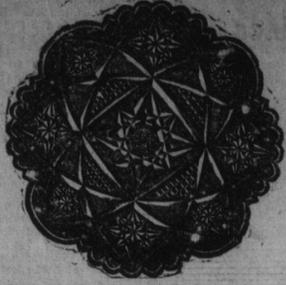


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CHRISTMAS 40 YEARS AGO.

A Veteran Fireman Recalls the Olden Days.

And Tells How the Holiday Was Spent in What is Now No. 2, Fire Station.

It was the year 1863 and the day was Christmas, a bright, crisp day with a goodly covering of snow upon the ground. The air seemed infused with the good cheer of the time and every countenance seemed lighted with goodwill toward toward his fellowman. A stranger passing along the north side of King Square on that far away Christmas—it was forty years ago—would have passed when hearing the Court House and have listened curiously to the jarring, careless banter issuing from the little stone pitched-roofed building which nestled under the rearward height of its companion edifice of justice. A frequenter of the neighborhood, however, would have passed heedless of the noise that unavoidably dinned upon the ear.

Be the passerby stranger or friend, it was all the same to those who were the creators of the noise. The day was Christmas and they very seriously regarded the fact that it came but once in a year. "Let the canteen roll boys; tip her up once more" was the law that held all intemperately to an unflagging participation in the day's cheer. It was "light ale" they were drinking, its stimulation was but temporary and necessarily needed renewing. And so the canteen rolled on ceaselessly on this Christmas day, and the light talk and harmless repartee, mixed with song and dance, kept up unflaggingly till the Christmas of 1863 was no more.

The building from which the noise of so many voices came was the very building that occupies the same spot today, and then as now it was the abode of firemen. No. 2 engine house of today was forty years ago also known as No. 2 engine house, but its interior bore an altogether different aspect. Those were the days of the volunteer firemen, when human prowess was relied upon more than it is today for the subduing of the flames. The steam fire engine, and the other innumerable fire-fighting appliances of the present time were hardly then dreamed of. The volunteer firemen gave their services gratuitously to the community, and the community in return was very indulgent of the peculiarities of their generous protectors, to whom they granted a practically unlimited freedom of the city. If the volunteer firemen sometimes abused this freedom, they more often used it in rendering invaluable service to their townsmen.

The members of the old St. John Volunteer Fire Department were ever a lively aggregation of human beings in both senses of the term—but the members of No. 2 hose and engine company were particularly entitled to the plum. It was said that they were always alert for a fight, but how true this might have been, the fact remained that they were a hearty lot of "laddies," as ready to enter into a convivial occasion as they were prompt and trustworthy when duty sounded its call.

A peep into the house of old No. 2 volunteer fire company, especially on the Christmas day in question, would afford to a present day St. Johner a rather interesting view. There would be found present not only the company's own members, but as well a few of the members of the old hook and ladder company, invited for the occasion. In fact the "boys" of these two companies were always known to go together in their sprees. One of the first things to catch the eye of the present day beholder would be the curious engine. It had been remarked that the old hand-engine much resembled at a distance a hay-wagon, but nevertheless in its day it was considered a serviceable piece of fire apparatus. A closer inspection of the engine in old No. 2 engine house would show that after all it was quite a complicated machine. The engine was kept spotlessly clean, and as a matter of fact the firemen were noted for the care they took of their property. On the opposite side of the large room would be discovered the old style of hose reel. The attention of the beholder, however, would soon be attracted to the firemen themselves, and he would hardly be able to repress his admiration. They were, as a rule, big muscular men—they had to be, because muscle in those days did what steam does now. There were about forty firemen present.

While the present day St. Johner was yet looking at the scene, he would be suddenly startled to see the stalwart form of Capt. Langan, long since dead, arise and move towards the big table in the rear of the house. The interest in the occasion had somehow waned and Capt. Langan was evidently intent to restore it. With a sweep of his brawny arm he struck the table a thunderous thump and roared as he had often been heard to roar at a fire: "Shake her up, boys." Almost instantly the jingle of glasses denoted another "rolling" of the canteen, and soon all present were holding brimming bumpers ready to tip at the word. John Jackson, of the hook and ladder company, the veteran mill maker, who is yet a familiar figure on the streets, would then shout "pull together," and simultaneously would disappear each sparkling glass of "light ale." A lively song would follow of all joining in at the chorus, and thus would speed the day.

But this particular Christmas was not to continue thus uninterrupted. Hardly had the last stanza of the song died away when the clanging of a bell in the distance was heard. There was no electric alarm system in those days, but there were a number of big bells in different parts of the city. If the present day St. Johner were still in his place, looking at the antics of his forefathers, he would now see a very interesting climax to the preceding events. No sooner had the clanging of the bell in the distance caught the ear of Capt. Langan than he jumped to his

FEARS A MASSACRE.

Literature Denouncing the Jews is Being Scattered Through Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—In a special cablegram from Kissingof Dec. 19, via Iglau, Dec. 25, the correspondent of the New York World says: "I can state with grim and gloomy certainty that unless the government at St. Petersburg entirely reverses its attitude, unless the expressed indignation of the civilized world prevents another massacre, the horrors of last April will be repeated on the Russian Christmas day, January 7. "The Jews here are terrified already and their terror is well founded. "Leaflets, vehemently calling on Christians and Russians to arise again on Christ's natal day and annihilate the Jews were found strewn in 'The Moscow' a tea shop today. "It was in the Moscow that the pamphlets denouncing the Jews for alleged ritualistic murders and inciting the massacre in April were first discovered."

LOTS OF ORANGES NOW, But They Were Not Here When the Dealers Wanted Them.

During the past two weeks dealers looked forward to the expected arrival of the Furness liner Florence, which was to replenish the stock of oranges for the Christmas trade. But day after day passed with no word of the steamer and the supply of oranges kept going down, until during the few days preceding Christmas there were scarcely any of the foreign varieties to be had in the wholesale houses. Then when the rush of Christmas business was over, another Furness liner reached St. John, bringing lots of fruit. Yesterday the Florence arrived at Halifax with the consignments which would have been eagerly received two weeks ago, but which are now not required. When the cargo of the Florence is landed here the orange market will be overstocked at a time when there is no great demand.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

The following is the Christmas music in the Congregational church tomorrow:

- Morning.
- Carol—"Joy Fills Our Inmost Hearts Today."—Gadsby.
- Hymn—"O Come All Ye Faithful."—Anthem—"And There Were Shepherds."—Fears.
- Hymn—"Once in Royal David's City."—Hymn—"As With Gladness Men of Old."
- Evening.
- Carol—"Hark the Glad Sound."
- Response—"The Angel's Song."
- Anthem—"White Shepherds Watched."—Fears.
- Hymn—"If Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
- Hymn—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing."

ST. JOHN'S STONE CHURCH.

- Service—Stainer in B flat.
- Anthem—"O Zion that Bringest."—Stainer.
- Offertory—"Cradled All Lowly."—Gounod. With pastoral symphony.
- Carol—"Wake All Music's Magic Power."—Stainer.
- Evening.
- Service—Kimmins in E flat.
- "Nazareth."—Gounod.
- Carol—"We Three Kings."—Traditional.
- Carol—"Once in Bethlehem."—Maund.
- Carol—"Twas in the Winter Cold."—Barnaby.
- Carol—"All My Heart this Night Rejoices."—Arnold Fox.
- Carol—"Bethlehem."—Gounod.
- Arnold Fox, organist and choir-master.

A BIG FIRE RAGING.

MARRIETTE, Oh., Dec. 26.—A big fire is raging here in the business centre of the city. The loss, it is believed, has already reached \$500,000. Among the buildings destroyed is the First National Bank. The local fire department is unable to cope with the flames.

A cantata will be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, in the Carleton city hall under the auspices of the Carleton Baptist church. Besides a chorus of sixty voices, a number of well known St. John singers will take solos.

In St. Mary's church tomorrow evening, there will be a Christmas carol service by some of the Sunday school children, assisted by the church orchestra. The church has been beautifully decorated.

feet and catching up a trumpet shouted: "Man your ropes!" The apparent confusion of a moment before was instantly replaced by order and quiet. A new life seemed to enthrall all present. The men quickly and quietly took their places, the doors of the engine house were swung open, and with a "pull steady, boys" they eagerly bent to their work. At a pace that could hardly be eclipsed by the fire horse of the present day they raced to the scene of the fire. To their chagrin the fire proved slight. They returned to the engine house and resumed their Christmas cheer.

This brief glimpse into the life of the old volunteer firemen has afforded the beholder only a one-sided view. The place to see the volunteer firemen was at a fire, or probably better still, while they were on their way to the fire. If while on their way to a fire they should happen to run across a rival company a lively contest would inevitably ensue. Each would vehemently strive to outdo the other, and often a hand-to-hand encounter resulted, when plug-wrenches and hoses and other handy things were used with a good free will. The fight would continue till some kind of an issue had been reached, despite the fact that all the time somebody's valuable property was fast burning away. Often in such an encounter half a fire brigade would be rendered hors-de-combat before a hand had been turned against the fire.

MAGISTERIAL RECEPTION.

Judge Ritchie Greets Old Acquaintances and Forms New Ones.

He Delivers Some Good Advice to Those Who Partook Too Freely of the Bowl Which Inebriates.

In point of attendance and in brilliancy the magisterial Christmas reception held this forenoon was not a patch on that of last year, but in spite of this it was not without interest. One or two new features were added, and some of the old and time honored customs were again to the front. For instance, the magistrate used just as much earnestness as he ever did in pointing out to the assembled drunks and the great unwashed that there was not a single Jew in court. This, and several other remarks of an appropriate character relieved the monotony of the proceedings. The magistrate neglected to explain why Jews should celebrate Christmas.

Last year there were twenty-five prisoners on the bench and eleven out on deposit. Today there were only nineteen in court and seven on deposit, which would indicate rather poor business in the stagger juice shops, business on the part of the cops, or a shrinkage in the storage capacity of the gang. The nineteen were all men, and of them there were only two or three worth noticing.

John Brown, who comes from Sussex, bought a ladies' hat on Thursday and was going home with it. On the train in the depot another man from Sussex, named Hooley, kicked the hat and then used bad language. Brown stood it as long as he could, but finally after a particularly offensive remark he hit from the shoulder and both were arrested. Hooley got out on deposit and has not since been heard from. The remark's cost him twenty-eight dollars. This morning the magistrate expressed his satisfaction at the knowledge that Hooley had been soaked good and hard. He was glad Brown had hit him on the mouth. That was the proper place, and if it is at any time necessary to strike a person who uses foul language, it is well to strike hard. Brown was let go.

John Thomas, an Englishman, who has been in St. John for a week, was sober this morning and wanted a chance to go away. But last evening in a street car this same man made himself very objectionable by staggering over other passengers, and announcing in a maudlin manner that he wanted to be sent home to mamma.

Thomas is thirty years of age. He was sent to jail for ten days.

David Hennessey was arrested for assaulting Ambrose Pelkey by smashing a jug on his head. Pelkey, who was attended by Dr. D. E. Berryman, is said to be quite manly. Hennessey was this morning remanded without being asked to plead.

Robert Titus admitted being drunk but did not know anything about pointing a revolver at James Jones and threatening to shoot him yesterday. He was also remanded.

George Halfpenny and David Gutford were scopped for fighting on Mill street. Gutford said it was all his fault and the two were let off.

The other prisoners, including the irrepressible Mag Sullivan and Mary Ann Reid, were all ordinary drunks, who pleaded guilty and were fined the usual amounts.

WILL DIG UP CITIES.

