhill a large number of very small fishes, varying in length from 1½ to 2 inches, says the Campbelltown Courier. The fish appeared to be the young of the herring, and their presence on the hill in considerable numbers created much speculation.

In August, 1904, a shower of herring fry was experienced at the head of Longrow, but there was no doubt as to whence the miniature fish had come, for they fell from above on the hats and clothing of several men, and at the time a small black cloud of remarkable density was directly overhead.

#### FIGHT, OR BE CUT.

If an Englishman finds himself involved in such an affair, he had better choose to fight with pistols, as he is not likely to stand much chance with the broadsword against a German student, unless he has had very considerable training in this art.

A refusal to fight would lead to ostracism from all society recognizing the German gentleman's code of honor.

No doubt this stupid practice would have died out long ago, but for the fact that the Kaiser and most of the highest Ministers and officials of the country are members of students' societies and these dwelling ones.

## AN AIR FLEET SERVICE

### SOON TO BE ESTABLISHED IN FRANCE.

Balloon Services Will Be Started Between Paris and Certain Towns.

Regular services by dirigible balloons are shortly to be established between Paris and a certain number of French towns. The company which will undertake the business is called the Transaerial Company, and it will be under the management of Mr. Henry Kapferer. Five balloons are to be constructed, the first of which, named after the city of Nancy, will be ready soon, and it is hoped that the other four will be completed by the end of the year. The Ville de Nancy is of precisely the same type as the Bayard-Clement balloon. The length is 60 metres, and its cubic capacity is 3,500 cubic metres. The engines are of 120 h.p., with a total weight, in running order, of 750 kilograms. The speed is set down at 50 kilometres per hour, with a crew of eight passengers, and the balloon can remain in the air for ten hours.

#### CARRY FIFTEEN PASSENGERS.

The two next balloons, now being built, are double the size of the Ville de Nancy, and they each have two entirely separate engines of 120 h.p., with three screw propellers, a large one in front and two smaller ones in the rear. It is estimated that the larger balloons will each carry 15 passengers and lift a total weight of 2,500 kilograms. The fourth airship will have a capacity of 4,000 cubic metres, it will carry 10 passengers, and will be able to travel 48 kilometres per hour.

This air fleet will be employed to run on four different services—the first will be from Paris to Nancy, by way of Meaux and Reims. The departure station at the Paris end will be close to the parade ground of Issy-les-Moulineaux, and the station shed is nearly completed. It is constructed to hold two dirigible balloons, and it is hoped that the station at Reims will be finished in about two months. The southwestern line will connect Paris with Fontainebleau, and will ultimately be extended to Lyons. The two stations at Juvisy and Fontainebleau will be put in hand at once.

#### SOUTHWESTERN SERVICE.

The southwestern balloon service will be directed towards Pau, passing by way of Orleans, Tours and Bordeaux. The terminal station at Pau is under construction, and the one at Orleans will be commenced forthwith. The western line will unite Paris and Rouen, with a stopping place at Sartrouville, where sheds already exist. It is intended during the fine weather to run daily services over all these four lines.

A school is now being organized in Paris, for the study of aerostatics, and it is hoped to make a start in October. This institution is destined to educate engineers skilled in the construction of balloons, aeroplanes, and motors. The students will be drawn from the ranks of the great schools of the country, and they will have to pass an entrance examination which will comprise the subjects generally demanded in the case of engineers. The course of studies will embrace mechanics, strength of materials, construction and driving of motors, and practical work in the shops, together with a special study of the science of aerostatics. The president of the council of administration will be N. Daumer.

#### FIGHT, OR BE CUT.

If an Englishman finds himself involved in such an affair, he had better choose to fight with pistols, as he is not likely to stand much chance with the broadsword against a German student, unless he has had very considerable training in this art.

A refusal to fight would lead to ostracism from all society recognizing the German gentleman's code of honor.

No doubt this stupid practice would have died out long ago, but for the fact that the Kaiser and most of the highest Ministers and officials of the country are members of students' societies and these dwelling ones.

#### POOR FELLOW!

Once in a while a man is too proud to beg and too honest to steal—then the only alternative he has left is to go to work.

Many cases were reported from abroad, and they are common in India. Last year Caitness reported a shower of small fishes, which were identified as herring fry, and there was also a similar occurrence in Ross-shire.

Frogs, insects and other living creatures have also been known to be thus transported through the air.

# A WEAK STOMACH BRINGS MISERY

## Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restore Despondent Sufferers to Health.

Nothing is so distressing as a weak stomach—the victims of this trouble suffer from indigestion, biliousness, dizziness and frequent headaches. No food agrees with them—meal time is a time of misery; not a time of pleasure. Relief from this suffering can be found through the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills—they never fail to make the weak stomach strong; to banish the distressing headaches; biliousness and dizziness. Mrs. C. S. Steeves, of Hillsboro, N. B., is one of the many who have been cured through the use of these pills. She says: "I suffered very much from stomach trouble and would often leave the table without tasting food. I got no relief worth speaking of till I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They gradually restored my health and strength and now I am as well as ever I was. I would earnestly recommend them to all those who suffer as I did."

It is the blood—bad blood—that is the cause of nine-tenths of the ailments from which both men and women suffer. The blood is the life-giving fluid of the body. When the blood is bad it is bound to poison some part of the human system and thus it is that rheumatism, kidney trouble, indigestion, headaches and backaches and a host of other troubles make their appearance. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure all these troubles—and they cure them thoroughly—simply because they fill the veins with rich red blood. The genuine Pills bearing the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" are sold by all dealers in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

# ONE OF BISMARCK'S PRANKS.

## Entertained Young Ladies as Count Keyserling.

In his university days Bismarck was as jolly and boisterous as the least promising youth of his generation. According to the author of a recent book, "The M. P. for Russia," he enjoyed dancing and singing better than study, and was as full of fun as his chosen companion, Count Keyserling, was deficient in it; and on this difference in temperament hangs a tale.

One day the shy and reserved Keyserling came to Bismarck in great agitation.

"What is the matter?" demanded Bismarck.

"My mother writes that an aunt and two cousins are coming for a week to Berlin, and as they are very young and inexperienced, I must go about everywhere with them, offering them all sorts of amusements. It is most annoying," groaned Keyserling, "as I have to prepare myself for examinations and have no time for pretty country cousins!"

Bismarck saw his chance, and immediately inquired:

"Have you ever seen these young girls? Have they ever seen you?"

"Never in my life,"

"Capital. Nothing could be better. Let me be Count Keyserling for the time being, and you become simple Bismarck. You stay at home, and I shall become a first-class cicerone during all the time of their visit."

Keyserling eagerly accepted the proposition. When the young ladies arrived, Bismarck met them as Keyserling, and placed himself at their disposition during their stay in Berlin. Keyserling buried himself in his books and thought no more about it until the girls had gone home to the Baltic provinces.

A week or two later he was disconcerted by receiving a letter from home, in which his mother expressed her great delight in hearing from the young ladies and their mother how immensely they had enjoyed themselves, and how very agreeable and kind their cousin had been.

"I am overjoyed," continued the fond parent, "to hear from their description that you have grown quite stout and robust during your stay at Berlin."

The fool who butts in where angels fear to tread usually gets all that's coming to him.

Old-fashioned honesty should never be allowed to drift into the has-been class.

# Don't Grow Old.

By going around with gray hair when Dr. Freeman's Natural Hair Restorative will bring it back to its natural color, even though it has been gray for years. Two persons might use from the same bottle and the hair of one become black and the other blonde, just as they were in youth. So it is not a hair-dye; it will not injure the scalp, and is no trouble to apply. We guarantee satisfaction or money returned. Price one dollar (Postage paid).

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# NEW NAME FOR OLD DISEASE.

## Indian Natives are Afflicted With "the Lurgies."

The government of India by the English may be an unmixing good to the native, but he does not always see it in that mellow light. A system of forced labor would not be needed among an industrious people who were ambitious to better their condition. The love of money is usually incentive enough to keep the supply of labor pretty close up to the demand. This, however, does not happen to be the case in India. There the government has to draft men into the very common service of bearing burdens much in the way that they might be made to bear arms. In his account of "A Holiday in the Happy Valley," Maj. T. R. Swinburne explains the working of this system.

It takes some little time for the Western mind to grasp the fact that the Kashmiri cannot and must not be treated on the "man-and-brother" principle. He is by nature a slave, and his brain is in many respects the undeveloped brain of a child. In certain ways, however, his outward childishness conceals the subtlety of "the heathen Chinee." He has in no degree come to comprehend the dignity of labor any more than a tramp comprehends it, but fortunately his guardians, while granting certain advantages in his tenure of land and payment of rent, have bound him, in return, to work for a fair payment when required to do so by his government as exercised by the local Tehsildar.

The demand made upon a village for coolies is not, therefore, an arbitrary and high-handed system of bullying, but simply a call upon the village to fulfill their obligation toward the state by doing a fair day's work for a fair day's pay of from four to six annas.

It corresponds to the taxes which persons in all civilized countries pay. Since the natives have little or no money, they are permitted to pay in labor.

The coolie, drawn from his village reluctant, like a periwinkle from its shell, is never a good starter. When he finds himself at the end of a tow-rope or bowed beneath half a hundredweight of the sahib's trinkets, with a three-thousand-foot pass to attain in front of him, he is apt to burst into "tears—idle tears"—or to be overcome by that fell disease—"the lurgies."

Let my reader should not be acquainted with this illness, at least under that name, here is the diagnosis of the lurgies as given by a very ordinary seaman to the ship's doctor:

"Well, sir, I eats well and I sleeps well; but when I've got a job of work to do—Lor' bless you, sir, I breaks out all over in a tremble, sir!"

# HE'S A WEATHER PROPHET.

## But Like all Other Great Men He Has to Pay a Penalty.

"I suppose," said Mr. Bliffington, "that all greatness has its penalties, and I don't know of any reason why there should be an exception in my case, but the penalty that I have to pay does shake me a little at times."

"You see my greatness—let me state it as modestly as I can—consists in my ability to prognosticate the weather. Some men, you know, add to their powers of observation an instinctive ability in this direction; they can come pretty close to telling you with accuracy what the weather is going to be for a day or two ahead, however things may look at the moment, and of such wise men I am one, and I dare say that on some occasion, in my human vanity I have let this fact be known, with the result that, among my friends as a weather prophet I have achieved fame, and I have to pay the penalty."