BOSTON, Mass., Friday.—To search among the hidden cities in Western Afghanistan and the Crimea an expedition of scientists, supplied with funds by the Carnegie Institute, will start from here on January 2.

Mr. Pompelly, of Newport, R. I., journeyed to Russia last year with Prof. Davis, of Harvard University, to look over the ground and obtain permission for the Russian government to conduct the investigation. Mr. Pompelly has gone there again this year to complete the negotiations with the Russian authorities.

Mr. Pompelly's son will superintend the geographical work of the expedition, and with three assistant archaeologists will meet his father in Cairo, Egypt. The members expect to complete the necessary data for their work, and then proceed to the site where they will make excavations. The section has never been searched by scientists.

HOW ABOUT IT?

He was reading the foreign sheet of the paper. "According to the dispatches," he said, "coverts are frowned on by the German nobility." "Meaning counts and dukes and all that sort of thing, I suppose," she suggested. "I suppose so," he replied. "It doesn't specify." "It's scandalous," she asserted. "I don't see why," he said. "Many doctors frown on them also." "Oh, that's all right," she asserted. "A doctor has legitimate opportunities to frown on them, but I don't see why counts or dukes should have any particular right to either frown or smile on them, except, possibly, in individual cases. It isn't proper, and—"

RECOGNIZES PANAMA.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The British foreign office confirms the Associated Press despatch from Panama on Thursday announcing that Great Britain had recognized the new republic.

If all men practised what they preached. We have no time for labor; Each man would put in all his days Endeavoring in pleasing ways To boost along his neighbor. —Chicago Record Herald.

COLD WEATHER.

Reports Show That St. John Was Especially Favored With Mild Weather.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 26.—A raging blizzard, accompanied by a sudden and decided drop in the temperature, struck Indianapolis last night. The gale was the worst experienced in this city for some time. Early reports from other Indiana points and from the northern boundary to the Ohio river indicated a terrific wind storm.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—A gale, blowing at the rate of fifty miles an hour, struck Louisville yesterday afternoon, and within two hours the mercury dropped over thirty degrees. The gale was accompanied by a blinding snow storm.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 26.—A blinding snow storm occurred last night. The wind blew fifty miles an hour. Traffic is maintained with great difficulty.

CHRISTMAS FESTIVITIES.

Murders and Shooting in the Land of the Free.

EUREKA, Utah, Dec. 26.—One man lying dead in the morgue with two shot gun wounds in his body, another man fatally wounded from the same kind of a shot, a woman badly bruised about the face and two other men in the county jail, is the result of a row which took place at Finn Hall early yesterday and broke up a dance and social gathering in the local colony of Finlanders.

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—Threats of mob violence having been pronounced, during the past two days, nine negroes charged with murder were yesterday spirited away to Madisonville, for safe-keeping. The negroes are charged with the murder and the mutilation of an unknown man a week ago. One of the prisoners confessed that the stranger was murdered and robbed of \$100 by himself and companions.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Dec. 26.—Geo. Calhoun, a negro, here last night shot and killed his wife and wounded four other negroes. Calhoun called his wife to the door and standing within ten feet of her, fired two barrels of a double-barrelled shot-gun into her body. He then fired into the house wounding two negroes. The other two persons received their wounds while in pursuit of Calhoun who made his escape.

JAPAN WANTS SHIPS.

Baron Hayashi is of the Opinion that War is Inevitable Unless Russia Backs Down.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—It is believed that hostilities between Russia and Japan may commence on or after the seventh of next month. The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent says that it is reported that the Japanese government has given Russia only two weeks to reply to Japan's claims.

Japan is steadily making preparations for the inevitable. ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 25.—The Russian government is still considering the reply to the Japanese government to its note which was sent in answer to Japan's demands. It is believed that concessions may be made to the satisfaction of Japan.

TOKYO, Dec. 25.—The feeling in Japan is still running high for war, and the integrity of China is regarded as requisite to the preservation of Japan.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Japan is negotiating for the purchase of two Chilean warships, the armored cruisers Esmeralda and another, probably the battleship Captain Prat, which are for sale. Negotiations with other South American governments for the purchase of warships are also in progress.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister to Great Britain, said to a representative of the Associated Press today relative to the negotiations: "We want more ships. Of course this is only a precautionary measure and it may be a lot of expense for nothing. I have no indication of the nature of the Russian reply. There is no truth whatever in the report that Japan's last note stipulated a time limit."

Asked about the despatch from Berlin, of Dec. 24, saying that the British government had represented to the czar that Great Britain "demanded" Japan's demands just and earnestly expected that Russia would grant them," the baron, who he was not aware of the precise action taken by Great Britain at St. Petersburg, said:

"The British government is well aware that Japan will be obliged to go to war unless Russia modifies the position she has taken in her last note." At the foreign office here nothing is yet known of the probable nature of the Russian reply.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.

The passengers on the train from Boston which arrived at noon today had no idea how near they came to being mixed up in an accident. While passing the station at Routh, or Green Point, as it is known, a long link from the brake on the tender became detached and dropped out, falling end up on one of the sleepers. The top of it caught in some of the underwork of the baggage car, lifting it from the rails. Luckily, the car dropped right back on the rails and the train was at once stopped. The baggage car was badly jolted and even after the train had been held twenty minutes for repairs, the effects of the jar were still noticeable in the continuous rattle while the car was in motion.

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts — Cloudy and colder, with light local snow falls. Sunday, strong north westerly winds and much colder.

Synopsis—Temperature is zero or below throughout Ontario and Quebec. The outlook is unsettled, as a disturbance near the middle Atlantic coast will pass near Nova Scotia. To the Banks, fresh north westerly winds today, strong winds or gales Sunday. American ports, fresh northerly winds today, north westerly and west winds Sunday.

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JUST THINK, WIVES, OF WHAT COOK DID

Brought in Homeless Girl and Sent Her to Bed With His Sleeping Spouse.

(Bangor News.)

The tenderness of the heart of Chas. Cook, of Hoboken, toward a pretty young woman in distress brought him into Recorder Stanton's court yesterday, with his wife as a relentless accuser. Mrs. Cook was at first astonished and then violently indignant upon awakening yesterday morning to find asleep in the bed she was occupying a young and good-looking girl. She was standing over the girl like an angry tigress when her husband rushed in from their spare room to stay her wrath. The young woman had said as she quailed under the wild eyed elder woman's questioning as to how she got there that the Cook had brought her home in the night and had told her to get into bed with his wife. Mrs. Cook hurried off to court, her husband following, vainly trying to explain.

"I have always been a man of a philanthropic turn of mind," said Cook to the recorder, "and my heart went out to this young girl when I met her on the street. She was poorly clad and said that she was hungry. There was nothing left for me to do but to take her home with me. I thought she would be a pleasant surprise to my wife when she awoke in the morning, but it has proved otherwise."

The Cooks have not been married long, and Cook was always a model husband. He remained late on Thursday night with a friend who was ill, and was making his way home along the deserted streets when accosted by beauty in distress.

"Come with me, poor, suffering one," said he, when he had heard the girl's tale of woe. He took her home.

"Slip into bed with my wife," said Cook to the shivering girl. "She will love and care for you in the morning."

"This is a record case," soliloquized the recorder when he heard the whole story, "and I never pretended to be a Solomon."

"I can't see that your husband has done anything wrong, but if you think he has you can bring a suit for divorce." With this he dismissed the case.

In the row and the flight from home of the Cooks the young woman of the cheerless streets had disappeared.

THE SUNNY SIDE OF LIFE.

Willie—"Mamma, I told Aunt Helen she grew homelier every day." Mrs. Silmsion—"You didn't tell her I said so, did you?" "I had to, or she would have whipped me."—Brooklyn Life.

"I wonder why Katherine wears three veils wrapped around her hat and none over her face?" "You wouldn't ask if you could see the hat. She trimmed it herself."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

Crabshaw—"Miss Purseprod has taken up philanthropy." Crawford—"Does she really associate with the poor?" Crabshaw—"Well, of course, she draws the line at her poor relations."—Judge.

Mr. Bilton (the millionaire plumber)—"How long is it going to take that artist to paint your portrait?" Mrs. Bilton—"About six weeks." Mr. Bilton—"Gosh! But he's an easy-going fellow. One would imagine he was working by the day, instead of the job."—Puck.

Mrs. Jilt—"And when you told him I was married did he seem to be sorry?" Miss Hilt—"Oh, yes; he said so quite frankly." Mrs. Jilt—"Did he really?" "Miss Hilt—"Yes, indeed; he said he was exceedingly sorry, although he didn't know the man personally."—Philadelphia Press.

He was interviewing the miserly rich man on how to succeed. "My motto has always been," replied the man of money, offering his visitor a stogie, and lighting a good cigar himself, "Never Despair!" "I thought," replied the interviewer, "that it was 'Never Give Up'—but it amounts to the same thing after all."—Cincinnati Times-Star.

MORE ADMIRALS FOR BRITAIN.

New Regulations Provide for the Speedier Promotion of Younger Officers.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The Admiralty has issued a circular giving the new regulations for the earlier retirement of naval officers who are not employed in active service, increasing the rate of retired pay and naming other reforms the object of which is to eliminate from active service the aged and otherwise unfit, so as to insure the speedier promotion of younger officers to the rank of admiral. At the same time the number of admirals is increased from eleven to twelve, the number of vice-admirals from twenty-one to twenty-two, and the number of rear admirals from thirty-seven to fifty-five.

A CONDESCENSION.

Gwendolen Jones was chubby and sweet And her age was half-past three; And she lived in a house on Wellington street.

In the yard with the walnut tree, Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith Was almost half-past four; And he said, when they gave him a baseball bat, That he'd "play with the girls no more."

Gwendolen Jones she gazed through the fence, At an end were all life's joys, As she saw the friend of her youth depart "To play with the great big boys."

Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith Up to the field marched he; But his ego was blacked, and his head was whacked, And his ball no more did he see.

And the boys called him "Baby" because he cried, Did Teddy and Willie and Tim, And they chased him away when he threatened to tell, And said they'd no use for him."

Gwendolen Jones came down to the fence, And her face wore a joyful smile When Harold Percival Marmaduke said: "He'd play with her 'once in a while.'" —St. Nicholas.

ASKING TOO MUCH. Softly humming a familiar air, the farmer's daughter daffily raised the old hen from the nest, and removed the broken corn-cobs and the lump of coal upon which the faithful creature had been sitting persistently but uselessly for two or three weeks, and placed in their stead a dozen real eggs. With an indignant squawk the old hen flew away. She refused to be set to the music of "Hiawatha."—Chicago Tribune.

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Make Your Mind Easy

We thought about the friend that would remember you Christmas, which you did not anticipate, so we prepared ourselves with some nice little Gifts suitable for New Year's. Here's the gist of the matter as briefly as we can tell it:

- Ladies' Neckwear. They all adore it, you know. It tones up a costume that's a little worn. Handkerchiefs. They seem to be a standard gift. We have some real nice ones that are not expensive. Kid Gloves. No matter how many pair a woman has, she always appreciates another pair. Silk Waists. The best we ever saw for the price. They are simply swell. Tenerife D'Oyilles. All women appreciate these little things, they are so dainty. Sunshade, of course, is a practical gift. We carry a very fine assortment. Hand Drawn Collar Tops in eleven new designs. They come along by Express today. Dressing Sacques, Cashmere, Flannelette and Eider-down. They are the most popular. We have both. Applique Runner Shams and Centres, New Swiss make, just opened. Handsome designs. Men's Pure Irish Linen Handkerchiefs. This is the only line of Men's goods we sell.

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Sporting. The Ring.

LUCKY PUNCHES.

Many boxing contests that have been hopelessly lost and where defeat seemed certain have been turned into victory by the "lucky punch." Often fighters have won their battles before their opponents.

Of the latter type the Sharkey-Rubin fight at Coney Island is an example. No sooner had the bell rung announcing the beginning of hostilities than Sharkey and Gus advanced to the centre of the ring. Bang went Sharkey's left hand swing and down and out went Rubin before even his own seconds had realized what was up.

A punch of this kind is lucky. Of course, Sharkey was given all credit for the win, but way down deep in his heart he had no more idea of knocking Rubin out in a single punch than that he would become president of this country. He took a desperate chance, and the good thing went through, as the racehorses men say.

Another instance of the Sharkey-Rubin fight was the time Jimmy Elliott knocked out Captain Dalton at the old Park Theatre in Chicago in a similar manner. Time was called and both men advanced to the centre. Elliott swung his right and down went Dalton for a trip to dreamland exactly seven seconds after the fight began.

The above instances are chance blows of one kind, and the second Myers-Glimore battle may be added to the list. There are chance blows of a different sort. Take the Dempsey-Marine battle as an illustration. Dempsey was winning by a mile and winning as he pleased. The odds were 100 to 1 that Dempsey would win, and the spectators were shouting the Marine to quit, as he had no chance. Dempsey advanced toward him for the final effort, when, quick as a flash, La Blanche wheeled and delivered a pivot blow on Dempsey's jaw that put him out. It was the first time the Nonpareil ever tasted the bitter dregs of defeat.

Another win of a similar sort was the time when Peter Maher defeated Choyndak at the Broadway Club, New York, a number of years ago. Choyndak had the battle well in hand, and in the sixth round hit Maher so hard it knocked him into the ropes. As the Irishman was rebounding from the ropes from the force of Choyndak's punch, he swung his right, catching Joe on the point of the jaw, and the battle was over, with the apparently defeated man a victor. During the world's fair year Solly

KING BATHES IN ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Royal Fountain Perpetual Youth Found in Powerful Rays.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The fact that King Edward gets through so much work and yet retains unimpaired his elasticity and vigor has been a source of wonder for a long time, even to members of the medical profession. The explanation of the mystery is offered at last. For a month past His Majesty is said to have been taking electric light baths.

These scientific rejuvenators are installed at Windsor Castle and at Buckingham Palace. They are both of the double light variety, with a projector of 2,500 candle power for use in local reflections of the body. Inside the bath, in which a sitting posture is adopted, there are fifty-two electric lamps, which radiate any colored light desired. The light not only permeates every part of the body, but has a sort of Turkish bath effect. The lights are of colors which scientists say have curative effects on certain ailments.

The King was present at the Islington Cattle Show this week and many were the comments expressed on his well being. He was one of the keenest spectators and moved about the pens with an activity that would have done credit to a man of half his age.

Few men on this side understand cattle so well as the King. He looks after the breeding of his own cattle and knows as much about it as any farmer among his subjects, and his comments at the Islington show were those of an acute expert. Talking of what he knows, Sir Nigel Kingscote, who has devoted his life to the subject, confessed that he knew less than the King. The King won many cups for cattle at the show.

ENVIUS UNCLE JOE.

(Philadelphia Post.) Henry B. F. MacFarland, president of the board of commissioners of the District of Columbia, is a fine looking man, smooth shaven, with iron grey hair.

The first time Mr. MacFarland, in his capacity of commissioner, went before the appropriation committee of the house of representatives to urge some item in the district supply bill, he found "Uncle Joe" Cannon, the chairman of the committee, sitting on the small of his back, smoking a cigar and looking at the ceiling. Mr. Cannon arose, greeted Mr. MacFarland, and then resumed his former attitude. The argument was made. Mr. MacFarland paused for reply. Mr. Cannon puffed on his cigar for a moment. Then he said: "Young man, I've been watching that face of yours. If I had it I wouldn't be afraid to play poker with any living man."

THE CRAFTY HOTEL KEEPERS. (Washington Post.) One of Representative Tanney's country constituents came to Washington and stopped at a local hotel. "Don't blow out the gas" was the first sign he read on entering his room, and he didn't. It burned all night. When he paid his bill the next morning he found this item: "Extra charge for burning gas all night, 40 cents."

"DEVIL SCIENCE," NOT CHRISTIAN, HE SAYS.

Baptist Clergyman Declares Followers of "Mrs. Eddyism" are Out of Harmony with God.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—"I would advise Mrs. Eddy's dupes to attach his satanic majesty's name, instead of that of Christ, and call their sect by a different name. I would suggest 'Devil Science,'" said the Rev. Sylvester J. Betts, pastor of the People's Baptist church, Bayonne, N. J., yesterday. He was discussing the "absent treatment."

"Christian Science is enough to make a calf laugh," the Rev. Mr. Betts continued. "I spent some time in the Brooklyn headquarters of the Christian Scientists trying to draw them into an intelligent argument, but utterly failed."

"The Scientists appear to have a vague, dreamy expression, as though they were under the influence of some hypnotic spell. I think the devil has more to do with card games than any one else. Were the Christian Scientists to change their name to the 'Devil Scientists' the change would not lose for them many followers, for those who resort to Christian Science for aid are out of all harmony and communion with God."

"The ministers should study Mrs. Eddyism and warn the people against this conglomeration of Spiritualism and Christian Science."

SHE KNEW THE REASON.

(Washington Star.) Senator Wolcott was smoking and musing over the ways of the world. "Odd, isn't it," he said at last, "how few people attain their ideals in this world?"

"In what way?" inquired his wife, suspiciously, who is not a woman to be caught off her guard.

"Well," he replied, slowly, "I was thinking of—when I spoke. He had an ideal woman that he was always talking about when he was in college. She was tall and stately in his dreams, and he seemed to have no place in his heart for a small woman. And yet, and yet—"

"Well, he finally married a little thing who hardly comes to his shoulder. I wonder why it was?"

"Perhaps, Fred," she said very slowly and distinctly, "he is like the majority of men and was afraid to take any one of his size."

The senator changed the subject. Mrs. Wolcott is small.

FUTURE OF CANADA.

Mr. Carnegie Prophesies Annexation of the United States.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 15.—In a letter to the Winnipeg Historical and Scientific Society, acknowledging the library membership conferred upon him, Andrew Carnegie writes: "You know that I am a race imperialist. I think that day is coming when Canada, as a well-behaved younger son, will take the Motherland by one hand, and the rebellious older brother by the other, and reconcile them both. I also think that some day Canada will annex the Republic, just as the northern part of Great Britain, called Scotland, actually annexed the southern part, called England, and has bessed it ever since. May this be the destiny of Canada."

A CONDESCENSION.

Gwendolen Jones was chubby and sweet And her age was half-past three; And she lived in a house on Wellington street.

In the yard with the walnut tree, Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith Was almost half-past four; And he said, when they gave him a baseball bat, That he'd "play with the girls no more."

Gwendolen Jones she gazed through the fence, At an end were all life's joys, As she saw the friend of her youth depart "To play with the great big boys."

Harold Percival Marmaduke Smith Up to the field marched he; But his ego was blacked, and his head was whacked, And his ball no more did he see.

And the boys called him "Baby" because he cried, Did Teddy and Willie and Tim, And they chased him away when he threatened to tell, And said they'd no use for him."

Gwendolen Jones came down to the fence, And her face wore a joyful smile When Harold Percival Marmaduke said: "He'd play with her 'once in a while.'" —St. Nicholas.

ASKING TOO MUCH.

Softly humming a familiar air, the farmer's daughter daffily raised the old hen from the nest, and removed the broken corn-cobs and the lump of coal upon which the faithful creature had been sitting persistently but uselessly for two or three weeks, and placed in their stead a dozen real eggs. With an indignant squawk the old hen flew away. She refused to be set to the music of "Hiawatha."—Chicago Tribune.

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LATE SHIP NEWS.

Dec. 25—Ard, at the island, str Montrose, via from Bristol, C. P. R. general cargo.

Dec. 25—Ard, str Florence, from London; str George Campbell, from London; str N. F. for Gloucester (for halter).

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SIR FREDERICK BORDEN

Explains the Four-fold Object of His Mission to England.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—Sir Fred Borden arrived home from England today and to the Sun's correspondent talked freely of his trip. He said he had been cordially welcomed by the imperial authorities and had the great honor conferred upon him of being chosen a member of the imperial defence committee.

To this body, Sir Frederick had explained the object of his mission, which were fourfold. The first was the desirability of the commission from the militia act of Canada of the provision that the department of militia and defence was chargeable with the control of the naval militia, the intention being to hand over this branch to the minister of marine and fisheries.

The next point had reference to the elimination of the clause that the general officer commanding must be an imperial officer of not less rank than a colonel, who on arrival in Canada receives the local rank of major general.

The minister explained to the Sun's correspondent that this clause did not imply that a Canadian must necessarily be appointed to the command of the forces, but that when the right man was available he should not be debarred by reason of the fact that he had no imperial commission, from filling the highest militia position in the Dominion.

His third contention was that the seniority of Canadian officers over imperial officers should be recognized. At present a major in the imperial service is by reason of the fact that he has an imperial appointment, senior to a Canadian major, although the latter's appointment may be months ahead of the former.

The imperial defence committee, Sir Frederick remarked, had unanimously accepted these contentions and stated that it was his duty to bring them to them at the next session of parliament.

The report cabled from England that the minister had also consulted the imperial authorities about the defence at Esquimaux, he said, absolutely without foundation.

Well, the minister replied, a suggestion of that kind was thrown out by Arnold Foster, secretary for war. His idea was the recruiting of a regiment in Canada to serve in India, where they might get opportunities for active service and experience which might prove of great value.

Did you explain to the imperial defence committee your proposal regarding an increase in the Canadian militia? Very little explanation was necessary on that point, as I learned that the committee had already had the scheme before them.

Proceeding, Sir Frederick said he believed more commissions in the imperial army would be offered to Canadians, and assurances had been given him that an exchange of officers would be forthcoming.

Asked about the fiscal agitation in England, the minister smiled blandly and dismissed his interrogator with the remark: "No doubt Chamberlain's propaganda is making great headway."

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—The following candidates successfully passed high grade civil service examinations at St. John last month: Frank H. Blake, Leonard P. Cameron, Joseph R. Connors, George W. Dill, Cyril J. Dionne, Dennis T. Dwyer, John Dwyer, R. T. Ellis, Mary T. Fowler, Henderson, John A. Cane, W. J. Maclean, George S. McKee, A. C. McKee, Michael Morrisey, Charles G. Murray, Howard W. Snider, Jas. R. Sugrue.

OTTAWA, Dec. 25.—J. P. Whitney spent the day in town on his way home from North Newfrew, and says the chances of Dunlop, the conservative candidate in Winnipeg, are very bright. Only crooked work of grit healers, who are overrunning the riding, can beat him.

Lord Malmund and Lady Ruby Elliott, their excellencies' children, sail for England via New York on the Celtic on January 13th.

DEATH ROLL

DEATH OF W. ARTHUR BOYD.

The many friends and relatives of the late Arthur Boyd will hear with regret of his death at Brockton, Ont., which took place on Thursday. The deceased had been in failing health for some time, but his sudden death was quite unexpected.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

St. John's Church—Rev. J. deSoyres

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St. James' Church, Broad street—Rev. A. D. Dewdney, rector. Sunday after Christmas. Services, 11 a. m., preacher, Rev. J. deSoyres; 7 p. m., preacher, Rev. D. Dewdney. Christmas music will be repeated both morning and evening. All seats free. Strangers heartily welcome.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

Passenger service to and from St. John, in effect Oct. 1st.