"I am deeply engrossed in business in my office and I hear the telephone bell ring and I say to myself: 'Bet that's Jones, going to close the order he was talking about yesterday.' But when I take down the receiver it isn't Jones I hear, but my friend Gwilks, and what he says is:

"Bliffy, old boy, what do you think the weather is going to be to-morrow? Wife and I were thinking of taking a little run in the country, but we don't want to go unless the weather is going to be right."

"And I tell him and he hangs up."

"Next morning, when I hear the telephone I think it's Slimby sure, calling me up to say that he'll have that check around before 3 o'clock without fail, but it's my old friend Gork's wanting to know for his information and benefit something about the weather, and I tell him, I'm glad to, and it's all right; but you can see that in this way I do get a good many more or less sharp shocks and jolts."

"Still, I am ready to pay the penalty and I pay it willingly. I don't suppose there ever was a great man yet but what found some drawbacks in the joys of greatness."

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# TO REGISTER LETTERS.

## French Government Introduces an Automatic Device.

The French Government has just introduced for use an ingenious automatic device for registering letters. The letter is dropped into a box and a nickel piece, purchasable for 5 cents, placed in the slot. The crank is turned, a numbered receipt falls out, and the corresponding number is stamped on the letter.

The ingenious feature of the machine is the device for preventing the use of any except the nickel coin. This is accomplished by means of a magnet which attracts only iron and nickel, the latter very feebly. But the slight attraction of the nickel is neatly calculated, and as the coin falls the attraction is just sufficient to retard it, and makes it fall into the pocket which operates the mechanism. An iron piece, on the other hand, would be strongly attracted, miss the pocket, and be ejected. All other coins also are ejected.

# SOME LARGE SALARIES.

Some interesting inside facts are occasionally divulged in regard to the enormous salaries earned by some insurance agents.

It is reported that two agents recently appointed by the National Life Assurance Company in one of our large western cities have earned over two thousand dollars a month from the time they started to get business for this company. Of course, these men are hustlers, and are well equipped in every way, possessing even small motor cars to cover the territory more rapidly.

We understand, however, that any man who has real ability in this line could do as well.

One of the reasons for the success of National Life agents is the splendid standing of the company which is shown in their advertising elsewhere in this paper. If it has ever occurred to you to take up the life insurance business you cannot make arrangements with an easier company to secure business for than the National Life. And they need an agent right in this territory. Communicate with the head office.

# The bark of the average dog is worse than his bite; the bark is usually kept up all night.

If you sit down and wait for your ship to come in, don't be surprised if nothing but a wreck drifts in with the tide.

Mr. Martin (who is boarding out for a few days): "By the way, Mrs. Perkins, I must confess the muton we had for dinner to-day is not the kind of meat to which I have been accustomed." Mrs. Perkins: "Wery likely not, sir. I alwiz gits the best."

If every housekeeper would use Wilson's Fly Pads freely during the Summer months the house fly peril would soon be a thing of the past.

A married man is apt to respect the superior wisdom of a bachelor who once courted his wife.

HORSES AND CATTLE have colic and cramps. Painkiller will cure them every time. Half a bottle in hot water repeated a few times. Avoid substitutes, there is but one. Painkiller—Ferry Davis—25c and 50c.

"And ye have taken the teetotal pledge, have ye?" asked somebody of an Irishman. "Indade I have, and am not ashamed of it either."

"And did not Paul tell Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake?" "So he did, but my name is not Timothy, and there's nothing the matter with my stomach."

Pale, sickly children should use Mother Graves' Worm Expeller. Worms are one of the principal causes of suffering in children and should be expelled from the system.

# VIRTUE UNREWARDED.

One morning during the past winter, while it was still dark, Grimpsen crept downstairs and set to work to clear the snow from the front of his residence. He worked like a nigger for an hour and a half and when he trotted off to business he chuckled at the thought of the pleasant surprise which was awaiting his wife.

When he returned to lunch he expected the subject would be mentioned, and he was not disappointed.

"That man did his work remarkably well," said his wife. "He'd wasn't a bit of snow left when he'd finished."

"What man?" gasped Grimpsen.

"That man you engaged to clear away the snow," was the reply.

"He was just finishing when I came down. I gave him a quarter. Was that right, dear?"

Grimpsen didn't speak for some minutes, and when he did his wife got up from the table and left him, as he put it, to "have it out with himself."

# BATTLE ROYAL WITH A WHALE.

The enormous strength of a large whale was demonstrated by the recent experience of the steam whaler, Sampson, in the Norway seas. Off Sandefjord the cannoner of the Samson succeeded in lodging a harpoon in the flank of a whale, which in the eyes of the sailors was of monstrous length. The whale took to flight, towing the little steamer after it. When the rope had run out to its full length the engine was reversed, so that, normally, it would have given a backward speed of 10 knots. Still the whale continued to tow the vessel during a period of eight hours, at the end of which the cable parted, and the chagrined crew saw their prey escape with the harpoon.

# HONESTY IN ADVERTISING.

Is of prime importance. The man who over advertises hurts himself more than as if he advertised none. The Gillette Safety Razor people claim no quality for their article in the columns of the daily press that the dealer would not claim face to face with the prospective customer.

Plain every-day, clear-cut talk is the most impressive to the plain Canadian citizen that reads it. Dealers and consumers should appreciate these methods.

A country minister in the course of his visiting stayed at a house where a roast chicken was served for dinner. The chicken looked good to him. "Well," he facetiously remarked, "here's where that chicken enters the ministry."

"Hope it does better there than in lay work," rejoined the small boy of the family, who recognized an old barnyard retainer.

Sleeplessness—Sleep is the great restorer and to be deprived of it is vital loss. Whatever may be the cause of it, indigestion, nervous derangement or mental worry, try a course of Parmelec's Vegetable Pills. By regulating the action of the stomach, where the trouble lies, they will restore normal conditions and healthful sleep will follow. They exert a sedative force upon the nerves and where there is unrest they bring rest.

"Mildred," murmured a fashionable young man, sinking on one knee, "for your birthday gift I offer—myself." "Thank you, you was the cold reply, "but I only accept useful presents!"

Practically all Canadian druggists, grocers and general dealers sell Wilson's Fly Pads. If your storekeeper does not, ask him why.

The following notice is posted conspicuously in a certain newspaper office:—"Shut the door, and as soon as you have done talking business serve your mouth the same way."

Pains, Like the Poor, are Always With Us.—That portion of man's life which is not made up of pleasure is largely composed of pain, and to be free from pain is a pleasure. Simple remedies are always the best in treating bodily pain, and a safe, sure and simple remedy is Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. You cannot do wrong in giving it a trial when required.

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Lady (to tramp who has accosted her in the street): "So you really tell me you have given up drink?" Tramp—"Yes, ma'am. Only a week ago I passed twelve taverns and didn't enter one of them."

Lady—"Really! The temptation must have been very great." Tramp—"Yes, ma'am; but I was locked up in the 'Black Maria.'"

Many a young man starts in to work fired with a noble ambition—then the ambition evaporates and he gets fired.

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# STORED DRINKING-WATER.

The medical advisers and engineers of the London Water Board recommend the storage of raw river water prior to filtration as a means of purification. Time is regarded as an important element in the disappearance of disease-breeding substances in water, and the best effects would be obtained by storage for not less than 30 days. So long a time, however, would demand the use of immense reservoirs, and it is thought that a shorter period might be adopted, together with the use of intermediate means of purification by mechanical filters or precipitation tanks between storage and sand filtration. It has been shown that the number of micro-organisms is very considerably reduced by storage. The engineers also report that storage prolongs the life of the filter beds.

# ST. MARGARET'S COLLEGE, TORONTO.

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# PLAYING TOO SAFE.

A prisoner at the sessions had been duly convicted of theft, when it was seen, on "proving previous convictions" that he had actually been in prison at the time the theft was committed. "Why didn't you say so?" asked the judge of the prisoner angrily.

"Your Lordship, I was afraid of prejudicing the jury against me."

A Safe Pill for Sufferers.—There are pills that violently purge and fill the stomach and intestines with pain. Parmelec's Vegetable Pills are mild and effective. They are purely vegetable, no mineral purgative entering into their composition and their effect is soothing and beneficial. Try them and be convinced. Thousands can attest their great curative qualities because thousands owe their health and strength to timely use of this most excellent medicine.

A London boy told the teacher that his sister had the measles. The teacher sent him home and told him to stay there until his sister got well. After he had skipped joyfully away another boy held up his hand and said: "Teacher, Jimmy Dolan's sister what's got the measles lives in Hamilton."

It is an undisputed fact that one packet of Wilson's Fly Pads has actually killed a bushel of house flies. Fortunately no such quantity can ever be found in a well kept house, but whether they be few or many Wilson's Fly Pads will kill them all.

New Tenant—"Look here, you'll have to make some alteration in this place. It's not fit for a pigsty." Landlord—"I didn't know you wanted it for a pigsty. I thought you wanted it to live in."

IMITATIONS ABOUND, but insist upon getting the genuine "The D. & L." Menthol Plaster, which has stood the test of years. It cures; imitations don't. "The D. & L." is made by Davis & Lawrence Co.

A prominent man was chaffing a certain town councillor about the doings of the council, and said:—"I'd sooner put up as a candidate for a lunatic asylum than put up for the town council." "Well, you'd stand a much better chance of getting in," dryly responded the town councillor.

Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial is compounded specially to combat dysentery, cholera morbus and all inflammatory disorders that change of food or water may set up in the stomach and intestines. These complaints are more common in summer than in winter, but they are not confined to the warm months, as undue laxness of the bowels may seize a man at any time. Such a sufferer will find speedy relief in this Cordial.

Church—"You say he's in the corn-producing business?" Gotham—"Yes, indirectly." "I don't understand you." "Why, he's a shoe manufacturer."

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"You must drink hot water with your whisky," the doctor told his patient; "otherwise you mustn't take it at all." "But how shall I get the hot water?" the patient queried, plaintively. "My wife won't let me have it for the whisky toddy." "Tell her you want to shave," the doctor said, and took his departure. The next day the doctor called and asked the wife how her patient was. "He's gone raving mad," he wife replied. "He shaves every ten minutes."

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Success to the Roller Skating Rink under the the new management.

From a punctuation point of view a trip to the north pole begins with a dash and ends with an interrogation.

It is estimated that two new towns are born in Alberta every week, which seems to be a very fair record indeed.