By Canadian Pacific. Express for Montreal, 6:05 a. m. Express for Fredericton, 6:05 a. m. Express for Halifax, 6:05 a. m. Express for Boston, 6:05 a. m.

By Intercolonial. Mixed for Montreal, 6:30 a. m. Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Pictou, Sydney, 7:00 a. m. Express for Montreal and Point St. Charles, Pictou and Halifax, 7:15 p. m.

By Canadian Pacific. Express from Fredericton, 8:05 a. m. Express from Boston, 8:05 a. m. Express from Montreal, 8:05 a. m. Express from Halifax, 8:05 a. m.

By Intercolonial. Express from Halifax and Sydney, 6:30 a. m. Express from Sussex, 6:30 a. m. Express from Montreal, 6:30 a. m. Express from Boston, 6:30 a. m.

By Intercolonial. Express from Halifax, Pictou and Pictou (Sunday only), 6:40 p. m. Express from Halifax, Sydney and Pictou (Sunday only), 12:35 a. m. Express from St. Stephen, 7:10 p. m.

By Intercolonial. Express from Halifax and Sydney, 6:30 a. m. Express from Sussex, 6:30 a. m. Express from Montreal, 6:30 a. m. Express from Boston, 6:30 a. m.

By Intercolonial. Express from Halifax, Pictou and Pictou (Sunday only), 6:40 p. m. Express from Halifax, Sydney and Pictou (Sunday only), 12:35 a. m. Express from St. Stephen, 7:10 p. m.

By Intercolonial. Express from Halifax and Sydney, 6:30 a. m. Express from Sussex, 6:30 a. m. Express from Montreal, 6:30 a. m. Express from Boston, 6:30 a. m.

By Intercolonial. Express from Halifax, Pictou and Pictou (Sunday only), 6:40 p. m. Express from Halifax, Sydney and Pictou (Sunday only), 12:35 a. m. Express from St. Stephen, 7:10 p. m.

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LOCAL NEWS.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Wesley will deeply sympathize with them in the loss of their young son, which occurred very suddenly yesterday.

The str. Yarmouth went into dry dock yesterday. She will be there about a week, during which time she will be scraped and painted, and her shaft and propeller will be looked after. The steamer has been under repairs all summer and is now "as good as new."

Sch. Livonia, Capt. Pettie, is again occupying an anchorage berth in the harbor. She loaded piling at Port Greville for New York and put in here for shelter some days ago. Since that she has made two attempts to get farther down the bay, but without much success, having on both occasions found it necessary to put back.

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STRAW AND THE WIND.

The pressure of strife and jealousy in the liberal ranks in St. John is a phenomenon by no means confined to this constituency. Curiously enough, and from no one definite cause, such a condition is remarkably wide-spread. In New Brunswick there are few constituencies where there is that unanimity which won victory in 1896 and 1900. In almost every one there are differences on matters of policy, petty local jealousies, rural ambitions or disgruntled partisans who imagine they have been neglected in the matter of patronage, all of which will greatly hamper the chance of the candidate.

In Nova Scotia these conditions are even more evident, so much so that though conservative candidates are in the field in almost every riding, the lethargy of the dissident liberals has been so great that hardly a move has been made. The government newspapers from the upper provinces, between the lines of their frantic efforts to arouse enthusiasm, reveal similar troubles. In Ontario especially the disaffection of the best of the party threatens the life of the machine.

The reasons for these conditions are many. The chief, probably, is the inability of the leaders of the party to formulate any fixed policy upon many of the great issues of the day. It is not conducive to party discipline to see one cabinet minister resigning because he cannot agree with his party on the tariff question and another refusing to endorse his party's railway policy and impugning the motives of his colleagues who did it. It does not tend to increase the unanimity of the rank and file to hear some of their leaders enthusiastically favoring the imperial preference scheme while others, as influential, frantically condemn it.

Then there is the inevitable quarrelling over patronage which a party in power must endure. Also there is the fact that the free-lance pot-hunting politician will always gravitate toward the government side, and his presence does not make for peace and quietness when there is any chance for more spoils. Add to these things the natural alienation of the old-fashioned worker for the love of the party by the growth of the power of the paid machine and you have the probable cause of the most of the internal dissension which is rending the liberal party today.

When the near equality of the numerical strength of both parties in Canada is considered in the light of these conditions, when it is considered that a change of a very few votes in each constituency now liberal would elect a conservative; when it is noted how united and quietly confident the fighting strength of the opposition is, the prospect of victory which some leading conservatives are making do not seem so foolish as the liberal press would have you believe.

I. C. R. PENSIONS.

If Hon. Mr. Fielding is really interested in the welfare of the I. C. R. workmen, he should lose no time in favorably considering their request for the establishment of a pension system for worn out employes, such as exists on the C. P. R. and other great roads. Something of the kind is urgently needed. Railway men, outside of officialdom, are poorly paid enough at the best of times and their life is not one that allows a man to be at his best very long. Even with the increases in pay, which, in comparison with the increased earnings of the road, are far less than they should be, the average railway man will have barely enough to live on. Many have large families, and living expenses today are heavier than they ever were. Few and fortunate are those who can lay by a few dollars against the day when their usefulness is over and the management shoves them aside to make room for younger men.

It is said that there is proposed, for all employes of the road, a new light test and that all who cannot pass it must step out. That many will fall is sure. Age and long watching through hot summer suns and fierce winter storms has dimmed the eyes of many good men who have given the best of their life to the service. While the management is right to be sure of the physical qualifications of its employes, it is not just that these men who have done good work should have their means of living taken away from them and nothing substituted. The I. C. R. boasts a surplus. It could be turned to no better advantage than the providing for the latter years of those men who have given it all their young days.

GENESIS.

(Arthur Gibson Hull in the Reader). With his palms the Potter twirled the patient clay, Damp with his spittle, lightly hurled it then away. Far down the void of black-breasted Night, Betwixt the lean Moon and the sodden light In a chill, dead Dawn, it fell. Behold, the World!

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WORLDLY AMUSEMENTS.

Methodists Will Decide An Attitude Towards Dancing, Cards and Theatres.

Methodists are agitating the subject of dancing, card playing and theatre going in anticipation of the general conference to be held at Los Angeles next May, when action is almost sure to be taken on this much mooted question.

For almost thirty-two years this rule of the church has been regarded as a thorn in the flesh by a large part of the Methodist body, and as a distinguishing mark of peculiar sanctity by another branch. The two factions are preparing for a vigorous contest at the coming conference, and plans are being made by those who believe that the law ought to be repealed to bring about that result.

If the sentiment prevailing in New York city were to dominate the general conference there would be no doubt as to the result, but in the rural communities there is still a strong feeling in favor of reading out of the church those who indulge in what are termed the worldly amusements. When the opposing forces are lined up it will be practically the city delegates against those from the country.

As far as can be determined by interviews with prominent Methodists, the clergy of this city are quite as much in favor of repealing the "amusement paragraph" as the members of their churches, although in most instances they are careful to state that this does not indicate that they approve of the amusements forbidden, but that they disapprove of such an arbitrary and unfair ruling on the subject.

Said the Rev. Dr. Willis P. Odell, pastor of Calvary Methodist Episcopal church, Seventh avenue and 129th street: "The rule forbidding certain forms of amusement or diversion does not belong to the rules laid down by John Wesley and regarded as binding by the church. It is only a sort of by-law. It pretends to make a catalogue of things that must not be done, and yet it is woefully incomplete. For instance, horse racing and circuses are included and bull fights and cock fights are not. A church member might thus keep this rule and evade the law which laid the whole matter on the individual conscience."

Dr. Odell is in favor of the repeal of the law and believes that it will be taken from the book of Discipline at the approaching conference. John Wesley's rule, to which almost every person who spoke on the subject referred, merely forbids the use of spirituous liquors or drinking them unless in cases of extreme necessity; the putting on of gold or costly apparel; the singing those songs or reading those books which do not tend to the knowledge or love of God, and borrowing without a probability of paying.

That is as near as John Wesley came to laying down definite rules for his followers, and many contend today that it is dangerous to do any nearer the line of specification since times, places and customs vary so widely that no hard and fast catalogue can be made.

The Rev. Dr. A. E. Ballard, vice-president of the Ocean Grove Camp Meeting Association, believes, however, that it is necessary to have such a formulation of prohibited indulgences. He is the author of the famous paragraph, having introduced it in the general conference of 1872, where it slipped through, many now allege, almost unheeded.

DR. BALLARD DEFENDS THE RULES.

Dr. Ballard, who is eighty-nine years of age, defended his paragraph vigorously when the desirability of having such a rule was under discussion at the preachers' meeting last week. Later he said: "I told these preachers how I used to play games of chance before I became a full fledged Methodist; how I danced and how I took in the sights at the theatre. To my way of thinking, they were not good Methodist occupations. The progressive euchre of today is just as bad as the games I played when I was a young man; the stage is no better now than it was then, and I can't see that public dancing has developed a moral side of such magnitude as would justify a Methodist minister in asking for a relaxation of the rule of discipline."

"This rule was adopted by the general conference in 1872. It was observed at that time several amusements, such as dancing, theatre going and gaming, were gaining fast hold on the young people. The Methodist church determined to take the matter in hand, and paragraph 248 was evolved as the best judgment of the conference after mature deliberation. Will anyone say that the moral tone of the theatre is more elevated today than it was in 1872, that dancing is less perilous or that games of chance are lifted to a higher plane of morality?"

"The question of what can or what cannot be enforced has nothing to do with the case. It is a pure matter of morals taken from the New Testament and interpreted by the Methodist church. The broad basis of the rule is that a Methodist is not to take any diversion that he cannot take in the name of the Lord Jesus."

"It is not against the private dance, however, that the paragraph is aimed. We are not supposed to know what is going on in a man's house. That is a matter for his own conscience. It is the public dance and the close proximity of the sexes under such conditions that our Methodist fathers objected to and penalized. The Methodist church has no war against festivity or merry-making. There are pleasures and amusements quite permissible for the strictest Christian. I have noticed, however, that the dancers and the progressive euchre players seldom appear in prayer meetings."

Asked if there was a prevailing feeling in the Methodist church against paragraph 248 Dr. Ballard said: "There is no tendency to change the sentiment under which the paragraph was introduced. The tendency is to leave the question to circumstances surrounding each particular case, or to leave each church to deal with its own offenders. I find that those who favor the abrogation do not do so in favor of the prohibited amusements. What they object to is the general law."

Dr. Ballard is of the opinion that the Methodist church will cling tenaciously to paragraph 248, notwithstanding the question of expediency. He fears the slightest relaxation and claims that the Methodist church should frown sternly upon any endeavor to bolster up modern profligacy and vice with tactics of approval.

The Rev. Dr. Wallace McMullen, of the Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, believes it would relieve the church of an incubus from which it has greatly suffered if the rule were rescinded. "It is not a matter of a change of method," he asserted. "Because I think that there should be no such definite rule it does not follow that I approve of these forms of diversion. They should, however, be made a matter for the individual conscience to decide. The attitude of the Methodist church in these matters is not very different from that of other Protestant bodies."

"The bishops of the Episcopal church have condemned the forms of amusement that we disapprove of so radically as the Methodists have done. I regard it as un-Protestant to abrogate the right of the individual conscience to pass on these matters. The rule has been most unfortunate for our church."

"It was believed at the time of its passage that the church was threatened with worldliness. There was an attempt to guard against it, but it has kept out of the church some of the best timber, young people of Methodist ancestry and tradition who were so conscientious that they would not subscribe to a rule they could not keep, and who did not feel that they could keep such a rule as the one prohibiting amusements in that specific fashion. I trust that the action of the conference will be in favor of repealing the amendment."

The Rev. Louis A. Banks, of Grace Methodist Episcopal church, in West 10th street, said of the amendment paragraph: "It ought never to have been passed, and I think there is a general sentiment among Methodists that the mischief ought to be undone. That feeling has been prevalent for a long time, but as soon as relief is suggested it cry goes up in all quarters. 'The Methodist are going to let down the bars,' and the timid say, 'Oh, no; we cannot go back on our principles; we'd better let it alone.'"

"The rule doesn't mean anything, anyhow. Dancing might be wrong under certain conditions, of course, yet a skating rink might be opened that would be a great deal worse; yet dancing would be under the ban and there would be no law to reach the evils of the skating rink. You can't legislate for that sort of thing."

"I don't know of any one among the clergy or the laity who favors the rule barring dancing and theatre-going," said J. Edgar Leacycraft, president of the Methodist Social Union. "It has done and is doing incalculable harm to the church."

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There was a tremendously big run on Regatta Shirts during the last two weeks, and an exceptionally large stock was laid in; therefore there are many pretty Shirts still to be had, a number being brand new patterns.

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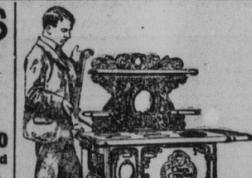
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HANGED FOR WRONG CRIME.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Dec. 19.—Girard Smith, a negro, has been hanged in Vidalia, La., for the murder last September of Benjamin Rapoport, a Hebrew pedler, at Fairview.

HAD HAD ENOUGH.

An aeronaut at a county fair had made rather an unlucky ascension. His balloon had gone high enough, but the wind had carried him a mile or two farther away than he anticipated, and the car, in descending, had become entangled in the top of a tree in a village street and spilled him out. He struck the ground with some violence. A crowd quickly gathered about his prostrate form.

DRAPER.—In this city, Dec. 25th, William J. Draper, in his 37th year, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 43 Horsfield street. Services at the house at 2.45 p. m.

CLARKE.—Suddenly, on Dec. 25th, Thomas Clarke, in his 63rd year. Funeral on Sunday, Dec. 27th, from his late residence, Carleton street.

WESLEY.—In this city, on Dec. 25th, Frederick Dixon Wesley, only child of F. C. and Elizabeth Wesley, aged seven months.

WILSON.—At Peterborough, Queens Co., N. B., Dec. 22nd, Cynthia, widow of the late James Wilson, in the ninety-second year of her age.

SPITTE.—At the residence of her father, Francis Spittle, Sr., 89 Duke street, on Saturday, Dec. 25th, Anastasia Teresa, second daughter of Francis and Anastasia Spittle. Funeral at 2.30 p. m. on Monday, from her late home.

FAMILY UNITED.

Three Armenians, a mother with her son and daughter, on their way out to another son in New York, who came to this country twelve years ago and sent for them, were detained in St. John on their arrival here. The son in New York, on being communicated, with, anxious to see his mother from whom he had been separated so long, arrived in St. John yesterday, and returned last night in company with his mother. The others will follow as soon as they are cleared at the hospital.

MARRIAGES.

SIMMS-WIGGINS.—At Canterbury Station, York Co., N. B., Dec. 23, Geo. T. Simms, formerly of Kingsclear, now of Meductic, to Bertha Cross Wiggins of Meductic. Ceremony was performed by the Rev. J. E. Flewelling, rector of Canterbury.

LAWSON-VINCENT.—Near Canterbury Station, York Co., N. B., Dec. 23, by Rev. J. E. Flewelling, rector of Canterbury, William Lawson to Annie Vincent, both of the parish of Canterbury.

DALRELL-INGERSOLL.—At the F. B. Church, Seal Cove, Grand Manan, Dec. 18, by the Rev. A. M. McIntosh, pastor, Coleman Dalzell of North Head and Liddle C. Ingersoll of Seal Cove.

HARVEY-FOSTER.—At the home of the bride, Grand Harbor, Grand Manan, Dec. 23rd, by the Rev. A. M. McIntosh, Aher Harvey and Alice Foster, both of Grand Harbor.

COLEMAN-WILSON.—At the Free Baptist parsonage, Victoria street, on Dec. 24th, by Rev. David Leung, Charles F. Coleman, to Mary Wilson, both of St. John.

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A Page of Interest to

THE FLOATING COTTAGE



A CORNER OF THE CABIN

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"To ride upon the boom of the racing boat or sleep on its placid breast" is delight to those nautically inclined. Those who live in floating dwellings upon the rivers and bays are also "sing-hoi sing-hoi" for a life on the bounding main, as they may be classed with the nautical fraternity. There is the life of the rover, and, like the nomad, they may "steal silently away," although no tent is rolled in the process. With the aristocratic members of the "floating house" community—those who live in more or less expensive homes for pleasure only—moving day is fraught with dignity commensurate with the importance of the home. Some have a propelling apparatus as a part of the fittings and move mechanically from place to place without aid. It may be a steam contrivance or the commonplace sail. Others are towed by launch or tug, while some are put upon flat cars and shipped long distances overland. In this way change of scene and even climate can be had and the home and furnishings remain unchanged in all locations. For those who have summer homes this ability to change location at will is in many ways desirable, for change is not always to be found in a fixed residence.

The cost of land and the trouble incurred in the effort to dispose of a country home are two features important in the choice between a floating and a fixed residence. For the pretentious houses are designed for either land or water, and many of these are quite as expensive and large and as elaborately furnished as fixed homes. For the man of business whose days in the city are filled with bustle and strife nothing is so useful as the floating cottage. Moored in the peaceful bend of a river, it is a quiet, undisturbed, with pipe in mouth and feet in hand, and meditate. "For I shall tell you that in ancient times a debate had been held, and it remains yet unsolved, whether the happiness of man in this world doth consist more in contemplation or in action." Concerning which some have endeavored to ascertain their opinion of the first by saying that the nearer we mortals come to God by way of imitation the more happy we are, and they say that God enjoys himself only by a contemplation of His own infiniteness, and that power and goodness and the like, and upon this ground many chaste men of great learning and devotion prefer contemplation before action. And, on the contrary, there want not men of equal authority and credit that prefer action to be more excellent; namely, experiments in physics, and the application of it, both for the ease and prolongation of man's life, by which each man is enabled to act and do good to others. Concerning which two opinions I shall forbear to add a third by declaring my own, and rest myself contented in telling you, my very worthy friend, that both these most together, and do most properly belong to the most honest, ingenious, quiet and harmless art of angling."

As did Isaac Walton write in behalf of the "humble sport" of fishing. Certainly there is no lack of opportunity in this direction in the floating house. For the student or the sage there is boundless opportunity for study. To be sure it cannot be said that the small boy or the average fisherman who sits for hours gazing into the water or idly watching the floating bob is either contented with his lot or studying the wonders about him, and so you can question the studiousness of the idler who devotes his attention to the leaves of the grass, yet some there are who observe and study. An inquisitive Spaniard says that "rivers and the inhabitants of the watery element were made for wise men to contemplate and fools to pass by without contemplation."

God quickened in the sea and in the rivers to many fishes and so many features that in the waters we may see all creatures, even all that upon the earth are to be found. And if the world were in deep waters drowned, for seas, as well as skies, have sun, moon,

stars; as well as air hath swallows, hawks and sparrows; as well as earth vines, roses, nettles, melons, melons, pinks, gilliflowers and many millions of other plants, more rare, more strange than these. As very fishes living in the seas; as also hares, calves, horses, hares and dogs; wolves, ermine, leopards, elephants and dogs; yes, men and maid, and, which I most admire, The mirrored Bishop and the cowled Prior; Of which example but a few years since Weru shows the Norway and Polonian Entrance.

For the young or the less reflective or studious there are pleasures of rowing, bathing and amusements upon the river-bank, lake or washore. The upper deck on a moonlight night is a charming place in which to sit in a deep, comfortable chair while the enchanting strains of guitar or banjo fill the air, to sing the old songs, to tell the best stories or to sit in blissful silence. All of these things are part of the life peculiar to the floating home, and nowhere can their charm be felt as upon the water. One who has spent many days of contentment on board these "domestic ships" advises that for the small or cheaper boat the flat top or "upper deck" be selected. The quarters are necessarily small and cramped, and the wide expanse of deck is inviting and affords freedom for exercise to the extent of dancing.

Those who are not accustomed to the etiquette of the nautical fraternity must remember that everyone who seeks to live upon the water must acquire the vocabulary of the sailor. The floating cottage will have its port and starboard sides, main cabin, staterooms, galley and upper and lower decks. Position will be known as either forward or aft. One will sleep in berths, sit upon lockers and go aloft through the companionway. In fact, when a man goes "aboard" he must cease from that moment to be a "landlubber." He must place his hands upon the waterhead of his trousers and bring them into position by means of the correct nautical kick backward, and if it is possible at the time to perch his can on the waterhead of his trousers, he is in keeping with its traditions.

The design shown here is for a \$1,500 cottage, and, although economy must be used in many respects, a good, durable and substantial boat can be had for this figure. The screw or floating foundation can be made for \$300, and should be built of oak and a good quality of hard pine, with galvanized iron fastenings. The seams must be carefully caulked with cotton, for a dry, watertight foundation is even more necessary upon the water than upon the land. The outside can then be painted with a good quality of marine paint. The deck or floor should be flush with the sides. A towing post and checks for anchor ropes must be arranged for in laying the framework. The cottage part can be made for \$600. This includes a spruce foundation, pine covered roofs and sides, partitions, doors, windows, berths and lockers. The roofs are to be curved to strengthen them and to shed the rain. They must also be covered with canvas to make them watertight. In the plan which we show, a cabin, three staterooms, a passage, galley, storeroom and toilet are indicated, also the two lower decks and position of companionway. The cost of painting, plumbing and equipment is \$225, and includes the water tank for the upper deck (which is used both as a double seat

Delicacies That Can Be Made From Currants.

The wholesome currant is now at its best and the housewife who "puts up" her own fruits will soon be deep in the preparation of the most delicious of all jellies.

While the old housewife's tradition that currant jelly won't "fill" after the fourth of July is not infallible, the truth remains that currants for jelly should not be overripe. Neither should they be gathered just after a rain. If firm, clear jelly is desired, equal parts of red and white currants, or raspberries and currants, two parts of the former to one of the latter, make a delicately flavored and colored jelly. The raspberry alone lacks the gelatinous quality which distinguishes the currant.

Select a clear, sunny day for the work of jelly making and see that the kitchen is scientifically clean, with the jars, glasses and covers well sterilized with boiling water.

The requisites for the work are a good quality stone pot or a porcelain-lined kettle, an earthen bowl of good size, into which the fruit juice may drip; shallow tins for heating the sugar, a long handled wooden spoon, a coarse jelly bag, paraffine to cover the jelly before putting away and an assortment of jelly glasses.

It is not necessary to stem the currants, though they should be picked over, all bits of leaves removed and then thoroughly washed and drained.

These processes must not be slighted, as the ravages of the currant worm have made a frequent dusting with kailbore necessary.

Put the currants in the stone jar or preserving kettle, and set this in a larger pan of hot water. As it begins to heat, mash with a large wooden pestle, until the currants are reduced to a pulp. Scoop up the pulp and put in the jelly bag to drain. This is best done the night before the jelly making proper begins, and the bag is then left suspended over night to drip without the succeeding which is apt to make the juice cloudy.