**CARDSTON COMING TO HER OWN**

The conquering hero's have returned. In olden times and in fact it is a modern innovation too, whenever the warriors of a country go out to battle, if successful over all competition, the home

The first of these mobile columns people go out to meet their victorious forces and in many ways manifest their pleasure, that victory perched upon the banners of home and country. For several days the daily papers have presaged the good news we have been looking for from Billings, Mont., where our representatives Messrs Wm. Pilling and S. M. Woolf went to attend the Dry Farm Congress. The Star is pleased to join in the praise that is due to our delegates and committees, also the farmers who labored so untiringly and contributed material and means to make the Cardston Exhibit what it was. Three first and three second awards have been placed to the credit of this district, and the satisfaction of knowing the individual exhibit from Cardston went a great way toward the success which came to Alberta as having the second best display in the whole Congress. The following we clip from the Letnbridge Herald.

**CARDSTON A REVELATION**

Cardston's exhibit specialized in grasses, there being between thirty-five and forty kinds in their exhibit. All kinds of clover, alfalfa, timothy, and shief grain were there. Agricultural authorities, like Prof. Shaw, visiting the exhibit, declared that it was a revelation to them. The Cardston exhibit was handled by R. W. Pilling and S. M. Woolf. They expected to get inside the money for spring wheat, having a very fine sample, but it was given to Colorado, to what was a soft variety, whatever other good qualities it may have had. They did get several prizes however.

It is also due to Kimball, on the south of us, that, to that locality should be given the credit for the sample of spring wheat, which although only given second prize, was considered by the most competent judges, the best sample displayed. Much information has been given to the world as to the advantages offered in our soil and climate and much gained through a comparison of products, methods and many other items which

should go toward making of this little nook of Alberta what it can and will become, namely, the best mixed farming area in the Province. We will be pleased to specialize on some of the most interesting features of the Congress when the reports are completed, and trust we may give our readers some valuable hints, gleaned from the attention at such a notable gathering.

Again, we want to call the attention of our readers to the fact that a few people can do much but all the community can do more to boost first, last and all the time for Cardston.

**Council Meeting Tuesday, Nov. 2nd.**

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they cannot act in the matter. Carried.

George Banner made application for installment of electric light in agricultural fair house. Referred to fire, licence and police committee.

B. J. Wood applied for electric light installment for house. Referred to fire licence and police committee.

George W. Murray applied for electric light connection. Referred to fire, licence and police committee.

Allan Leishman applied for a dray licence. The Sec.-treasurer was instructed to issue a licence upon payment of amount.

Van Brown applied for licence for Skating Rink till end of the year. Moved by Councillor Duce and seconded by Councillor Cahoon that the regular half year licence from July 1st to Dec. 31st, 1909 be issued at the regular rate of \$50.00 and that Mr. Brown be allowed a rebate of \$33.00. Carried.

The Sec.-treasurer reported on the finances of the town up to Oct. 23rd. Communication filed.

The monthly report from the constable was accepted and carried.

The reports of the Electrician and Engineers of Power House, were referred to fire, licence and police committee.

The finance committee recommended payment of a number of accounts. The reported was accepted and ordered paid.

Moved by Councillor Cahoon seconded by Councillor Duce that this meeting adjourn till Wednesday November 10th at 7.30 p. m. Carried.

**Keep the Trade at Home**

(Winnipeg Commercial)

The country newspapers can do a great service to their localities by urging the farmers to support the local dealers by purchasing their requirements at their own towns. Many papers throughout the west are giving that service, and as a sample of what they do we might mention a recent article in the Courier, of Unity, Sask. This paper draws attention to the fact that this is the season when mail-order houses send out their catalogues, and get after the fall and winter trade of the farmers. It is also the time of year when many farmers are unfortunately availing themselves of the opportunities of sending their cash to the large cities, to build them up at the expense of their own towns.

We believe that in the majority of cases, says the Courier, these farmers, who are donating to the common interests of the mail-order houses, do not review the peril of the situation. They do not stop to think that some day perchance they may be in business, and the proposition may confront them. They use the mail-order houses to deposit their spare cash while the home merchants in the majority of cases are carrying them for large bills. Shame on the unbusinesslike methods of some people, little sympathy should be awarded them if legal action were taken by home merchants to collect accounts

and it should be done to those who court the peril of the situation.

The Courier goes on to say: "There is not a merchant in this town who cannot figure any cash bill on a saving basis against the mail order house. One never has the pleasure afforded him of seeing flour and sugar shipped in. Why? Because the mail order houses could not lay flour or sugar down in this town anywhere near the home prices. We shall be pleased to quote prices in comparison in our paper for the benefit of those who have the mail order fever, if necessary to enlighten them. It is a shame and a disgrace to Canadian intelligence to presume that the mail order house is anything but a farce when it comes to equal values and any material assistance in building up the home country."

Not only did the grain crop of the prairie provinces exceed all records for yield this year but the standard of the wheat, oats and barley was very high as the Dominion government records show. In Manitoba the wheat standard in 1908 was 87.28 as against 81 in 1907, oats 86.07 compared to 73 the previous year and barley 85.36 to 68. For Saskatchewan the figures were wheat 92.95 to 61, oats 94.01 to 67; barley 85.39 to 68. Alberta wheat 89.05 to 77; oats 90.20 to 84; barley 84.18 to 80. These returns are impressive of the fact that not only in quantity but in quality as well, the Canadian west excels.

The recovery of Canadian trade to the high level of two years ago is an effective rebuke to all pessimists.

That the Canadian West is becoming a manufacturing as well as an agricultural community is indicated by a statement prepared by Winnipeg's Publicity Commissioner for the benefit of an Easterner who recently declared that the city contained no factories. The prairie capital claims one hundred and seventy-eight manufacturing enterprises, employing twelve thousand hands.

John Wanamaker says: Advertising does not jerk, it pulls. It begins very gently at first, but the pull is steady. It increases day by day and year by year until it exerts an irresistible power."

**"Cook and Peary Shake Hands"**

The latest song just published, only 10c a copy.

Large shipment of Wall Paper due to arrive this week.

Call and see our line of Stationery, Post Cards, Novels, Magazines, Periodicals, etc. etc. etc.

**Layne-Henson Co.**

Spencer & Stoddard Block

**BURTON'S VARIETY STORE**

"Cash Goods at Cash Prices"

**NEW ARRIVALS**

Heavy Iron Galvanized WASH BOILERS flat bottom heavy drop handles with pieced covers large size

OUR PRICE \$1.25

Heavy steel galvanized Wash Tubs large size. OUR PRICE \$1.35

Steel Galvanized Pails 10 quart 25c. 12 Quart 30c.

Blue Steel Enamel Wash Boards the strongest and longest lasting Wash Board made. OUR PRICE 50c.

**Burton's Variety Store**

**PENNOYER & OLAND Contractors & Builders**

It's not what you earn

that makes you rich

But what you save

We pay 5 per cent interest on Savings Deposits and Compound Quarterly

The Cardston Loan Co. BANKERS.

**UNION BANK OF CANADA**

Capital and Rest Exceed \$5,000,000

Grain Drafts with Bills of Lading attached negotiated at any of the 113 Union Bank Branches in Western Canada.

Notes discounted or taken for collection. Money transmitted by Bank Money Order, Draft or Telegraph or Cable Transfer.

Now is the time to open a Savings Account. Interest is paid at the highest current rate and money may be withdrawn at any time. \$1.00 opens an account.

Cardston Branch. G. M. Proud Manager.

## Local and General.

Time to pay the Star.  
Business men of Cardston report trade very brisk.  
We pay 30 cents cash for fresh eggs—Phipps Restaurant.  
Dance at Spring Coulee this evening.  
We can make you a suit in a day.—D. S. Beach.  
Don't forget the meeting of the Choral Society tomorrow evening.  
Come and enjoy yourself at the Roller Skating Rink. Open from 8 to 11 p. m.  
Messrs. Thos Woolford, R. M. Pilling and S. M. Woolf returned on Tuesday from Billings, Mont.  
The Jeanne Russell Company at the Assembly Hall this evening.  
Leave your order in the morning and you can get your suit at night.—D. S. Beach.  
Another car of lumber arrived this week at the Stacey Lumber Co.

When you want the best of fresh fruits, high grade candies, Christies Biscuits go to Phipps.  
Congratulations to Hon. Duncan Marshall, Hon. W. A. Buchanan and Hon. M. Lessard, all of the Alberta government.

The quarterly Conference of the Alberta Stake, will convene at Cardston Saturday and Sunday Nov. 13th and 14th.

A car of Coast Shingles, and a car of finishing lumbars arrived on Monday at the Folsom Lumber yard.

All singers in the Cardston Ward are requested to be present at the meeting of the Choral Society, at Mrs. Leigh Youngs, on Saturday evening the 6th.

The cement sidewalks, nearly eight blocks in all, are at last completed. The contractors finished work last week and have left for Calgary.

Many complaints are coming in re the condition of the Lee's Creek road. In some places the road is impassable. This ought to be looked into at once.

The Jenne Russell Co. presented the western drama "Sunday" in the Assembly Hall, last evening. The play was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience.

Canadian foreign trade is forging ahead at tremendous speed but the wonderful progress which the country is making is correctly reflected by the trade returns.

The Seattle exposition was a financial success and was visited by 3,750,000 people during the summer. This record impresses the value of advertising. It was judicious use of printers ink that did it.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in St. Andrew's Church on Sunday morning at 11 a. m. All who believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour are kindly invited. Service on Sunday evening at 7.30 p. m. Service at Boundary Creek 3 p. m.

In the window of a little bookstore in Eighth avenue, New York, was recently heaped a pile of Bibles marked very low—never before were Bibles offered at such a bargain; and above them all, in big letters, was the inscription:  
"Satan trembles when he sees Bibles sold as low as these."

STRAY—I have on my place, one red roan steer, 4 years old, branded V9 on right shoulder, blotch on left ribs. Owner can obtain same by proving ownership and paying charges. Carl C. Jensen, 2 1/2 miles S. W. of Aetna.

Romance, sensational melodrama and pastoral comedy all mingled with that dear old New England atmosphere, which generally spells success and fascination when properly applied, is said to be represented in "UNCLE DAN'L," or "THE MESSENGER FROM JARVIS SECTION," which will be the attraction at the Assembly Hall, one night, Thursday November 11.

It is satisfactory to learn that despite the year's record wheat crop there is no semblance of a grain blockade west of Fort William. The Canadian Pacific and the Canadian Northern have greatly increased their carrying facilities. Next year the Grand Trunk Pacific should be conveying grain not only as far east as Winnipeg but through to Thunder Bay.

Pay the printer before anything else.

The Musical Eckhardts left on Wednesday for Magrath.

Our staff is complete—all skilled hands. D. S. Beach.

A. M. Heppler was in Lethbridge this week.

Hot or cold baths any time of the day.—Phipps.

Buy one of our \$25.00 suits.—D. S. Beach.