When the juice is all extracted measure by pints and put into a clean preserving kettle. Weigh out as many pounds of sugar as there are pints of juice and place on shallow tins in the oven to heat. Do not allow the sugar to get hot enough to become discolored. Boil the juice just twenty minutes from the time it begins to boil, then throw the heated sugar in, stirring rapidly all the while. As soon as it is dissolved strain, remove the spoon, let the juice just come to a boil again and remove at once from the fire. Boil the jelly glasses sideways in hot water, then fill with the scalding liquid. Cool, then coat with melted paraffine or one-third paraffine to two-thirds water, which will keep out the air and preserve the jelly. Seal with Manilla or writing paper, saturated with the white of egg, unless you have regular currant tumbler, with glass or metal top, in which case the paraffine suffices. Keep in a cool, dark, dry place.

stem the well-washed currants and cook in a jar set within a vessel of boiling water until the fruit is broken. Put through a sieve, fine enough to keep the seeds from going through. Measure the pulp and allow a pound of sugar to each pint of pulp. Roll until a drop on a plate will stand like a bead. Pour into tumbler or marmalade jars, cover with paraffine and set in a cool, dark place.

Currant Omelette.

To ten pounds of currants, cooked, mashed and strained, allow a quart of vinegar—not too strong—five pounds of granulated sugar, three tablespoonsful of cream-tartar, one each of cloves, allspice and salt, and half a teaspoonful of red pepper. Boil slowly an hour or until quite thick and put up in small bottles.

Currant Pie.

Make with two crusts, line a rather deep pie plate with good crust, fill three-fourths full of ripe currants, sprinkle with a cup of sugar, dust lightly with flour, cover with a rich paste, binding the edges with a strip of cotton cloth wrung out of cold water to keep the juice from running out. Bake forty minutes in a moderate oven and dust with powdered sugar.

Green Currant Pie.

Stew and mash a pint of rather green currants, sweeten abundantly, add a sprinkling of flour or a rolled cracker and bake with two crusts. Dust with powdered sugar.

Compote of Currants.

Prepare a quart of ripe red or white currants, looking over carefully, stemming and washing. Make a rich syrup, allowing a pound of sugar to a pint of water. Simmer gently for twenty minutes, put in the currants and cook ten minutes. Pour into the compotiers, chill and serve cold. Currants prepared in this way are excellent served with blanc mange or rice.

Frosted Currants.

Select large, perfect clusters, rinse and dry thoroughly in the sun; dip in the partly beaten white of an egg, to which a little water has been added; roll in powdered sugar and lay upon a sieve to dry.

Currants As Nature.

On their stems and served on grape or currant leaves currants as nature made a delicious first course for the summer breakfast. Set a little dish of powdered sugar by each fruit plate, and eat directly from the stem. The large grape currants, white and red in combination, make a charming color scheme. For luncheon or tea, strip from the stems and serve from a pretty glass dish.

If some of the currant bushes are tied up in muslin cloth, as the currants begin to ripen, they may be preserved on the bush through July and August.

To be able to pick one's own currants direct from the bush is one of the chief delights of the old-fashioned kitchen garden.

EMMA PADDOCK TELFORD.

Speed Currants.

They are delicious served with meats. For every pound of currants, stemmed and washed, allow one pound of sugar. Make a syrup in the proportion of four pounds of sugar to one pint of vinegar, two teaspoonfuls each of cinnamon and allspice and one of cloves. When boiling add the currants and boil twenty minutes. Pour into glasses and seal when cold.

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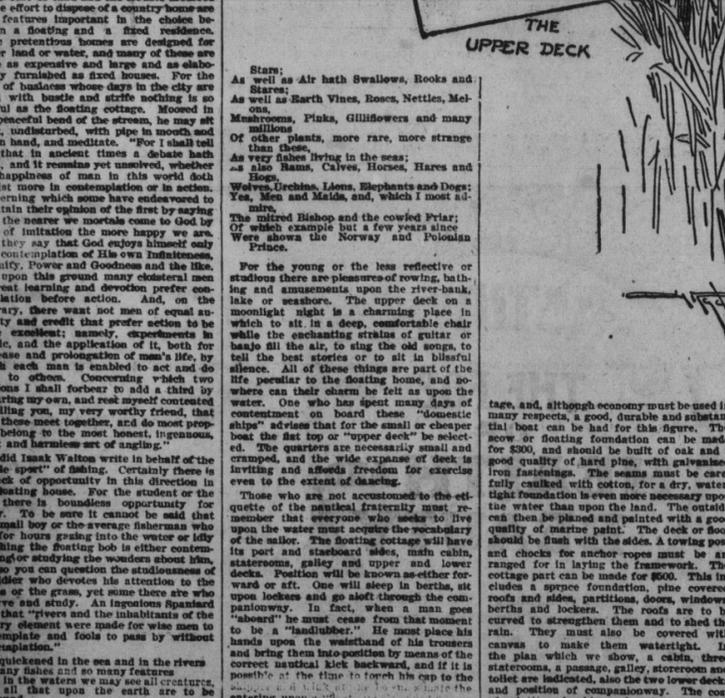
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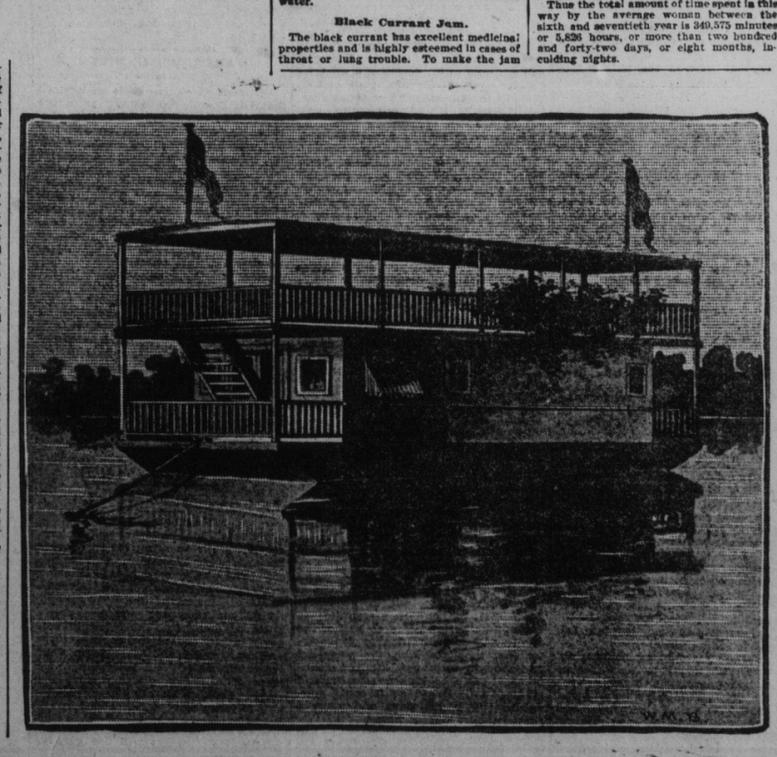
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PLAN FOR SUMMER FLOATING-COTTAGE

"The sparkguard and the chaperon" Exclaims vivacious Fannie Flynn. "One stands before the parlor grate, The other runs there, gaunt and thin. One checks the sparks from getting out, The other checks their getting in."



WHY BILL UGGLER KILLED HIS OWN GHOST.

Up to the date of his doom Bill Ugger was accounted one of the neatest and most considerate workmen in the Burglars' Union. After the day of his doom he was no good, and the police rather lost patience with him. They complained that he was getting careless and reckless, and was no longer a good revenue producer. All this, however, was afterward. On the evening of the day that fate, all unsuspected, held death in store for him, Bill, according to custom, called on the chief of police to make his little monthly contribution. He was in the best of health and the chief complimented him on it. "It's all because you're such a sober and industrious workman, though," added the chief. "You surely do attend to your business all right."

The trouble was that Shiver couldn't depend on him. He was a drinking man, and liable to come home any night with a tide on that the moon couldn't control. Fate couldn't figure out that, just to the minute, so after planning that nervous trick with the gun, fate changed its mind and decided to have the chandelier fall on Bill and the sharp pendant pierce his skull. After planning this all out, however, fate forgot to cancel, the date with Shiver's bullet, so just at the moment the revolver tore loose the chandelier dropped. Bill dodged back a little from the revolver, the chandelier fell in front of him, the bullet hit the chandelier and Bill went home, dog tired. That morning, about 4 o'clock, Bill was awakened by the sound of muffled profanity and a strong smell of sulphur. "Look here, what are you, anyway?" demanded Bill. "I'm your own ghost, dog-gone you!" said the image shaking his fist at him. "My own ghost?" exclaimed Bill. "Look here, stranger, what have you been smoking?" "I'll show you whether I've been 'smoking' or not!" shrieked the ghost, jumping up and down in a fury. "Just look through me once, will you?"

It moved around and Bill saw the furniture right through it! "Well, suppose you are my ghost," Bill grudgingly admitted. "I'm not dead yet, by any means. How does it feel to be a ghost?" "You're off your schedule this way?" "It's your own ghost, dog-gone you!" said the image shaking his fist at him. "My own ghost?" exclaimed Bill. "Look here, stranger, what have you been smoking?" "I'll show you whether I've been 'smoking' or not!" shrieked the ghost, jumping up and down in a fury. "Just look through me once, will you?"

For a long time Bill has been unmoored, now, and he is almost back to his old form, but a new trouble threatens him. Night after night he watches anxiously for developments and now, from certain noises he has heard, and certain strange lights that glow in intense each time they appear, he is certain that he is to be haunted by the ghost of his own former ghost! OLIVER THUMM. TELEGRAPH 3,000 WORDS A MINUTE. Cost but Little More Than Malls Soon to Wire Letter to Chicago, Delany.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Patrick B. Delany, the electrical inventor, who lives at South Orange, N. J., has perfected a telegraph system which, he says, will send messages at a rate of three thousand words a minute. Another telegraph company, it is expected, will be organized, which will compete for the sending of long messages to the principal cities. The cost will be but a little above the postal rates. Mr. Delany has been working on his system for nearly two years, and has made his experiments of its commercial practicability after experiments on the lines of the Pennsylvania Railroad, near Altoona, Pa. The hardest problem he had to overcome has been to counteract the effects of the "static" charge, which accumulates in a wire during the sending of a message. Mr. Delany has made that "static" do the work for him, and cuts it off by a wave of opposite polarity when he finishes.

Ultimately, it is Mr. Delany's idea to make his system take the place of the mails for business correspondence. He says soon it will send a business man to mail a letter to Chicago for two cents and wait two or three days for an answer, when, for a slight additional cost, he can send a letter as long and receive an answer in a few minutes. The system has taken the gold medal of the Franklin Institute, of which Mr. Delany is a member, also a gold medal of the Pan-American Exposition.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—It is understood that the Boston representatives of the steamship companies operating between the maritime provinces and Boston city will hold a meeting tomorrow for the purpose of considering a plan to have the treasury department at Washington rescind or modify an order obliging passengers from the provinces to make the same declarations regarding their personal effects as apply to those coming from abroad on ocean steamships. The new departure, which went into effect upon the arrival of the steamship Boston of New York, N. S., will cause such a delay, it is claimed, especially in the height of the summer tourist season, that a strong protest will undoubtedly be made by the companies. Unless the ruling is abrogated or in some way modified, the effect upon the passenger business of the companies cannot fail to be very serious, in the opinion of the agents here.

CANADIAN GIRLS DEFENDED.