Roller Skating from 8 to 11 p. m.

Geo. Stacy, of the Stacy Lumber Co., Lethbridge, was in town this week.

Bliss Native Herbs purifies the blood, regulates the liver, helps the kidneys. Sold at Phipps.

Renew your subscription and take advantage of the remarkable clubbing offers on another page. It is really a unique opportunity.

The largest and prettiest line of Fancy China and Glassware ever put into Cardston is now arriving at Burton's Variety Store.

FOR SALE—6 room house good well, stable, cow shed, on Hinman Street, Block 16. Apply to Mrs. Sarah Ann Turner, Cardston.

A dance with lunch and refreshments will be given by the Glenwood Primary at Glenwood today at Blue House on the Hill at 6 o'clock p. m. sharp.

LOST—2 three year old steers one red, one roan, Branded 95 left ribs Finder report to Dr. Weeks, Cardston, and receive reward 4—N. 26.

The many friends of Mr. Wm. Vaughn are trying to persuade him in putting on a concert before he leaves the city. Mr. Vaughn sang in both the Assembly Hall and Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening.

Admiral Dewey displays an unfamiliarity with history when he says that never come suddenly. Germany's successful attack upon France took the later nation unawares. Japan sank several Russian cruisers before formally declaring war.

Doubtless many of the people of Cardston will remember the excellent play presented here last year, entitled "Along the Kennebec." The same company will be here on Thursday evening next with "Uncle Dan'L."

To miss the Juvenile Bostonians' performances would be to miss one of the rarest treats of the season. These little folks are so charming, so sweet of nature, and they are so funny that it does not seem possible that anyone could miss seeing them. The musical numbers sung by them are bright and catchy. Berta's Billion, their latest musical comedy success, will be the offering and Babe Mason will be seen in the title role. Cardston Friday and Saturday Nov. 19th and 20th.

### The Knocker

Toronto World: Throughout the wide dominion is to be found a wild plant commonly known as the Canada thistle. It is a greedy, tough, crabbed plant full of aggressive fight and tenacity to life. You find it among the flowers of the wood and among the wheat of the field. It flourishes and crowds out and kills with whatever it comes in contact.

From the time that Canada's first tiller of the soil turned the first sod, he has fought the Canada thistle. He is still striving to exterminate it.

So long as man must live by the sweat of his brow there will be thistles and other weeds for him to fight down and just so long as a country is striving to build up life and character to perfection, it will have its human obstacles with which to contend.

The "knocker" is to Canada what the Canada thistle is to the vegetable kingdom. He crowds, slanders and disorganizes.

He devotes his time generally to finding fault with other persons, things and conditions. The state of mind, which governs him, is a deplorable possession surely, but he exercises his crippled mental powers to a certain end; that of striving to push himself forward by the "knocking system."

He loses no opportunity. Knocking has become chronic with him—a fixed habit. He finds

fault with anything and everything. He picks out flaws in man and nature.

Nothing God-made or man-made, but if he had his way would be changed. His "buts" and "ifs" are the little cloud-specks that dot the sunny landscape with blue-black blotches.

With him, cheap cynicism is an evidence of superior worldly wisdom, and like the thistle he flourishes best where he can do most harm.

The "knocker" is born of the little army of humans, who have found life's battle a little too strenuous for them, men and women who have had ambition, but have lacked energy and judgment. They have seen others win the goal which they so longed to attain, and they have become dissatisfied and discouraged.

They have become crabbed and pessimistic at first and bitter later.

Yes—the "knocker" is to be pitied, in a way. One avoids him naturally, as one must necessarily avoid moral contagion. But a menace to our young country cannot be eradicated by avoiding the evil.

The thing for all strong Canadians to do is to take the "knocker" in hand and make a "booster" out of him.

### OPERA HOUSE ONE NIGHT

THURSDAY NOV. 11

Frank O. IRESON

the eminent actor in the best of all DOWN EAST PLAYS

### "UNCLE DAN'L"

The Messenger from Jarvis Section

Special Scenery. Fine Orchestra. Fun. Music & Specialties.

Band Parade at Usual Time

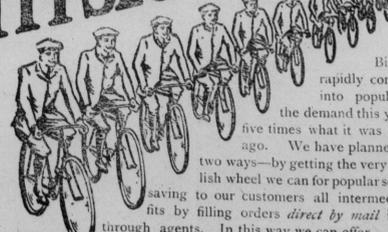
Prices 50c. 75c. & \$1 Reserved Seats at Usual Place

Coyote Proof Sheep Fencing

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As already said, sheep eat readily most weeds, but they are particularly fond of the perennial sow thistle, which has now got such a hold on parts of the Red River Valley. Seeding down land infested with this pest and pasturing it with sheep, would enable the farmers to get their land under control more thoroughly and with less outlay than probably any other plan.

## HYSLOP BICYCLES



Bicycles are rapidly coming back into popular favor, the demand this year being five times what it was five years ago. We have planned for it in two ways—by getting the very best English wheel we can for popular selling, and saving to our customers all intermediate profits by filling orders direct by mail instead of through agents. In this way we can offer

**\$50 Wheels for \$25**

and give better satisfaction all round. The quality of the wheels is all right—only the best materials used and only skilled mechanics employed in construction. The equipment is right up-to-date and the machines throughout are such as we can thoroughly recommend. We sell automobiles as well as bicycles and our plan is to make wheels serve as a good advertisement to the entire business. Send for illustrated folder.

**HYSLOP BROS., Limited**  
High-Class Automobiles and Bicycles  
TORONTO, ONT.

## Underwear

Special prices in Underwear. Men's \$1.10  
Boy's 90c.

A large shipment of rugs, all sizes and prices.  
Quality the best.

Also Furniture and Dishes at special reduced prices.

A nice line of Dress Goods just arrived.

Our general lines are again complete.

## Cardston Mercantile Co.

LIMITED.

Don't leave it too late before you have your

### Photos

TAKEN.

New backgrounds, latest style

mounts and folders just arrived.

Amateur work finished

Satisfaction guaranteed

All work finished promptly

**A. T. HENSON**  
PHOTO PARLORS

### Shoe Shining Stand

(Cahoon Hotel Office)

W. J. Warren—Proprietor

Leave orders for window cleaning

We make a specialty of selling business lots. For this purpose we have secured some of the best property in Cardston and will divide to suit purchaser. We have a few lots left in the Beazer corner, the Frank Snow corner, the W. O. Lee corner, Mrs. Messenger's corner, Bert Cask's house and lot and all of the lots in Mr. Barker's Addition. Good time to secure you a town lot now before another Rail Road comes in. See W. O. Lee and Co.

The Alberta government has been strengthened by giving postfolios to two newspaper men. They were probably selected because of their ability to take all the abuse the opposition could hurl at the government.

After the infliction of the Cook-Peary wrangle on a long suffering public, Canadians generally are thankful that their gallant explorer Capt. Bernier did not, among other things, discover the North Pole on his jaunt to the Arctic wilds.

A Pittsburg paper has had a voting contest to decide who had discovered the North Pole, and Cook won by 60,000 majority. It might be possible by the same process to determine who struck Billy Patterson, and how old is Ann.

--Car of--

## Choice Groceries

JUST ARRIVED

--THE--

## Spencer & Stoddard

--LIMITED--

Keep posted on our prices.

## CLOTHING!

YES

## Clothing

You might get clothing that looks as good for a few days for less money, but do the suits hold their shape. WE GUARANTEE OURS.

--THE--

## Spencer AND Stoddard

--LIMITED--

Largest stock of Trunks in town.

## THE "TOFF"

A quarter of a century ago the mining camps of New Mexico offered refuge to any man desirous of sinking his identity, since curiosity was not one of the few vices they did not encourage. To question a new-comer as to his antecedents was not only a breach of etiquette, but a dangerous act in a community where every man carried weapons and resorted to them on the slightest occasion. Unless volunteered, a man's very name remained a secret, he being—for convenience—re-baptized with a nickname, picturesquely inappropriate, as a rule.

"Toff" brought his name with him—"printed all over him," as someone remarked; and certainly his appearance was unique for the locality. Sandy Ridge was twenty miles from the railway, and the intervening stretch of scrub and desert had to be crossed on horseback, so that the sudden advent of a young man, attired in a tweed suit, with immaculate linen, was sufficiently startling even without the portmanteau plastered with labels reminiscent of European travel.

But these items were trifles in comparison with the monocle decorating the stranger's left eye-socket, the effect of which upon the crowd at the Miners' Arms was simply paralyzing. Sentences remained part-spoken, glasses halted half-way to thirsty lips, and a man who was lighting his pipe burned his fingers badly. The stranger appeared quite unconscious of the interest he excited. Addressing the saloon-keeper—known as "Ginger" because his hair was not red—he said coolly:

"Can I—er—have a room here?" The saloon-keeper, a man of few words until roused, when his vocabulary at once became extensive, nodded silently; but a great hulking miner, named Baynes, who had been surveying the visitor with marked disapproval, struck in:

"Say, young feller, air ye goin' to stay long?" The "young feller" turned slowly and regarded the speaker through his monocle with an air of languid curiosity. Baynes would have faced the muzzle of a six-shooter without blinking, but a few moments of this cold, silent scrutiny made him squirm. Then came the drawing reply:

"I find the place very comfortable, it is—er—possible I may settle here—with your permission, of course."

A burst of laughter from the red-shirted, brown-throated throng hailed the obvious discomfiture of the questioner. The stranger picked up his bag and followed Ginger through a side door, thus missing Baynes's threat to "take some of the frills out'n him."

"He's a real toff, boys," cried one of the spectators, and the title was forthwith adopted delightedly. "Reckon he knocks spots off the Dandy for style," said another. "Say, there'll be procedin's when they meet."

The rencontre took place a few hours later, and there were "proceedin's" certainly, though not of the nature expected. Having removed the stains of his journey, "Toff" was standing in the bar watching the scene. The long line of drinkers at the counter, the various couples gambling at the tables set in the open space before it, the strange medley of tongues—for every nation seemed to be represented—combined to form a picture which could not fail to interest anyone upon whom it had not staled.

Presently a burst of laughter from the other end of the room attracted his attention, and he saw that it came from a group of men who had partly surrounded a young girl. She was barely eighteen, with great, dark eyes and a slender figure, the grace of which her shabby clothing could not hide. Just now she was skimming timidly—her olive cheeks stained crimson—from Baynes, whose bloated face was thrust towards her. His unwelcome attentions frightened her as much as they amused the immediate onlooker, and "Toff" caught an appealing look as her gaze met his own.