The Liverpool (Eng.) Football Echo offers the following defense of the Canadian Girls' Attractiveness. A good deal of indignation has been felt in Canada at an article, from the pen of an Englishwoman, which appeared recently in the columns of a contemporary. The writer, who took upon herself to criticize the taste and appearance of Canadian girls, led off by saying that "any Englishwoman who let her lover go to Canada to make a home for her need not fear that he will fall a victim to the charms of Canadian girls," and goes on to further rub in his state of perfect safety by proclaiming, with more venom than truth, that at "Ottawa, Toronto and Montreal, the typical face is hard-featured and sallow and frequently muddy complexioned—no doubt the result of over-heated rooms, pastry and candy. In Toronto, when a woman is over thirty, she wears her hair dragged up behind and tight in front, surmounted by a hard-looking felt hat, which only serves to intensify her plainness." As far as this description goes, in our experience it has hitherto been reserved for one type of Englishwoman at home. How well we all know her! How often have we travelled with her, or let our eyes rest upon her spurs, unlovely form before us in church, by way of giving even the devil his due, this Daniel come to judgment allows that the Canadian girls "have long thick hair," but immediately damns even this faint praise by a mysterious reference to its being dressed in "the Gibson Girl fashion."

NEW YEAR'S MAGAZINE.

The January issue of the Metropolitan Magazine is an extraordinary number, as it contains both a Christmas story as well as "A Christmas Revue," and is on the news-stands some days before Christmas. "The Christmas Peace," by Thomas Nelson Page, is one of the strongest, most appealing, most engaging short stories ever written by this undisputed master of fiction. Like most of Mr. Page's stories, the scene of this narrative is laid in the South during the period of reconstruction, and it glows with kindly philosophy and keen character portrayals. This story is beautifully illustrated with drawings by Blenden Campbell. The other Christmas contribution, "A Christmas Revue," by Bliss Carman, is written in the inimitable fashion which makes Mr. Carman's writing of such unusual literary importance. The "Confessions of a Wall Street Private Secretary" bids fair to become one of the literary events of 1904. The writer, who holds the position of private secretary to a Wall street magnate, and signs herself "Jane Wade," shows remarkable insight into the doings of the people who revolve around the country's financial centre. The story is told in serial form, and no one who reads the initial chapters will fail to follow the people who move in this exciting drama. Short stories of merit are in abundance, and by such noted writers as W. A. Fraser, Chas. G. D. Roberts, Roy Rolfe Gilson, Mrs. F. A. Steel, George MacAdam, Broughton Brandenburg, Edna Phillips, Ralph Henry Barbour, and others. Every story is illustrated, a feature that will please every reader.

BRIDE'S SECRET REVEALED IN DREAM.

Ate Pickles, Saw Her Husband Burning to Death in Her Sleep, Screamed and Disclosed Her Marriage. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Miss Clarice De Young, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles De Young, of No. 31 Clinton avenue, Jersey City, and Gregory P. Filmore, twenty-three years old, of Port Richmond, S. I., were solemnly married on September 12 by the Rev. Mr. Karle, of Sailors' Snug Harbor. Not being prepared to assume the responsibilities of housekeeping, the young couple agreed to keep the news of the wedding from their relatives, and they returned to their respective homes. On Thursday night, Miss De Young partook freely of pickles. Her sleep was fitful and she dreamed that her husband was enveloped in flames. The young bride screamed: "Save my husband, save Gregory!" Mr. De Young soothed her daughter and then asked if she was a wife. The young woman confessed that she was a married woman and begged for forgiveness. This was not granted, however, and she fled to her father's home, where she was hidden in a cosy little flat at No. 575 Ocean avenue, Jersey City, without the blessing of the bride's mother.

AMERICAN ENMITY.

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AN ABSURD THEORY.

"Private" John Allen says that recently, while awaiting a train to do business with a fellow in a Washington bank, he overheard an amusing conversation between two darkies ahead of him in the line. "Did you know dat sometimes dere's a lot of dem pisen microbes in monkey nuts?" asked one of the darkies. "Yass," replied the other negro, "but yo' can't make me believe it. De idear of a pusion gittin' disease dat way! Look at Mistah Russell Sage—he's 80 years old!"

HOW SANTA CLAUS WAS HELPED IN ST. JOHN.

Though Christmas Day has been celebrated in many and diverse ways, yet one thought is interwoven like a golden thread through all the festivities, and that is the thought of giving, and every year there are many who test the sweetness of that giving where no return is expected. In St. John this year there are not lacking those whose Christmas was made happier by the thought that they have helped some body else—perhaps a child—to realize a little of the brightness of the season, and a number of the Sunday schools and charitable societies of the city have been doing good work in this line in one way or another. Santa Claus has been aptly assisted by a large army of deputies, and the good old fellow has thus not been obliged to disappoint hosts of big and little to whom otherwise Christmas would be but a name. In the Queen Square Methodist church the children and older members of the Sunday school had an active share in the work. Each class—big or little—was requested to make contribution—and they did so heartily. Some classes contributed money and some clothing, books, toys and other comforts, and some classes furnished the material for a real Christmas dinner. On the Sunday following Christmas, at some time during the exercises of the school, a large table is placed upon the platform, and the donations from every class find their way to this table, even the little tots of the infant class marching past it and leaving their gifts. The articles given are distributed next week, and though they do not arrive at their destinations in time for Christmas day itself, they are none the less welcomed. The St. David's Sunday school supplied twelve families with baskets containing a good Christmas dinner, and also clothing, toys and whatever else may be necessary. The W. C. T. U. undertake a considerable amount of this kind of work every year, and twenty baskets were sent out, stocked with comfort for the inner man for Christmas day, which, without doubt, were greatly appreciated by the recipients, who otherwise would probably have been obliged to content themselves with smelling somebody else's turkey and mince pies cooking. The children at the Little Girls' Home were delighted by a tree, bearing the usual Christmas fruit, and even the prisoners in the jail are not forgotten, but are given a treat before Christmas and New Year's. The pupils in the German street Sunday school learn the lesson of sympathy for the less fortunate, and in the main school each class contributed something for the Christmas fund, either money, clothing, food, toys or something suitable. In the primary department a barrel has for the last two or three Sundays been the recipient of donations from the little ones, some of the toys parting with old but well-loved toys to help make some other little child happy in, perhaps, its first experience of a stocking when Santa Claus has filled instead of passing it by, as at other Christmases.

POTATOES SOLD AT \$50 A POUND.

Offer of \$50 for Single Tuber Is Declined at Smithfield Show. LONDON, Dec. 22.—Some extraordinary prices were realized at the Smithfield show for a few pounds of potatoes. A York firm sold four pounds of Eldorado potatoes for £400, or £150 a ton, or about three times its weight in gold. The rater of these remarkable tubers declined an offer of £20 for a single potato. The sum of £2,000 was paid for ten tons of the Northern Star variety. To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORD Powders.

EPISCOPAL BABIES SCARCER.

Church Almanac Shows a Decrease in Baptisms of Fifty Per Cent. in Fourteen Years. MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 22.—The Living Church Annual, the Episcopal almanac for the year, just issued, shows that here is an alarming shortage of babies in the church. The number of baptisms of infants, it is found, has dropped fifty per cent. in the last fourteen years. This is in the face of an increase of communicants in the church. The editor says of the showing:—"The spiritual birth rate among our communicants has decreased fifty per cent. in the last fourteen years. The effect that this decrease must have on our future statistics is most alarming."

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Spend it wisely and especially spend it where it will bring you the most return, and that is at 59 Charlotte street.

These goods from the Tufts' stock which are so bulky and which we do not wish to have lying around must be cleared out at once, so what is left may be had at most ridiculous prices. A lot of German baskets at 5c, 8c, 10c, 12c, 20c, and 25c, some of which were as high as \$1.00 each.

JAPANESE WASTE BASKETS that are worth 70c, 75c, and \$1.00 at 25c, each. The 50c quality is being sold at 20c, each and they are not damaged a bit.

CRUMB TRAY AND BRUSH—Paper mache, at 15c. set.

Forty trays, paper mache, beautifully decorated, are being sold at 15c. each.

RAFFIA TABLE MATS 15c. a set of five pieces, or two sets for 25c.

LARGE DECORATED FANS 8c. each, or two for 15c. Regular price 25c. each.

PAPER NAPKINS 15c. for one hundred.

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An assortment of
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Lamps in great variety.
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Hundreds of Calendars and Books.
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Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Underwear cheapest.
Stores open every evening until Xmas.

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Hard Wood,
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CHEAPEST SOFT COAL IN CITY
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Candy!
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Received New stock for
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Choice stock. Prices right.
Come and see us.
Stock to be cleared out by
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We make fresh Candies
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We Deliver Parcels to Any Part
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Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily.
Auction sale every night. Come for
bargains to the Central Auction Rooms,
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Walter S. Potts
Auctioneer.

THE DALLEY STOCK CO.

Made a Hit in the Opening Performance
Yesterday.

If the Dalley Stock company continue to present such entertainments as those given in the Opera House yesterday, the people of St. John will continue to enjoy them. The company has evidently been carefully selected, and consists of players whose abilities will warrant the success of almost any style of piece. Everyone appears to be an artist in his or her particular line and the initial performance was one which spoke well for the popularity of the company. The house was crowded at both afternoon and evening performances so that even standing room was at a premium. The piece presented was The Fatal Wedding, and it went with an agreeable smoothness. The story itself is a strong one and offers many opportunities for good work, of which the members took the best advantage, and the interest of the audience was held throughout.

Kate Blanche, an old favorite in St. John, is a member of the company, but she has improved to such an extent since the days of the Valentine's Stock company that even her most ardent admirers scarcely knew her last evening. The Fatal Wedding is being given in matinee today and will be repeated this evening.

The announcement that the Dalley Stock Company are to put on The Middleman for the first three performances next week ought to be pleasant information for our theatre patrons. This is the piece that E. S. Willard has been so long identified with, and while many citizens have heard of it, they have never had an opportunity of seeing it. It is a story of the celebrated pottery districts of England and deals with the patent which a potter has devised for inventing pottery. One of the scenes shows a pottery in full operation and the management announce that nothing like it has ever been seen here before. Special scenery has been painted.

CHURCH SERVICES

Trinity church, Rev. Canon Richardson; reader, Rev. G. R. E. MacDonald. Sunday after Christmas Day. Celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a. m. Morning services at 11:05. Bible class for men and women at 2:45; Sunday school at 3:00. Evening service, when all seats are free, at 7. Special Christmas music for both services. Rev. G. F. Sewell will preach in the morning, and the rector in the evening.

Main Street Baptist Church—There will be special Christmas services morning and evening in the Main street Baptist church. Sermons by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Roach. Special music will be as follows: Carol, There Dwelteth in Old Judea; Carol, While Shepherds Watched; Carol, While Angels Sang; anthem, There Were Shepherds; Vincent; anthem, Sing O Heavens, Gail.

SALVATION ARMY.

The "Eastern Revivalists," composed of Staff-Captain and Mrs. McLean, Ensign Lamont and Captain Urquhart, the musical wonder, will commence a series of revival meetings tonight at the Mill street barracks of the Salvation Army.

Very special subjects will be dealt with by the staff-captain all day tomorrow, and the string band will render good music. The revivalists will remain in the city for the next two weeks, and will conduct public revival services every night at Mill street (Carpenter's Hall). The public are invited to these special meetings.

SEAMEN'S MISSION.

The Seamen's Mission Society ask all friends of the seamen to remember the annual New Year treat, and kindly send in donations of caps, mitts, socks, or neck scarfs, something to put in the comfort bags. Cake and fruit will be very acceptable. Donations can be sent direct to Mission. If parties wish goods called for please telephone 1,104. Contributions in money will be received by S. L. Gorbell, acting president, telephone 1151, or J. W. Cassidy, treasurer.

WILL HOLD A RECEPTION.