In three strides he crossed the intervening space, caught the bully by the shoulder, and whirled him out of the girl's path so vigorously that the man lost his balance and went sprawling on the sanded floor.

"You coward, to torment a girl!" he cried, the affection gone from his voice, and an ominous glint in his grey eyes.

In a second the fallen man was on his feet again, a venomous snarl on his lips, and his right hand flung high above his head. Every man present knew the significance of the action, and promptly settled out of the line of fire. The stranger, thus left standing alone, became aware that the poised hand held a heavy Colt's revolver, and suddenly realized that he was facing death. One swift downward drop of the threatening arm and all would be over. His face became a shade paler, his eyes stared tensely, but he did not flinch.

"Keep your arm quite still, Baynes; I have you covered," said a sharp, resolute voice.

The bully's face changed, and he paused in the very act of lowering his weapon. A lightning glance towards the door showed him the gleaming barrel of a Winchester repeating rifle, pointed at his heart. "Take his gun away, one of you," continued the speaker, and when this was done he stepped through the open door, his weapon flung easily across the crook of his left arm, ready for instant use. He was a man of about thirty, of lithe, athletic build, and with a pleasant, sun-stained face. He was carefully groomed, and his apparel was conspicuous for its fine quality. He surveyed the discomfited bully with contemptuous good-humor.

"If you are still hankerin' for blood, I'll take a hand with you myself," he remarked, slowly; and then, as the other did not reply, he added, sarcastically, "Shootin' unarmed strangers appears to be his limit, boys," and turned with a smile to "Toff," hand outstretched. "I like you," he said. "Let's take a walk and get acquainted."

Such a frank proffer of friendship from one who had just saved his life could not be declined, and the pair left the saloon and strolled towards the pine-covered ridge which sheltered the settlement. The stranger's effort to express his gratitude was cut short.

"He's a mean bound, that Baynes, and he'd have fixed you good if I hadn't happened along," the other said, cheerfully. "Can you shoot any?"

"Toff" confessed that his acquaintance with firearms was limited to the slaughter of inoffensive game; he knew nothing of pistol-shooting. His companion's face grew thoughtful. "That's bad," he said. "It's a tough crowd out here. I reckon you'd better make tracks for civilization again or you'll be playin' principal part in a funeral."

The new-comer's under-jaw stiffened. "I'll take my chance," he said. "By the way, I should be glad to know to whom I am—er—indebted."

The languid drawl brought a flicker of amusement into the other's eyes, but he replied, gravely. "Dan Bevis, commonly called the 'Dandy,' a gambler by profession."

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"Don't you believe it, my son," replied the gambler. "Your name is 'Toff' from now on in these parts."

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have read in them that his guilt would have made no difference to her. The assurance of her faith pleased him curiously, and almost gaily he said, "Well, and what's to be done now?"

"You must hide; come, I will show you," she whispered, eagerly.

He followed obediently back up the trail he had just traversed, until presently she turned and glided beneath the deeper shadow of a pine. He could see no sign of a path, but her lithe, active figure fitted unhesitatingly through the labyrinth of undergrowth until she reached the great odorous bush of flowering shrub, by the side of which trickled a tiny rill. Pulling aside a huge branch of blossom, she showed an opening in the rock.

"I found it long ago, and only Indian Joe knows of it," she explained, proudly. "They won't find you here, and I will bring food until Dandy Dan comes; he will help you."

She was gone before he could thank her, and he was conscious of a strange sense of loneliness. Then suddenly he laughed. That he a scion of a great house, deprived because of a rather heavy crop of wild oats, should be in danger of being hanged as a horse-thief, had a grim humor which appealed to him; it appeared as a kind of retribution upon his family.

That Baynes was at the bottom of the affair he did not doubt. The bully had left the settlement the day before himself, ostensibly to visit Santa Fe. What easier than to hide in the woods until Beverley departed, steal the horse, and lead to the latter's hut so as to throw suspicion on him. But Beverley knew this mere theory would not be listened to. Dan only might get him a fair hearing, for the gambler's repute for quick and accurate shooting made him respected.

The days passed, however, and Bevis did not put in an appearance. Nita came daily with food, and the captive soon began to watch for her dainty figure eagerly. Sometimes she would prepare a meal for him, spread his blankets afresh, and "tidy up," as he put it, and he found a new pleasure in the grace of her every movement.

But the day came when she did not appear, and the second was rustling of the bushes, and stepped to meet her. To his disappointment, it was Indian Joe who emerged. The captive's eager questions soon elicited the truth, and in his broken English the lad told how Ginger, suspecting something,

had questioned the girl, and on her refusal to answer had beaten and locked her up. She had contrived to communicate her secret to Joe, who was her adoring slave. Beverley's mouth grew rigid as he listened, and disregarding the boy's entreaties, he strode off down the trail, pausing only to cut a stout but pliant rod from a bush.

"Toff" faced his captors boldly. He had disdained to question their verdict, and now stood with folded arms in the centre of the saloon, apparently oblivious of the noose about his neck, or of the fact that the other end of the rope, passed over a rafter above, rested in the hands of a man he had just thrashed unmercifully. His eyes were fixed upon Nita, sobbing pitifully in a corner. Her prayers had failed to move the grim tribunal and the Englishman's pride kept him silent.

Already other hands were outstretched to assist the eager executioner, and the miner who had acted as judge was about to give the signal which spelt eternity for the prisoner, when the unusual sound of wheels arrested him. A mule-wagon drew up outside the door, and from it there stepped a grey-haired, dapper little man, attired in a frock-coat and—the natives gasped—a silk hat! But the astonishment of the onlookers was nothing to that of the condemned man.

"Deedes!" he cried. "What on earth are you doing here?" The visitor looked surprised in his turn; this stalwart, bronzed, and manly young fellow was a strong contrast to the languid, dissipated aristocrat he had expected to find, but he knew him, nevertheless.

"I came in search of you, Sir Frank," he replied, quietly, and reading the other's look, he continued: "Yes, your uncle and cousin were both killed in a motor accident, so that the title and estates come to you. It has taken me some time to trace you."

"Sorry to have given you so much trouble, Deedes, especially as it is too late," said Beverley, with a grim smile. "These gentlemen are about to hang me for horse-stealing, you see."

It took the family lawyer some few moments to realize that the whole scene was not an elaborate joke got up for his benefit, but then the outrageousness of it revolted all his legal instincts, and he poured out a flood of forensic eloquence. He was brought to a sudden stop by a bullet, which neatly perforated his immaculate hat. "Seuse me, pard," said the man who had fired, "but I jest couldn't help it; it's a temptin' Providence to wear that 'ere." The lawyer gave up; he might as well have

spoken to the log-walls as to those stolid miners. Only the man who had nicknamed the prisoner showed interest.

"I said he was a toff," he remarked, with conscious pride. "It seems almost a pity to hang him after all."

"You bet it does; why not wait and hang the right man?" chimed in a familiar voice, as the Dandy stepped into the bar and coolly flung the noose from Beverley's neck. "I don't see my friend Baynes among this noble company," he continued, scornfully. "I guess you'll find him outside, though. I ran up against him in Yellowville, trying to sell Ginger's horse, and as he told a pretty ordinary tale about it I persuaded him to let me see him home."

The gambler's story, and the presence of Baynes tied upon the back of the stolen animal, disposed of all doubt against Beverley, and the whilom judge forthwith tendered an uncoined apology for all present. But "Toff" scarcely waited to hear it; he had seen Nita slip away while the lawyer was making his frantic speech for the defence, and he wanted to find her immediately. Instinctively he made his way to his hiding-place, and there, lying upon his blankets, sobbing his heart out, he found her. She sprang up as he entered.

"I knew Dan would save you," she cried. "I met him on the trail, and told him to hurry. That's why I slipped out." She was fearful lest he might think she had deserted him.

"So you saved me again," he said. "But, Nita, why are you crying?"

She sank down on the blankets again and turned her flushed face from him. "You are going away—back to your own country," she faltered.

Beverley knelt down beside her and took her hands in his. "Little girl," he whispered, and his eyes were very tender, "I shall not go unless you will come with me. Will you, Nita?"

For one instant her tear-laden eyes met his own, and he was answered. "You won't be ashamed of such a poor little wife?" she ventured, presently.

Certainly he did not look ashamed, as, hand in hand, they came down through the pines and back to the saloon. The Dandy, who saw them first, swore softly under his breath, which was his way of expressing emotion. Mr. Deedes expressed his feelings more openly. After having been presented to "the future Lady Beverley," he took his client aside and remon-

strated with him on what he termed "quixotic behaviour."

"No doubt some recompense is due to the girl," he began, but got no further.

"Mr. Deedes, will you kindly tell them who I am?" said "Toff," coldly.

"I'm not forgetting who you are, though you appear to be," retorted the lawyer, testily. "I did hope that your—ahem—exile had taught you something."

"It has," said Beverley. "I've learnt that a good man is made, not born, but a good woman is born not made. That is my last word on the subject."

The man of briefs shrugged his shoulders. "You appear to have queer notions in this outlandish place," he said. "Do you know that I want to hang that other fellow?"

"Ah, I must stop that!" Beverley replied, and forthwith consulted Dan as to the best means.

"Offer them a wedding instead; that'll fetch 'em," said the gambler.

It did. Baynes was given half an hour to leave the district. The wedding, which took place a few days later, a minister having been imported for the purpose, was a brilliant success. The Dandy accompanied the happy couple across the desert.

"You'll come to England and see us, Dan?" said Beverley, at parting.

"No," said the other. "Civilization stifles me; I can't breathe in a town."

He smiled as he said it, and Beverley suspected nothing. But Nita, her woman's instinct, quickened by the love in her own heart, knew that there was another reason. Dandy Dan always prided himself upon being a good loser.—London Tit-Bits.

Strong will power enable a man to take an occasional fall out of himself.

## ABOUT THE HOUSE

### SEASONABLE Dishes.

A new way to serve fresh pineapple to have it look as delicious as it tastes is to cut fruit in slices one-half inch thick with knife and then cut each slice separate with a round doughnut cutter. This will take out center and at the same time cuts nice, round slices. Prepare your pineapple in morning, sugar, put on ice, and serve cold, or one can also stew it till transparent and then serve cold. In canning cut slices same way and put in new tin cans and seal.

Substitute for Meat.—For each person allow one tablespoonful each of these ingredients: Grated cheese finely rolled crackers, milk, and one egg. Have ready individual plates, with a toasted cracker on each. Put a teaspoonful of butter in a hot frying pan, then the cheese, milk and crackers, lastly well beaten eggs. Salt to taste and a dash of red pepper. Cook two minutes, stirring rapidly. This is a cheese dish suitable for a midday lunch or a chafing dish supper. Stale cheese is better than fresh for this. One may keep a supply on hand by grating all the left over scraps and putting it in a tightly corked bottle in a dry place.

Lalla Rookh.—This dessert is of Spanish origin and is extremely palatable. Select a plain mold with a tight fitting cover. Cut in small pieces six ladyfingers, twelve almonds, and half a cupful of raisins; stir all together and put into the mold. Make a custard with a quart of milk, one small cupful of sugar, and four eggs, and as the custard is removed from the fire reserve a large cupful and to the remainder add a small quarter of a cupful of gelatin which has previously been soaked in enough water to cover. Stir the custard well, strain it over the mixture in the mold, and set the whole away in a cold place, where it will settle for four hours. Now add to the remaining custard one cupful of whipped cream; flavor with vanilla extract. When the dessert is needed turn it out on a pretty serving dish, sprinkle the top with finely chopped bananas and strawberries cut into slices. Pour the custard around it. Delicious as well as ornamental.

### COOLING SALADS.

Frozen Tomato Salad.—Peel and chop fine eight ripe, firm tomatoes. Season with a little salt, pepper, and sugar, and three drops of onion juice; turn into a freezer and freeze. Fill a melon mold with this frozen mixture, pack in ice and salt and let it stand for several hours to ripen. Serve on a bed of white celery leaves, garnished with olives, with mounds of thick dressing over it.

Cabbage Salad.—Roll back the outer leaves of a small, heavy cabbage. Cut out the center, leaving the shell entire. Shred the heart leaves thin and soak in ice water. Drain and dry. Add two green peppers, cut in fine strips, and mix with a French dressing, using a half teaspoonful salt, a quarter teaspoonful pepper, one tablespoonful vinegar, and four of oil. Stir until blended; pour on the cabbage and peppers and refill shell.

Lettuce Salad.—Two heads of lettuce, one cucumber, one or two onions as preferred cut up fine; one-half teaspoonful of salt, three teaspoonfuls of vinegar, pepper, and sugar to taste. Then beat one cupful of sour cream and pour over mixture when ready for use. Remember all must be mixed together after the cream has been poured on.

Potato Salad.—Six medium size cold boiled potatoes sliced. Two tablespoonfuls of grated cheese. Put yolks of three hard boiled eggs in stewpan with tablespoonful of butter, teaspoonful of mustard, same of flour, a little salt, mix into a smooth paste; pour over this one-half cupful of vinegar—use part water if vinegar is strong. Mix well together and set over fire, turning constantly. When nearly cold beat in two or three tablespoonfuls of olive oil and one-half cupful of thick cream. Put a layer of potatoes into the dish; sprinkle with a little of the grated cheese; pour over a part of the dressing; repeat until all the potatoes are used, putting dressing on last. Shred whites of eggs and sprinkle on top.

### HOUSEHOLD HELPS.

To Prevent Castors Dropping.—If you are troubled with having your castors drop, as is the case where you use gas, invert your chair, table, or whatever it may be, run melted sealing wax in the hole, insert the castor, and it will be as substantial as ever.

Care of a Broom.—Many housekeepers complain of the short life of the broom, but if the following is observed the broom will last a long time and, what is more, will preserve its fullness and stiffness: When through sweeping dissolve a handful of salt in a basin of water and dip the broom into it, shaking it out several times. Then stand it up, handle down, and when you wish to

use it again you will find it as stiff as a new broom. Never stand your broom up with broom end down if you wish to keep the straws straight.

Hurried Hot Applications.—When hot applications are hastily required fold several thicknesses of cloth the desired size, dampen, and lay on a lamp. This will quickly become hot and another can be heating while the one is being used. No time is lost in heating water, and no hands are burned wringing hot cloths.

Troublesome Insects.—Saturate a soft cloth with coal oil and thoroughly rub outside of screen doors. This is especially good for doors opening on a porch, where flies and mosquitoes congregate. They will never come near if oil is used as directed.

### CLEANING AIDS.

Take Stains from Bottles.—Make a good suds of naphtha and soft water. Let it stand in the vessel fifteen or twenty minutes; all stains will be removed.

To Simplify Laundrying.—Take a bar of any good laundry soap, cut and boil in one gallon of water until all dissolved, then add scant half cupful of kerosene. Let all come to a boil. Then fill a tub two-thirds full of cold water, pour in the mixture, put in all your white wash and let stand over night. In the morning ring out and scald and rinse in the usual way. You will find your wash clean and of snowy whiteness, with little labor.

To Remove white spots from polished wood make a soft paste of salad oil and salt. Apply with soft cloth and rub briskly. White spots of years' standing can be so removed and if the finish is not injured no trace of spot is left—the white stain is out in any case.

Faded Pink Garments.—The most faded and washed-out pink garment can be made like new by putting a handful of red crepe paper in the rinsing water. It will be a beautiful peach pink. The same is true with lavender, only use purple crepe paper. It always colors evenly and can be dipped quickly into starch afterwards.

Keeping Silver Bright.—If a liberal sprinkling of baking soda is added to the boiling water in which silver cutlery is immersed, it will come out clean and bright; also use a little soda and alcohol to remove dark or persistent stains on silver. This is better than the mineral compounds, as soda is soluble, and, therefore, requires less work to gain good results.

### VARIOUS BREAD RECIPES.

Batter Bread.—Two cupfuls of meal, one heaping spoonful of lard, a pinch of soda, one teaspoonful of salt. Scald your meal with thin milk, add two eggs beaten until light, and bake in a greased pan forty minutes.

Soft Corn Bread.—Two cupfuls of corn meal, yellow; two tablespoonfuls of butter, one teaspoonful of salt, four cupfuls of boiling water, yolks of six eggs, beaten light; whites of six eggs, beaten to a froth and stirred in last. Bake in buttered dish twenty minutes. This makes a nice dish for the children's luncheon.

Salt-Rising Bread.—This recipe is unfailing: Slice two medium potatoes thin, add to them two tablespoonfuls of corn meal, one teaspoonful of sugar, one-half teaspoonful of salt. Pour over this two cupfuls of boiling water and place in warm place over night. In the morning stir and strain out potatoes, and to one pint of the liquid add one teaspoonful of soda and one-half teaspoonful of salt. Thicken with flour and place in warm water to rise, then proceed as in any salt-rising bread, and the result will be most gratifying.

### THE "PIT."

The Chicago "Pit," is the switchboard of the grain world. There during four hours every day, grain already harvested, grain now growing, grain not yet planted is speculated in by the 1,200 frenzied members of this community. "Deals" are carried through amid a pandemonium of shouting and gesticulating. If, say, wheat is at 80¢ cents, and an operator desires to dispose of 50,000 bushels for 80½ cents, he raises both hands, palms facing outward, above his head, crying, "Three-quarters!" Each finger exhibited represents 5,000 bushels, and palms extended outward denote an offer to sell; while palms inward denote an offer to buy. When a deal takes place in which the price fluctuates from the previous "trade," a lynx-eyed official, on a high stool at the edge of the "Pit," writes down the latest price on a sheet of paper, and drops it to a telegraphist below. Immediately this price is on the tape, clicking rapidly to all the great cities of America.

### UNAVOIDABLE PLEASURE.

"My daughter is a fine pianist. Have you ever heard her play?" asked the lady from next door, calling.

"Hear her?" exclaimed the other. "Of course we've heard her! You don't think we can keep the windows shut all the time, do you?"

# An Unexpected Confession;

Or, The Story of Miss Percival's Early Life.

## CHAPTER XXI.—(Cont'd)

Esther went to him and sank up on the chair beside him. "I cannot realize it!" she said, with a quick catch in her breath. "I never dreamed of anything like this! How can I, who have been so humbly reared, ever suitably maintain the dignity of the position to which you have elevated me?" Her companion laughed out softly at her perplexity.

"Of course, I knew that you would be astonished," he said. "But Esther, you are no ordinary girl—I have seen that from the first of our acquaintance—and you must not underrate yourself. I think, for the next three or four years, it will be well for you to attend strictly to the perfection of your education, and—mark this!—You are not to spare expense. There will be plenty of money to enable you to do whatever you like. You are to have your own checkbook, and your signature will always be honored for any amount you may choose to draw. I have also arranged to have you make your home with Mr. King during the holidays, and when your education is finished, he, with his good wife, will present you at court, and give you a little taste of society before you settle down in your proper position as the lady of Irvington Manor. I am going to leave you perfectly free to do as you choose in all things, Esther, the man continues, but with a little sigh, as he gazed upon the lovely, flushed face beside him. "And if—ah, at any time in the future, you should meet some one worthy of your love, you are to follow the promptings of your own heart. Nay, do not shrink," he interposed, as she shivered slightly at his words; "a beautiful woman, such as you, must necessarily attract lovers—it is but natural, and I am sure you will never choose rashly or unwisely. One thing only I wish to stipulate—that, should children be given you by and by, you will name your eldest son for me—Russell Edgeworth Irvington—rear him to be worthy of the name, and, after you, make him heir to both title and the estate. Will you promise me this, Esther?"

"Yes—yes, I would promise you anything," she breathed, the glittering drops falling thick and fast upon the rigidly clasped hands in her lap. She could hardly bear to think that he must surrender so much to her, a comparative stranger.

Then she added, appealingly, as she saw how pale and weary he looked: "But do not talk any more of this to-day—rest now, and finish what you have to say to-morrow." "No, dear, I want all these matters settled while they may be—we are not sure of to-morrow, you know," he gently retorted. "There is not so very much more to tell; resumed; "I simply want to speak about the family jewels, some of which are very valuable, and especially of the ornament which has made so much trouble for me. It was one of a pair, composed of very costly stones, and which have long been known as 'The Irvington twin rubies.'"

## CHAPTER XXII.

As Lord Irvington spoke of "The Irvington twin rubies," Esther electrified him by springing to her feet, quivering in every nerve, a look of blank amazement upon her face.

"Oh, can it be possible?" she breathlessly exclaimed. "Why! it is perfectly wonderful! I can hardly believe it!"

Her companion regarded her with astonishment only equaled by her own.

"What is it that is wonderful? What is it you can hardly believe?" he inquired. "Why are you so excited, Esther, over what I have said about my family jewels?"

The girl sank back in her seat, looking pale and troubled. She was overwhelmed, almost appalled, by the thought that, if her surmises were correct, the owner of the twin ruby was now her husband, and also that the long-guarded treasure, together with its priceless mate, was about to come into her own possession. It was certainly marvelous, and yet, possibly, there might be some mistake.

"Excuse me for interrupting you so unceremoniously," she said, controlling her agitation by a great effort, "but I have heard something about these rubies. Please go on with your story, and when you are through, I will tell you mine."

Lord Irvington regarded her curiously for a moment, then resumed: "This ornament of which I speak is very old, and it has been in the

family for many generations. Originally there were two, just alike. The rubies were very rare, and tradition has it that they were purchased by one of my ancestors from a captive prince during a war in India. It is also said that they were set just alike, each in its circle of diamonds, for a pair of twin sisters to wear upon their presentation at court. Later one died, whereupon both jewels came into the possession of the other, and were thus handed down to the eldest son for succeeding generations. My uncle's father was in this country many years ago, and fell in love with an American girl. As a sea to their betrothal, he sent her one of the twin rubies, inclosed in a leaden case, by a messenger whom he regarded as perfectly trustworthy. The man was attacked and robbed, so the story goes, and thus that jewel was lost. The other, in accordance with the law of heredity, fell into the hands of my uncle, and, as you know, was stolen by my brother and bestowed upon his favorite. I have told you how it was recovered, and it is now in a safe deposit vault in London, together with many other precious stones, which will now become yours, Esther, and you are to wear them and control them as long as you live. After that they are to go to your eldest son, if he lives to succeed you; if not, to your second. My child," he added, bending a smiling look upon her, "I should like very much to see you, just for once dressed in a manner befitting the position of Lady Irvington, and wearing these family jewels, which for so long have been lying useless, because there has been no mistress in the manor house. Esther, I know you would be really beautiful."

The youthful wife flushed to the brows at this tribute to her loveliness.

"Could it be possible, she wondered, that she was the same girl who, less than two years previous, had been designated as a "perfect fright!"

She lifted her eyes to her companion and smiled.

"What is it?" he inquired; "of what are you thinking?"

"Can you imagine that, two years ago, I was so painfully plain as to be absolutely repulsive?" she questioned.

"No, I am sure I cannot," he emphatically rejoined.

"Such was the case, nevertheless," she asserted, and then proceeded to describe herself as we first saw her in her Western home, and to tell him of her subsequent efforts to improve her personal appearance.

"Well, I am surprised," Lord Irvington observed, when she concluded, "and I must say you deserve great credit for your courage and perseverance in submitting to so much to improve your appearance. But you are not fully developed even yet, Esther, and I prophesy that, three years from now, you will be a remarkably beautiful woman; but, better than that, I am sure you will also be a good—conscientious woman."

"Thank you," said Esther, with starting tears; "I am happier to have you tell me that than to know that I am personally agreeable to you; although, of course," she added, with a shy smile and blush, "it is pleasant to feel that I am no longer repulsive to others. Now," she continued, after a slight pause, "would you like me to tell you what I know about the 'twin rubies'?"

"Yes, do," responded her companion, eagerly.

"Well, then, to begin with," she said, with repressed excitement, "I have the long-lost mate to your wonderful jewel."

The man now stared at her in blank amazement at this astounding statement.

"Esther! have you lost your senses? I cannot be possible!" he exclaimed.

"Wait one moment, and I will prove it to you," she answered, rising.

She hastened from the room, ran lightly upstairs, when going to her trunk she procured the bag of worsted in which her treasure was concealed, also the leaden case, and then returned to the room below.

Going to Lord Irvington's side, she laid the leaden case in his hands.

He uttered a startled exclamation as he received it.

"It is exactly like the one in which the other jewel was concealed at home!" he cried. "But it is empty! My child, how came you by it, and where is the jewel?"

"Wait and you shall see," said Esther, as, dropping her ball of worsted into an empty bowl upon the table, she began to nimbly wind another from it.

Not a word was spoken while she was thus engaged; but her companion sat watching her flying hands and the dawning ball like one fascinated.

At last her work was done, and the small package wrapped in paper lay exposed at the bottom of the bowl.

Seizing it, Esther removed the wrapper and held up before him the magnificent cluster of stones.

He grasped it with a trembling hand.

"This is marvelous!" Lord Irvington exclaimed; "I can scarcely realize that I am awake—that this is not some hallucination of the senses!"

"Read this!" said Esther, smoothing out the crumpled paper and passing it to him.

It was, as we know, the note which had been found in the leaden case with the jewel.

"Wonder of wonders! It is signed 'R. I.', and those letters stand for Russell Irvington," cried the man, after perusing the missive, "and the name of this woman was the same as yours!"

"That is easily accounted for," Esther replied; "it was merely a whim of my father to name me for the heroine of this strange romance."

"Ah! then this old-time Esther's identity is still a mystery," said his lordship, in a tone of disappointment.

"But tell me, now, how this precious thing happened to fall into your hands?"

Esther resumed her seat and repeated the story which her father had related to her, after which he had commended the long-lost treasure to her keeping, to be restored if she should ever be so fortunate as to discover the owner.

"But why did you remove it from the case? Why did you conceal it within the ball of worsted?" her husband inquired, when she reached this point of the narrative, whereupon she told him of the conversation between the two men at Lake George, and which she had overheard from her place of concealment behind the rock.

Then she went on to speak of how she had betrayed herself, how their suspicions had been aroused by hearing Frank Cushman call her name, and the fright which she had manifested; and how, after discovering that one of the men had climbed to her window and seen the leaden case in her hands, she had removed the jewel and concealed it within the ball of worsted.

She also related how, the previous winter, the same man had entered her room for the purpose of robbing her of it, and, but for her

forethought, would have secured the coveted prize.

It certainly was a clever inspiration," Lord Irvington remarked, when she concluded, "and I believe you cannot do better than to rewind the wool about it. No one would ever suspect its place of concealment; but I think perhaps Mr. King had better take charge of it, and deposit it with the other, upon his return to London. Both ornaments will henceforth belong to you, Esther; and when you take your proper place in society, upon the completion of your education, I want you to wear them, with the other family jewels. It is long since the Irvington gems have graced a woman's form."

"I can scarcely fancy myself wearing such costly things," said Esther, musingly.

"You will soon become accustomed to them—jewels are things to which most women take very kindly," her companion smilingly replied. "I have told you," he went on, "that my uncle never married, but was heartlessly jilted early in life by an arrant coquette. She is said to have been a very beautiful English girl, and a great society woman, all long after her engagement to Lord Irvington, she made the acquaintance of a wealthy American, with whom she fell violently in love, and flirted desperately. She at length broke her troth with my uncle, in the hope of winning the other; but she failed in this, for it afterward came out that he was already pledged to a countrywoman of his own. They were married a little later, but I never knew what became of the girl who had thrown over my relative."

It was a bitter blow, from which he never recovered, and as long as he lived, he sedulously avoided all women. This was what probably made him so austere, and I am sure it must have been even a keener disappointment to him, when, after rearing my brother and myself to manhood, his hopes, in connection with us and the honorable perpetuation of his name and title, were so ruthlessly blighted, and he seemed to reap only ingratitude and treachery from us. Now, Esther, you know about all there is to be told regarding my family history, but I sincerely hope that, since you are henceforth to bear the name, your lot in life will be far happier than that of those belonging to the last two generations of Irvingtons," he concluded, with a regretful sigh.

"It is a wonder to me that you were willing to trust its future honor to a poor, unknown girl like me," Esther gravely observed.

"One could make no mistake in trusting anything with you, my

child," he gently replied, "and, speaking of family honor, I would like to know where you would find a brighter example of anything of the kind than in the fact that this jewel has been so rigidly guarded and preserved, with the unwavering purpose of restoring it to its rightful owner."

"It seems to me that common honesty could not do otherwise," said the girl, as she thoughtfully proceeded with the rewinding of her worsted.

"And I regard it as very uncommon honesty," was the smiling response, "since its restoration must have seemed almost a hopeless task, especially after so many years had elapsed without the slightest clew being obtained. However, it is very gratifying to me to have the mystery of its loss explained, and that the descendants of its trusty guardians will now reap a fitting reward for their faithfulness and her own by becoming the possessor of both jewels."

(To be continued.)

## GREATEST OF VOLCANOES.

Only Four Years Old, but a Titan Beside Little Old Vesuvius.

In the island of Savaii, in the Samoan group, during an August night in the year of 1905 there arose from the midst of a peaceful cocoa plantation a volcano that in four years of its still ceaseless activity has sent forth more molten lava than has any volcano of which there is record.

To-day this flow of lava, in some places 500 feet in depth, is filling up the sea along a frontage of more than seven miles, has destroyed about fifty villages and as many square miles of what was once the most productive area in all Samoa. From Apia, about fifty miles away on the island of Upolu, it is sometimes possible to read at night by the glare of the Savaiian volcano, whose twin pillars of vapor by day become columns of red.

Above the ever seething lake of fire within the crater hangs a great crimson cloud, while eight miles distant from the volcanic cone appears a lesser cloud, sometimes divided into many columns of apparent fire. It is but the steam arising from the sea, colored by the red glowing lava that pours a Niagara of fire over the cliffs that the ceaseless torrent of molten rocks builds higher and higher every day. The ocean steamers touching at Apia pass within close hailing distance of this dramatic spectacle.

Scientists who have seen the most recent flow say that every minute 300,000 tons of lava flow over the lower rim of the crater; and this not resembling in any way the other lava, but like molten iron spreads over the old field and beyond, until at the sea there is a Niagara of fire full ten miles in width. As this molten lava falls into the ocean it turns to fine black sand and sinks, and so a new coast line is being built up in water 300 to 400 feet deep.

This moving molten lake advances at the rate of four miles an hour. As it pours itself into the sea columns of water are raised in steam to incalculable heights, and this, descending in a fine rain of brine, destroys vegetation and corrodes the galvanized iron roofings of churches and trading stations for miles around.

As the torrents of boiling lava break against the basalt cliffs or hummocks left by the old flow cliffs are melted by the heat, hummocks disintegrated and carried forward by the flow to be buried into the sea, where they explode like titanic bombs, and this is taking place every moment along an ever widening sea front of ten miles at least. For more than a mile out in the ocean the water boils, and from the crater still flows a steady stream of lava greater, it is said, than man has ever seen in the past issue from any volcano of which there is record.

Never one since that night four years ago, when this volcano was born in a peaceful valley, has it remained for a moment quiescent.

## POISON IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Light on the Causes of Some Mysterious Sudden Deaths.

In the Middle Ages so little was known of toxicology that all sudden or mysterious deaths were attributed to poison, but in the light of modern knowledge many of these are now easily explained by such diseases as appendicitis or gastric ulcer, says the British Medical Journal.

Even the Borgias can be absolved from many of the poisonings laid to their charge.

Nevertheless, from very early times in Italy poison was a favorite means of removing an enemy. In England, France and Germany cruder methods of vengeance prevailed, and it was not until the sixteenth century that the Medici introduced poisoning into France. The fashion spread with terrible rapidity, and poison was employed in every rank of society to get rid of inconvenient persons.

The art introduced into France by Catherine de Medici and her followers took root so deeply as to blossom later into the black magic of Louis XIV.'s reign.

## FROM SLAVE TO BANKER

WHAT A NEGRO WOMAN HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

Mrs. Maggie Walker Head of Store That Employs Young Negroesses.

From slavery to the presidency of a savings bank, with a capital of more than \$60,000, is a far call, yet that is the distance traveled by a negro woman, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, of Richmond, Virginia. She is the only woman in America who has been elected a bank president. Besides, she is the grand worthy secretary and treasurer of the Independent Order of St. Luke and president of a department store that is operated in the old capital of the Confederacy by the members of the fraternity, which company has a capital of \$25,000 and gives employment to twenty young women of the negro race.

Mrs. Walker is of striking appearance and a peculiar personality, and talks, without any ostentation, interestingly of the work of her organization and the part she has had in building it up after the negro men who had been at the head of it had abandoned the order as a sinking ship. This woman was born of slave parentage, and when a young girl, after the war, assisted her mother in doing the washing that was taken in to help in the maintenance of the family. She carried the wash to each home in a basket that she bore upon her head.

BECAME A TEACHER.

Notwithstanding the impoverished condition of the family and the humbleness of its surroundings, the young girl's mother determined that her daughter should obtain an education, and spared her time to attend the public schools of Richmond. Mrs. Walker recently recalled how her mother had often knelt at her bedside, believing her asleep, and would pray that she might become educated and useful to her race and people. When Mrs. Walker had completed her schooling she became one of the teachers of her race in the Richmond schools, where she served until she was called to the head of the St. Luke Order.

That was nine years ago, when the organization, although having been in existence more than forty years, was in its death throes, the membership having gone down to the hundreds. Only \$40 was in the treasury. Mrs. Walker day and night tramped the streets of Richmond and the near-by towns, and through her personality succeeded in having hundreds renew their membership in the fraternity, and she also made excursions into the adjoining State of West Virginia and secured other members.

FISHING TOO NEAR THE SHORE

Mrs. Walker did not confine her efforts to the south alone, but has travelled throughout the country, establishing branch orders, with the result that the work is at present established in seventeen States, with a membership of more than 45,000 in the various departments. From a racial standpoint, Mrs. Walker is dissatisfied over the fact that the negroes do not show much inclination to branch out in business lines.

"There is no reason why the negroes should not have confidence enough in some of the men of the race to invest capital for the operation of a department store, which store would be liberally supported by the members of the race. Until the negro learns to trust and cooperate with other negroes in the operation of such enterprises the race will not amount to much. We must cast out nets out into the deep, where fish are in abundance, for we have been fishing too close to the shore."

RESCUED SLEEP-WALKER.

Heroic Efforts Save Woman From Horrible Death.

An exciting incident took place recently on the London and North-western Railway line near Crewe, England.

A young woman, aged about 20, was seen wandering down the approach to the Liverpool line. She was hysterical and in great distress and she had apparently been walking in her sleep, as she had on only her nightdress.

Suddenly she was seen to run into the tunnel. A young man on the bank let himself down with a rope and pursued her. Ropes were placed under her waist, and she was drawn up to a place of safety.

Had it not been for the timely rescue she must have been knocked down and run over by an express which passed a moment later.

It appears that she resides in a house on the railway embankment. A bedroom window was found open, and it is supposed that she got up in her sleep and got on to the railway.

She appears unable to give any comprehensive account of her movements.

## The Farm

WASTE IN CHEESEMAKING.

Prof. H. H. Dean says "that of the 250 pounds of solids in every ton of milk delivered at a cheese factory, 125 are made into cheese and 125 go into the whey tank largely as waste except for the slight use made of the same in pig feeding. In contradistinction, all the solids are retained in condensed milk. Practically there is no waste. For this reason no cheese factory can hope to compete with a condensary. This is practically a true statement of the comparative condition of the two methods of manufacturing milk into usable food products."

But with the creamery, where the farmer is an intelligent raiser of valuable dairy stock, the situation is different. When a farmer can get fifty to sixty cents a hundred for his skimmilk fed to Grade, Holstein or Guernsey heifer calves sold when they are 10 months old, and gets besides all the butter value of the milk less the cost of making, he is getting from his milk more direct cash than any condensary can afford to pay. In addition, the keeping of such skimmilk on the farm, the extra manure the calves make, all helps greatly to keep up the fertility of his soil. This is not the case when the milk is consumed in cheese making or at the condensary. It is this farther, better side of dairy farming, the side that makes a full-fledged, first-class farmer of the man, that has not been studied as it ought to have been. Just because they can get a little extra, just now, for the milk, has been enough to send thousands of farmers away from the broader, better and truer phase of dairy farming, the phase that will alone keep up the fertility of the farm.

FARM NOTES.

Many farmers plow under a crop of buckwheat in order to obtain vegetable matter. But in about the same length of time, more than four times the amount of such material may be produced by sowing Indian corn.

Round tiles will drain the land much more quickly and satisfactorily than open ditches, which are an eyesore and expensive, as they have to be cleaned out often, otherwise, by the banks eroding in, they would soon become so filled up that they would not drain the land at all.

A careful farmer should always carry a notebook with him, or at least have access to one each day. Whenever an implement breaks or shows a weakening of any of its parts, the damage, actual or threatened, should be recorded, and then repaired the first day unfit for outdoor work. Such a course may save a serious breakdown in the midst of the busy season. It is not always necessary to await visible proof of a necessity for repairs.

The poultry-house need not be an expensive affair, but should be of ample size, and built well enough to keep out the snow in winter and the rain in summer. One or more windows should be put in the south side, and a number of openings left for ventilation. These can be closed in cold weather, and covered with wire screening or netting in summer, when a screen door should take the place of the wooden one. We have the roosting poles all the same height, with a sloping platform underneath, from which the droppings are cleaned as they accumulate.

LIVE STOCK NOTES.

A hen will consume one bushel of corn yearly, and lay ten dozen or fifteen pounds of eggs. This is equivalent to saying 3 1-10 pounds of corn will produce, when fed to a hen, five-sixths of a pound of eggs, but five-sixths of a pound of pork requires about five pounds of corn for its production.

We would not advise a farmer, over 40 years old to forsake a successful business to enter into poultry raising. One should begin young and grow up with the business. He must study the best methods of feeding and of marketing his product. No one can advise another as to the breed he shall choose. That must be a matter of individual selection. There should be an ideal in mind, and a constant effort to approach that ideal.

CANDOR WOULDN'T PAY.

A gentleman who was no longer young, and who never was handsome, said to a child in the presence of her parents: "Well, my dear, what do you think of me?"

The little girl made no reply, and the gentleman continued: "Well, you don't tell me. Why won't you?"

Two little fat hands tucked the corners of a pinafore into her mouth as she said, in a timid whisper: "Cause I don't want to get whipped."

### Coyote Proof Sheep Fencing

One of the most encouraging signs of a tendency towards more diversified methods in the agriculture of the Middle West, and more particularly in those sections where noxious weeds are becoming a serious menace to successful cereal growing, is the awakening interest in sheep breeding.

Reasons for this are easily seen: Unlike some other branches of live stock husbandry, there has for many years been little fluctuation in the prevailing high market values for mutton sheep. A flock of sheep call for practically no increase of labour on the farm—a most important factor in these days. Sheep may be marketed at almost any season of the year, at good prices, in small numbers, less than car lots, and with little trouble. There is a good local demand for mutton in every town. Sheep and lambs can be killed and utilized on the farmer's own table more conveniently than any other class of fresh meat.

As farm scavengers, sheep surpass all other kinds of stock, and be profitably utilized in cleaning dirty weed infested land, as they will eat with avidity almost every species of noxious weed with which our prairie lands are becoming coursed.

A few breeders of pure bred sheep who have persevered through all these years of little appreciation, now report greatly increased demand, and are taking courage, feeling that at last their favourite hobby is coming to its own.

The one thing that prevents hundreds of farmers in Manitoba, Eastern Saskatchewan and Northern Alberta from immediately establishing small breeding flocks, is the Coyote.

How can sheep be protected from the ravages of this pestiferous sneak thief of the prairies is the deterring question.

Enquiries for coyote proof sheep fencing are being received and are being attended to by George H. Greig, Western Representative of the Live Stock Commissioner for the Dominion Government, as to how best such protection may be provided at reasonable expense.

Nearly all experienced sheep men agree that any of the ordinary woven wire fences now on the market, if properly erected, will suffice to keep sheep in and coyotes out. The most satisfactory fence when cost is considered, is a strip of regular sheep fencing about 30 inches high, placed close to the ground on posts from 16 1/2 to 25 feet apart, with one or two strands of barbed wire stretched above, at intervals of 6, 8, or 10 inches. Such a fence, if properly built, care being taken that no holes are left underneath the woven strip to allow the coyote to crawl under, makes a good and lasting fence for all classes of farm stock. Horses or cattle are seldom or ever injured by barbed wire when used as described, as long as it is kept tight. The use of it above the woven wire fence, helps to save the woven fence from being crushed down in the winter by the weight of the snow drifts, the barbed wire in such cases cutting its way through the drifts.

Good woven wire fencing, from 25 to 30 inches high, suitable for sheep, can be got at from 40 to 50 cents per rod, and on most farms there is plenty of old barbed wire to complete the job.

Permanent line fences built as above described help toward clean farming by preventing stock wandering about and indiscriminately scattering weed seeds; encourage seedling down to grasses and clovers, and make possible the pasturing of such land. Cheaper inside division fences would suffice to hold sheep on temporary pastures rape or fallows.

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#### Trees in the West

Montreal Gazette: There were distributed from government establishments in the west this spring 2,570,000 trees to 2,010 applicants. There have already been received 2,255 applications for trees for next year's planting. The varieties raised in the nurseries including Manitoba maple, ash, American elm, willow and Russian poplar, pines, spruces, larches and firs. The demand for them indicates that in one part of the country the people have come to understand the value of trees, even when they are not all of a superior kind.

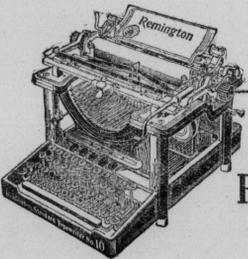
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