It is the intention of T. H. Estabrook to hold a formal opening of his fine new warehouse on Mill street on Wednesday evening next. On Monday, all the travellers employed by Mr. Estabrook in Canada, fifteen in number, will meet in this city and will remain here for a few days. The reception on Wednesday will be tendered chiefly to Mr. Estabrook's customers.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS.

Tokens of Goodwill Which Were Exchanged.

The Christmas season has been made, as usual, the occasion of much giving of friendly tokens. Some of the presentations made were as follows:

J. W. Cassidy was waited upon last evening at his residence, 24 Carmarthen street, by a few friends representative of the quarterly official board and congregation of Carmarthen street Methodist church and presented with a superior gold watch, accompanied by an address.

John Walker, ex-foreman in the water works department, was on Christmas eve presented at his home, 279 King street, east, with an address and handsome Morris Chair.

No. 1 Company Boys' Brigade presented to Capt. Geo. J. Smith, a gentleman's dressing case.

At the New Victoria hotel on Christmas eve, the employees of the hotel presented to Miss McCoskery a pair of very handsome royal Dalton vases, accompanied by an address.

The foreman of the Telegraph book and job room, Daniel McLean, was presented by the employees with a pair of winter gloves.

Driver William Nelson was given a cash present from No. 1 Salvage Corps. The matron of the General Public Hospital, Miss Mitchell, received from the nurses a sofa cushion and from the house staff a rocking chair.

Miss Hewitt, was a handsome silver fern jar.

The staff of waiters of the Union Club presented Edward Wilson, the chief steward, with a handsome gold mounted cane.

Ald. Maxwell, was on Saturday night, waited upon by the men whom he has employed on his building operations, and presented him with a handsome oak rocker. The address of presentation was read by Thomas L. Markey.

H. Haste, head foreman in the St. John Iron Works, was the recipient of a gentleman's dressing case. The presentation was made by Mr. Lattier, on behalf of the employees of the machine department.

Thursday afternoon the members of the different departments of the I. C. R. station staff presented to L. R. Ross, terminal superintendent, a solid silver mounted five piece carving set. On behalf of the staff, Percy W. D. Campbell, day operator, in a brief but graceful speech, made the presentation.

Rev. B. N. Nobles and wife were remembered by members of their congregation, who presented to them several gifts and \$23 in gold.

Appreciating the artistic manner in which Oak Hill's advertisements have been "set up" by the men of the Telegraph composing room, F. C. Smith, who handles the advertising for Oak Hill, yesterday presented a pair of "Powee's" gloves each to W. W. Weyman and Joseph Seymour, "ad." men on that paper.

Robt. J. Cochran, foreman of the line men on the street railway, was presented with a smoker's outfit. Frank M. Shannon made the presentation.

John E. Wilson, who is now in the General Public Hospital, was yesterday presented by his employees with a fine Morris chair, accompanied by an address. The married men in Mr. Wilson's employ were each given a turkey and the unmarried a pair of gloves. Mr. Wilson continues to improve in health.

Least evening Rev. Fr. Borgman, of St. Peter's church, was presented by the Young Men's Association of that church, of which he is spiritual director, with a fur cap. The janitor, William McEay, was given a smoker's set.

Bandmaster Jones was presented by four of his pupils with a nice case containing two silver-mounted pipes and a supply of tobacco. Mr. Jones greatly appreciated this thoughtful act.

In the two Carleton detention immigration hospitals yesterday, the 116 patients were made happy by the kindness of the superintendent, Dr. Paul Faber. Candies, nuts and fruit were supplied and each child was given a toy of some kind, while others were given books, games, etc.

Miss Jessie Sillip, organist of the Carleton Free Baptist church, was yesterday made the recipient of a purse of gold from the church and congregation.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Registrar Jones reported that twenty births were recorded during the week. Ten of the infants were girls. There were also eleven marriages recorded.

FOUND SEASHELLS.

Supt. Clayton Comes Across an Interesting Deposit in Fernhill.

On Thursday afternoon, Joshua P. Clayton, superintendent of Fernhill cemetery, came across a most interesting and unusual formation and deposit in the soil.

While excavating on Central avenue, in the higher part of the cemetery, the men found, at a depth of seven and a half feet, a solid body of what seemed to be black mud, and in this a layer of mussel shells. These shells were quite closely packed together and the layer was almost three inches thick, spread evenly through the whole soil in which the excavation was made. From a brief examination, it would appear that the layer of shells was of considerable extent. The shells themselves were in a state of perfect preservation, even the delicate shading on the inner surfaces and the pearly covering being unchanged. Mr. Clayton brought a quantity of the shells to the city this forenoon and later took them to Dr. Matthew for examination. The land in which these shells were found is one hundred and thirty feet above sea level, and so far as is known the soil has never been disturbed before.

TURKEYS GO DOWN.

Just at the last moment on Thursday night the price of turkeys was brought within bounds of reason. All day Thursday the price had been oscillating between 21 and 23 cents, but many of the purchasers held back. The market dealers became panicky. They had visions of a considerable stock of unbought turkeys left on their hands in mild weather. There was only one thing for them to do—to bring the price down—and this they did at the final moment.

When it became known in the market that the price of turkeys had dropped there was a general rush for the giddy bird. Turkeys were offered everywhere at 18 cents per pound, with the result that the dealers cleared off a large quantity of their stock. Much of their stock, however, remains over, and is going today at 18 cents.

On Thursday morning a consignment of turkeys arrived here on a schooner from Nova Scotia. The captain evidently did not know the state of the market, for he sold out his stock in a very few minutes at 18c.

CENTENARY CHURCH.

The choir have prepared the following music for the morning and evening services on Sunday:

Anthem—Drop Down Ye Heavens—Barby. There Shall Come a Star—Cuthbert Harris. Nazareth—Gounod.

Te Deum—Schubert.

Anthem—Blessed Be the Lord God of Israel—Barby.

Chants—The Benedictus and There Were Shepherds.

The solos in the anthems and several special Christmas songs will be given by Miss Trueman, Miss Drake and Cameron Bogart, Ernest Appleby, D. B. Pidgeon, R. S. Ritchie and Harry Brown.

The evening service will be almost entirely devoted to music, with a short sermon by the pastor, Rev. G. M. Campbell.

RICHARD IS SETTLED.

Said Robin to Richard: "If ever I come to the age you are now, brother mine, Our ages, united, will mount to a sum of years making ninety and nine." Said Richard: "That's certain, and if I'm to be fair

For us to look forward so far, I then shall be double the age that you were

When I was the age that you are. The following has been sent in by Henry Gaskin. The method of working has not been given.

When Robin was 28 2-7 years of age, Richard was 42 1-7 years. After 14 1-7 years their ages were, Robin 42 3-7 years and Richard 56 4-7 years. Twice Robin's age, or 56 4-7 years is Richard's age.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of William Arthur Boyd, who died recently at Brockville, Ont., was held this afternoon at three o'clock from the Mission church, Paradise Row. The pastor, Rev. P. Owen Jones officiated, and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

At nine o'clock this morning from the Mater Misericordiae Home, Sydney street, the funeral of the late Mary Lane was held. Rev. Father Carleton officiated, and the remains were taken to Sand Cove cemetery, Carleton, for burial.

The funeral of William Scott, who died on Thursday, was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from his late residence, 13 Pine street. Rev. W. C. Matthews, of Exmouth street Methodist church, officiated, and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Ten deaths occurred in the city this week, classified as follows:

Pneumonia 2
Heart disease 3
Phthisis 1
Natural causes 1
Typhoid fever 1

One case of diphtheria and three cases of measles were reported to the board of health this week.

W. W. BAIRD GOES WEST.

William W. Baird, one of the younger members of the legal profession in this city, leaves this afternoon for New York. After staying in New York for a few weeks, Mr. Baird intends moving farther west to Edmonton, with the object of permanently taking up residence there. He will be greatly missed by his host of friends in St. John, with whom he was ever popular.

ENIQUE TESTIMONIAL.

Messrs. Dearborn & Co.:
Dear Sirs—We like your Baking Powder better nor all the rest what we did use. They makes fine cakes all to gether.
R. FORBIE.

Morrell & Sutherland

TELEPHONE 1582.

SILK WAISTS

A Very Important Sale This Week.

200 Ladies' Silk Waists, comprising Taffetas, Pneu-de-voles, Japs and Taneline Silks in a complete range of color tones, also in black and white. Made in thoroughly up-to-date styles. Best Waist making throughout. Every one came in the store brand new this season; look as crisp and neat and smart as any woman or man could wish, even if you were paying the regular prices—\$2.00 to \$3.00 more than these special price sales.

\$2.98. \$3.95. \$5.00

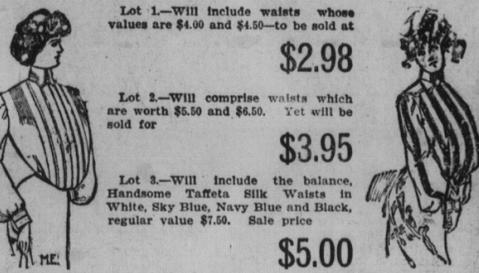
Sizes: Colors—32, 34, 36, 38. White—32, 34, 36, 38. Black—32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42.

DIVIDED INTO THREE LOTS:

Lot 1.—Will include waists whose values are \$4.00 and \$4.50—to be sold at **\$2.98**

Lot 2.—Will comprise waists which are worth \$5.50 and \$6.50. Yet will be sold for **\$3.95**

Lot 3.—Will include the balance, Handsome Taffeta Silk Waists in White, Sky Blue, Navy Blue and Black, regular value \$7.50. Sale price **\$5.00**



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RUBBERS.

SLOPPY WEATHER PROTECTION — OUR RUBBERS.

Curious how melting snow hunts out holes and cracks in one's shoes. Maybe, you've been discovering this lately. Did it suggest our Store as an easy way out of the difficulty? If not, we will. We have Stormy-weather Rubbers, Arctics and Alaskas, for Grown ups and for Children.

First quality, perfect in every way, and made to fit the current shoe styles:

For Women—Storm Rubbers, 60c. Croquet Rubbers, 50c. Storm Alaskas, \$2.15. Button Arctics, \$2.00.

For Men—Self-acting Rubbers, 95c. Storm Cut Alaskas, \$1.30.

For Children—Storm Rubbers, 50c. Plain Rubbers, 45c. Arctics, some made to fit spring heels, \$1.25.

D. MONAHAN,
162 UNION ST.

Special Assortment for Xmas Trade.

Extra Quality Prize Beef (from Toronto Fat-Stock Show.) Small and Medium Turkeys; Large Roasting Chickens, Geese and Ducks; Fat Bacon, Roll Bacon, Sugar Cured Hams, Cape Cod Cranberries, Cucumbers, Cauliflower, Celery and Squash.

See our display before ordering, you will be sure to find something to please you.

F. E. WILLIAMS CO., Ltd.
Phone 543 Charlotte Street. Phone 521 Princess Street.

Christmas Good Cheer Footwear

Men's	Slippers, Fine Boots, Overshoes.	Boys'	Skating Boots, Moccasins, Rubber Boots.
Ladies'	Dressy Boots, Handsome Slippers, House Shoes, Overshoes.	Children's	Overshoes, Rubber Boots, Red Shoes.
Girls'	Skating Boots, Pretty Slippers.	Baby	Booties, Moccasins, Slippers.

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THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

We Wish You All
A Very Merry Christmas
And Happy New Year.

We take this opportunity of thanking you for your very generous patronage during the past year. Hoping for a continuance of the same for year 1904.

We remain,
Yours,
F. R. PATTERSON & CO.,
Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts.