

Christmas Talk.

Here are a few suggestions by which you may profit. We are thoroughly equipped for the Christmas trade, everything that is possible or practical for gitts, in our lines, is at the Fair. In fact it is a regular Christmas store. Staple goods have all been put to one side and all available space has been devoted to Christmas goods on the main floor. Prices are at their lowest and you know what that means at the Fair.

Christmas Sale of Books

1,000 Gift Books, very daintily bound, gift book size, such authors as Kipling, Brown, Heywood, Sheldon, E. P. Roe, Milton, etc.; regular 25c, special Monday 20c.
Henty's Books, a series of titles, very substantially bound; regular 25c and 50c, Monday, each 20c.
Juvenile Books, such as "A Child's Life," "Christ," "Robinson Crusoe," "Pilgrim's Progress," "Through the Looking-Glass," "The Wizard of Oz," etc., bound and printed on the best paper; well illustrated; special price 10c.

Sale of Bibles

When it comes to Bibles, Woods' Fair takes first place. Hundreds of Bibles are given away each year. We are prepared with the finest stock ever handled by any one house. Bagster's Bibles are our leaders. Special prices on Monday. Cloth Bound Copyright Novels, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 Monday, 95c.

Candies, Nuts and Oranges

65 cases of Florida, Naval, Mexican and Valencia Oranges arrived on Saturday, Monday morning at 8 a.m. the great orange sale commences.
7,140 ORANGES Monday, between 8 and 10 a.m., 15c a dozen, or 2 dozen for 25c.
These are fine, juicy fruit, and are all sound.
Very large Florida Oranges Monday, per dozen 40c.
MIXED NUTS, PER LB 10c.
Chocolate Creams, per lb 12c.
A box of Chocolates Monday for 10c.

Special Sale of Jewelry

All new stock at very lowest price. Inquire for our prices on Fancy Work Boxes and Smoking and Shaving Sets, and everything in the fancy box line.

Our Fancy Goods Dept.

Is especially attractive now. All the very daintiest articles for Christmas are here.

HAMILTON AT IT AGAIN

Surprised a Boer Lager in the Early Morning.

Sixteen of the Enemy Killed and Seventy-Six Armed Prisoners Secured.

Many Wounded Left on the Field—The Government Wires Its Congratulations to the Successful Commander.

London, Dec. 14.—Reporting to the war office from Pretoria, under date of yesterday, Lord Kitchener says: "Bruce Hamilton, after a long night march, surprised Piet Viljoen's lager, at dawn, Dec. 13, at Watkroens, 25 miles northwest of Ermelo, killed sixteen Boers, and captured 76 armed prisoners. Many others were wounded and were left at farms. He also recaptured one of Benson's guns, the other having been destroyed. Two field cornets are among the prisoners. The recaptured gun is in good order and was used against the retreating enemy."

Right Hon. W. St. John Brodrick, secretary of state for war, wired the government's congratulations upon Gen. Hamilton's brilliant achievement.

COLONIALS FOR THE KING'S NAVY.

The admiralty authorities are being urged to make an effort to secure the services of Canadians and Australians as officers of the King's navy, so that the consciousness that the navy is the imperial service should be fostered. It is argued that the position of the navy is the foundation of the British empire, would be better understood in both Great Britain and the colonies if the admiral commanding the Mediterranean happened to be an Australian and the admiral commanding the future North Sea squadron was a Canadian.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR THE POOR

Salvation Army Movement is Progressing Very Favorably.

The Salvation Army Christmas cheer movement is progressing very favorably. Quite a number of citizens have replied to the coupon circulars and have given very freely to the fund. Four replies had \$10 to accompany them, several others giving \$5, and others cheerfully giving \$2 and \$1 bills. The wholesale houses have, in several cases, given freely in biscuits, tea, coffee and sweets.

The fund has, including donations and goods given, reached about \$160. The army is anxious to secure if possible \$50 more, as they desire to contribute \$200 in the line of Christmas cheer.

The officers and several other workers are out making careful inquiry, and trying to find families where misfortune has come, such as sickness or accident, or for those who are out of work this season of the year. Several cases have already been reported where some kind assistance and cheer will soothe those to whom the kindness is shown.

The Army Home, on Riverside avenue, South London, will also be remembered. Here a noble work is carried on.

MR. LAKE'S BACK

Plattsville Gentleman Who Had Little Hopes of a Cure is Now Well.

Plattsville, Ont., Dec. 9.—(Special).—Thos. Lake an aged and highly respected gentleman of this town, gives Dodd's Kidney Pills the credit for curing him of a very bad case of Kidney Trouble and Lame Back. His back ached so that he could hardly sit up, and his kidneys gave him much trouble. Mr. Lake is over 70 years of age, and he thought he was too old to be cured. However, he saw an advertisement telling how a man older than he was had found relief and a cure by using Dodd's Kidney Pills, so he determined to try them. The first box proved to his satisfaction that a cure was possible, and now he is well and hearty.

SNOWBALL CAUSED DEATH

Detroit, Dec. 14.—Fred Kruegel, 21 years, died at St. Mary's Hospital yesterday, as the direct result of the throwing of a snowball at the horse, attached to a delivery wagon, which was in charge of Kruegel. Dr. Thos. Henderson sent the patient to the hospital and found that Kruegel was suffering from a fracture at the base of the skull. The deceased lived at 1175 Gratiot avenue with his employer, August Baumgarth, the grocer Corner North Fort will not hold an inquest.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

IT IS THE FARMER'S FRIEND.—The farmer will find in Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil a potent remedy for wounds or pains in the body or for affections of the respiratory organs and for household use generally. He will also find it a convenient friend in treating injured horses, cattle, etc., or relieving them when attacked by colds, coughs or any kindred ailments to which they are subject.

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MUSIC AND DRAMA

"One of the Bravest" at the Grand Opera House.

The quiet of midnight had fallen on the city streets, and all good citizens were sleeping peacefully in their beds, when a sound arose, low at first, but rising gradually into a clamor that thrilled the bravest hearts and caused them to fear for the safety of their loved ones. Frantic men ran through the streets, rousing the sleeping with the dreadful cry of "Fire." Wreaths of smoke, lurid with the glow of the advancing flames, burst from the windows of the doomed dwelling where the fire fiend was doing its awful work. Strong men wept as they realized the horrible fate in store for the imprisoned inmates of the house which was so rapidly falling a prey to the flames. But help was at hand. The clang of a gong was heard and two dashing white horses, drawing a fire engine with its furnace and stack aglow, swept upon the scene. With it came the brave fire laddies, and in a twinkling ladders were raised and nets spread. Two or three fire-fighters sprang aloft to rescue the imperiled householders, while others stayed below to perform the necessary and equally necessary work there. Axes smashed through the windows and the heroic rescuers disappeared in the flames and smoke to reappear in a few seconds with the white-clad forms of children in their arms. Without a moment's hesitation the children were turned into the most opportune place to be safely caught in the ready nets held by strong arms and brawny hands. One sturdy laddie, unwilling to trust his more dexterous comrades heart-to the net, slid with her down a rope to safety. Not a moment too soon has the work been done, for the crackling, roaring fire from every window, the walls totter as though to crash down into the raging furnace beneath, the sound of falling timbers and the crashing of windows and curtain goes down. It is the great fire scene in "One of the Bravest," and it is safe to say that it has never been surpassed in the history of dramatic and thrilling realism. Outside of this feature the play is a melodrama of the conventional type. There is the heroic deed of the villain, the villain's unexplainable manner to foil the villain; there is the utterly impossible caricature of an Irishwoman by a man of the King's navy, with his villainy apparent to all, and his ever-ready revolver which he displays with about the same frequency that he cracks his pistol, and the original and closely impersonated the whole clever characters of the east. He was especially pleasing in his reading of the lines of the local talent, Messrs. Jones, and Dick Chivy. The large audience present enjoyed the evening to the full.

Rocket Club Concert at the City Hall.

A most successful and enjoyable concert was given in the city hall last night under the auspices of the Rocket Club. The programme was furnished by well-known local talent, and the performers' efforts were thoroughly appreciated by the large audience. The programme was:

THE METROPOLITAN COURSE.

The fifth number of the Metropolitan Course, which was originally announced for Friday, Dec. 20, has been postponed to Monday, Dec. 23. Edward P. Elliott, the monologue artist, will furnish the entertainment.

ORGAN RECITAL ON TUESDAY.

A grand organ recital, under the auspices of the Woman's Guild of St. Paul's Cathedral, will be given in the cathedral at 4 p.m. on Tuesday next by Mr. Wm. Gomph, official organist of the Pan-American Exposition. He will be assisted by Mr. Gilbert Penn, who is organist of Trinity Church, Buffalo. A silver collection will be taken at the door.

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The Best Catarrh Medicine You Can Buy Is Catarrhzone---It Cures When All Others Fail--- Cures Quickly and Permanently.

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What's the good of experimenting with snuffs, stomach medicines, tablets or atomizers? They never did cure catarrh, and never will, simply because they can't reach the trouble. But Catarrhzone goes wherever the air breathed goes, and no matter how deep-seated or chronic the disease may be, it will reach and cure it. Now that's the kind of remedy you want, so get it today and cure yourself of catarrh for all time to come.

Mr. Dutcher Law, a prominent citizen of Italy Cross, N. S., says: "I experimented with hundreds of catarrh remedies, and found the majority worthless, dismal failures. Catarrhzone was the first to give lasting relief; it cured me, and I can with pleasure testify as to its great merits as a cure for catarrh of the nose and throat."

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Complete treatment consisting of beautifully polished hard rubber inhaler, and sufficient liquid for two months' use. Price \$1.00; small size 25c. At druggists, or by mail from N. C. Polson & Co., Hartford, Conn., and Kingston, Ont.

was more than made up by the daintiness of her acting. Ruth White was capable as Willie, and Knox Wilson, Carleton King, Josh Intronipi, and Rose Leslie also deserve mention. The opera was beautifully staged and the chorus large and comely. The business at the New Grand today promises to be record breaking.

MARKS BROS. MONDAY.

"His Attonement" will be the play that Marks Bros. will produce at the New Grand on Monday evening next. The piece is a comedy-drama of a superior order of merit, and is one of the best in Mr. Marks' repertoire. This season the company is much larger and stronger than ever before, and numbers 21 artists of recognized ability. The plays, scenery, costumes and specialties are all new and up to date. There are no waits with this show, polite vaudeville being introduced between the acts. The prices will be 10c, 15c and 25c.

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ever, it did not keep up the average of the theaters where it was billed, and we did not care to keep it on under those circumstances. It drew fairly well at one-night stands, but was too expensive a company for that class of work."

ROASTED TO DEATH.

Logansport, Ind., Dec. 14.—Miss Sarah Gehring was roasted to death last evening, and her foster mother, Jennie Dailey, and her uncle, Joseph Dailey, were probably fatally injured in trying to save the young woman's life. A hanging lamp broke from its fastening in the ceiling and fell, striking the young woman upon the head and exploding.

KNOWN TO THOUSANDS.—FARMER'S VEGETABLE PILLS

regulate the action of the secretions, purify the blood and keep the stomach and bowels free from deleterious matter. Taken according to directions they will overcome dyspepsia, eradicate biliousness, and leave the digestive organs healthy and strong to perform their functions. Their merits are well known to thousands who know by experience how beneficial they are in giving tone to the system.

Twenty Years of Bronchitis. Capt. Dunlop, of Kingston, commander of the steamer Eobimlan, of the R. and O. fleet, suffered unceasingly for twenty years, and although he took treatment all that time, permanent relief was not obtained until he used "Catarrhzone," which cured him quickly and permanently. The captain says: "Catarrhzone is the best cure for bronchitis on the face of the globe; pleasant to use, quick to relieve and sure to cure." Catarrhzone is a wonderful treatment for all diseases of the throat, lungs and bronchial tubes. Two months' treatment, price \$1; small size, 25c. Druggists at Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

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furnish the basis for that peerless cough and cold remedy, Pny-Balsam. It cures quickly and certainly. Of all druggists, 25c. Made by proprietors of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer.

A covetous man grasps at everything and is content with nothing.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

For Infants and Children.

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Infants too young to take medicine may be cured of croup, whooping cough and colds by using Vapo-Cresoline—they breathe it.

Health Food Co., London

A NOTED SHARPER AGAIN IN LIMBO

Re-arrest of "Rev." C. F. B. Howard Who Had Just Completed a Term in Prison.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 13.—A special from Columbus, Ohio, says: Rev. C. F. B. Howard, who has just completed a sentence for swindling claimants to estates in England, of which he was convicted and taken into custody, has been released from Ohio penitentiary today. He was re-arrested at the prison gates, and was taken at once to Horton, Mich., where he is wanted on similar charges.

The re-arrest of C. F. B. Howard, alias Robert Harper, alias William Lord Moore, is another chapter in a remarkable criminal history. In September, 1898, a fine-looking man and a clergyman of most elegant address came to Horton, Mich. He said he was a member and pastor of the "Ethical Church." Among the most refined and well-to-do people of the town he at once made a good impression and his church soon had a large and flourishing congregation. He was entertained at the best homes, and was highly thought of as a devout and polished man, until one September morning, a year after his arrival in the town, United States officers from Chattanooga arrived in Horton, and then the good people were shocked to see the elegant divine led away in handcuffs. Then his past came out. He was one of the cleverest criminals in all England. For years he had made a fat living by writing letters from London to gullible Americans informing them that they had fallen heir to vast ancestral estates in England, and that for a retainer fee he would put them in possession of their patrimony.

When the English police made it too lively for the ambitious divine, he fled to Jackson, Tenn. Here he worked the same game with variations. Here he was "Rev. Robert Harper," and always he was the smooth, well-groomed minister of the Gospel with influence and refinement.

Then two Scotland Yard detectives followed hard upon his trail, and in Jackson, Tenn., they ran him to earth at his old clever game. He was convicted and sentenced to a term of years in the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus. He was there scarcely a year before he bribed his way to freedom again.

In Chicago, Rev. Harper again appeared. Here he stole the stationery from the custom house, had it counterfeited, and by tails means secured a luxurious living. He wrote to people all over the country, and informed them of valuable express packages which they could secure by forwarding sums to him. When he heard of the officers again upon his track, he slipped out of the city and then appeared in the quiet little town of Horton, a new and fruitful field. When the officers of the government arrested Rev. Harper in Horton, the unsuspecting residents refused to believe that the elegant minister of the Gos-

Rich Cut Glass at Reasonable Prices.

Vases.....25c, 50c and \$4.00
Cream and Sugar Sets.....\$2.00 to \$5.00

Carving Knife and Fork Sets.....25c
Round Plates.....\$1.50 to \$5.00
Toothpick Holders.....25c
Salt and Pepper Shakers, green and pink tinting, per pair.....70c

See Our Display of Silverware in the Art Room.

Bright new goods, the very latest shapes and designs, all quadruple-plated, every piece stamped and guaranteed by the makers.

Compare these prices as to what you have been paying.
Pickle Stands—Crystal glass jar, \$1.45; opaque jar, \$1.55; ruby jar, \$1.75.
Butter Dishes.....\$1.45, \$2.45, \$3.15
Sugar Bowls, handsomely engraved, side handles, with bird on top of cover, complete with one dozen teaspoons.....\$5.40

DANCING CLUB AT WOLSELEY BARRACKS

Enjoyable Evenings Spent by Tommy Atkins and His Friends.

The long winter evenings hang rather heavily on Tommy Atkins, and every means is taken to afford amusement to himself and friends. Not the least of these is the Dancing Club at Wolseley Barracks. Every Monday evening a quiet practice takes place, and every Thursday evening an enjoyable ball is held, when Tommy and his lady friends spend a few hours tripping the light fantastic, in a time not usually laid down in the drill book. Last evening quite a few were present from the city, and a most enjoyable time was spent. The music is furnished by the Wolseley Barracks orchestra, consisting of Quartermaster-Serjt. Duniey, Corporals O'Connell and W. Walsh, and Pte. Dorney, and they are most ably assisted by the well known violinists, Messrs. Scott, Murray and son. Next Thursday evening another will take place and those who once attend are only hoping for the time to quickly pass when they commence again to have a pleasant evening's dance at the barracks.

BARRACKS NOTES.

Serjt. W. Farnsworth is improving, but is still confined to bed with congestion of the lungs.

Pte. Von Schieler is still very low with typhoid fever at Victoria Hospital, where he receives the best of treatment.

The short course ceased at the barracks today, and the various officers, non-commissioned officers and men will return home for their Christmas. The next course starts in the first week of the coming year.

Minard's Liment used by physicians

BICKLE'S Anti-Consumptive Syrup stands at the head of the list for all diseases of the throat and lungs. It acts like magic in breaking up a cold. A cough is soon subdued, tightness of the chest is relieved, while in recent cases it may be said never to fail. It is a medicine prepared from the active principles or virtues of several medicinal herbs, and can be depended upon for all pulmonary complaints.

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EVERY YEAR

The giving of useless trifles seems to find less favor, and things which combine beauty with usefulness are growing in popularity. Surely nothing could please more than a gift of Furs, Caprine, Muff, Ruff or Fur Collar. To help you in this matter we have decided on

AN EARLY HOLIDAY SALE OF FURS.

Our furs are marked low now, but to make it still better for you we give a

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TILL THE FIRST OF JANUARY, 1902. Come and get first pick.

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We have just bought over one hundred Beautiful Silk Mantel and Piano Drapes, lovely, worked in gold and silk work of birds, etc. The goods are worth from \$1.25 to \$3 each. The higher priced ones are priced at nearly half and are worth seeing.

A WORD TO THE PIANO STORES OF THIS CITY—These Drapes are worth looking at.

TILL FIRST OF JANUARY, 1902, WE GIVE

10 Per Cent Discount OFF OUR CUT PRICES IN THIS SALE.

All our Silk Table Covers go in this sale at the same Discount of 10 Per Cent Off Selling Prices.

Hosiery Department

A useful department to buy Christmas gifts from; we have three special lines to offer you, in Children's Cashmere Hose, sizes 7 1/2 and 8 only. The goods are very fine and about half price. Children's Fine Cashmere Hose, in tans only, size 7 1/2; worth 25c, for 15c pair. Children's Very Fine Black Cashmere Hose, in size 7 1/2 only. These hose are from 40c to 50c pair. Any one who can use this size will have a bargain they don't get every day. Our price 25c a pair.

Children's Black Cashmere Hose, in sizes 7 1/2 and 8, seamless feet; remember these are not small sizes. The price of this line would be 35c, our price 25c pair. These lines are very special. Take them while you can.

Rug Department

A Rug is as givable as a gem indicative of cultured taste. And like a gem a rug is a permanent pleasure. They practically do not wear out. SEE OUR LARGE WINDOW FOR RUGS AND PRICES.

How to Make a ROUGH SKIN SMOOTH

There are some whose skin is naturally very tender, so much so, that a slight change in temperature, either heat or cold, will cause it to become rough and scale. This is very annoying, whether it makes the skin sore or not. A trouble of this kind is due to the skin being too dry, the underlying glands not giving it food enough. It must, therefore, be fed artificially. This may be done by using OLA CREAM, a scientific skin food. OLA CREAM is not a thin, watery fluid, but is of a creamy consistency. Prepared from a valuable formula, consisting of healthful ingredients, which feed the skin, building up the tissues, supplying to the glands that which they lack to prevent roughness.

Anyone who is troubled with roughness of the skin or chapped hands will find OLA CREAM a sure preventative. We are receiving many testimonials for OLA CREAM. We have made a study of the care of the skin, and will be glad to give any information to anyone writing us.

Kennedy's Pharmacy, 263 Dundas Street.

EASTER LILIES

Great Flower Fields in Bermuda Are Fringed Now.

New York, Dec. 14.—Down in frostless Bermuda, not far from the sea, the great lily fields, some of them more than one hundred acres in extent, are white with fragrant bloom; the smell of the sea mingling with the sweet, heavy scent of the blossoms, and negroes and their lazy wags among the flowers, gathering in the snowy harvest. From these lily farms the bulbs are sent north in crates, and next Easter florists here will grow the flowers in their greenhouses. All

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Please write a postal to know what I spent a lifetime in learning. It is a way to get well-often the only way. With the book I will send an order on your druggist for six bottles of Dr. Shoop's Restorative, and he will let you test it a month. If satisfied the cost is \$3. If it fails, I will pay your druggist myself.

Think what that means. On any other remedy such an offer would bankrupt the maker. But I have furnished my remedy to over half a million people on just those terms, and 99 out of each 100 have paid for it, because they were cured. When it fails not a penny is wanted.

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Simply state which Book No. 1 on Dyspepsia Book No. 2 on the Heart Book No. 3 on the Kidneys er, and address DR. SHOOP, Box 44, Racine, Wis.

Mild cases, not chronic, are often cured by one or two bottles. At all druggists.

BELOW ZERO

Blizzard Raging in Panhandle Part of Texas.

Bad Outlook for Cattle and Cattlemen—Wyoming Gets a Fierce Storm.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 14.—The blizzard prevailing over the Panhandle of Texas will very probably prove a disastrous one to cattlemen. There has been a long dry spell and feed has been scarce and high, preventing any great amount of provision for the wintering of cattle. The entire section is covered with snow, and if it stays on the ground for any length of time the cattle not in prime condition will die by hundreds.

IN WYOMING. Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 14.—The storm raging in the southern part of Wyoming for the past forty-eight hours shows no disposition to abate. The temperature is below zero, with a wind blowing that cuts to the marrow. Several herders have been

FROZEN TO DEATH. In efforts to gather scattered bands of sheep. The loss of sheep in red desert cannot be estimated, as the flocks are scattered over the range. Four plows have been working at the most threatening points on the Union Pacific, and though the track has been kept open trains are delayed six or seven hours.

STAGE LOST. The stage between Snake River and Rawlins became lost last night, and for several hours the passengers were compelled to walk. One man had his feet so badly frozen that amputation was necessary.

A SNOW SLIDE. occurred at the mine of the Battle Lake Tunnel Site Company, on Cow Creek, near Battle Lake. A cabin occupied by a family was carried down the mountainside for thirty feet, but no one was seriously injured.

STORMS FROM ALABAMA. New York, Dec. 14.—The local weather bureau has received the following advisory message from Washington: "Storm in Alabama will move northeast, causing unusually severe weather eastward along the coast from Hatteras northward tonight and Sunday, followed by a cold wave. Advise shipping interests."

BELOW ZERO. St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 14.—The lowest official temperature for December for many years was reached at 1 o'clock this morning in this city, the mercury reaching 25 below zero. Even colder weather was reported at other points in the Northwest. Yesterday's gale had subsided and the weather was clear, but the intense cold extended over the entire North West, and considerable suffering at various points in the country.

IN NEBRASKA. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 13.—Reports from Western Nebraska and the Black Hills tell of a severe snowstorm, from 10 to six inches having fallen since last night. In Chase county six inches of snow covers the ground and the wind has been high, making the storm one of almost blizzard proportions. All trains are late. The thermometer stands at zero.

A WOMAN CARRIED HER CHILD 12 MILES

Came From Maidstone Township To Be at Essex County Court.

Windsor, Ont., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Joseph Bonner, who resides in Maidstone township, carried her two-year-old child, carrying an infant in her arms, in order to appear in the county court at the hearing of the appeal in the case of Bonner vs. the city. She had no money to pay railway fare. Wm. Battersby appealed against a conviction by Magistrate Beaman, of Essex, who found her guilty of assaulting Mrs. Bonner, and Judge Horne quashed the conviction.

When Mrs. Bonner's pitiable condition was made known to the court officials, a collection was taken up by Chief Masters, and even Battersby contributed. Sufficient money was raised to relieve the present wants of the woman.

The court also quashed the conviction made against Mrs. Ellen Ferry by Magistrate Bartlett. Court then adjourned until next Thursday.

Deaths of a Day.

Mr. Ira Brown, a prominent Liberal of Cobourg, has just died at Cramah, in his 67th year. Major Brown, his cousin, is thought to have been South Africa with the Mounted Rifles. Charles Maisonneville, aged 48, a Sandwich East farmer, residing on the Marais road, fell dead from an epileptic fit while walking home after taking dinner with his father-in-law, Antoine Le Duc Tuesday. Abraham Lower of the law firm of Penland & Lower, New York is dead, the result of pneumonia. Capt. James J. Myles, of the Engineer Corps, U. S. A., died at his home in Newark, N. J., early this (Friday) morning. Portland, Ore., Dec. 14.—David P. Thompson, a well-known capitalist and ex-United States minister to Turkey, died early this morning. Mr. Thompson was born in Ohio in 1834.

"77" BLOCKS THE GRIP

How many friends have you whose health has been impaired, whose infirmities date back to the Grip? Nearly every serious illness starts with a Cold or Grip.

Keep free from Grip and Colds by using "77." It stimulates the action of the heart, liver and kidneys, and so throws off Colds that hang on.

At all druggists 25c, or mailed on receipt of price. Doctor's Book MAILED FREE. Humphreys' Homeopathic Medicine Co., corner William and John Streets, New York.

TO FIX WHITE ASSESSMENT.

No. 1 Committee Recommends By-law Same as McClary One.

The Firm Would Like Amount Placed at \$17,000, Their Present Assessment.

The request of Messrs. George White & Sons for a fixed assessment of \$17,000 on their property for ten years will be given to the people to vote upon, together with the McClary assessment question.

This was decided last night at the meeting of No. 1 committee, when Mr. Arthur W. White, manager of the concern, and Mr. George White, the president, made their proposal.

The proposal was put to the committee by Mr. Alfred White fairly and clearly. Mr. White said that the fixed assessment was previously \$10,000, but at the last assessment had been raised to \$17,000, to the satisfaction of the firm and Assessment Commissioner Grant. Mr. White stated that the firm would be satisfied if the assessment was fixed for a space of ten years. The firm were working under many disadvantages, owing to improper railroad facilities, and their proposition was of a purely business nature. The firm employ about 100 skilled mechanics, and promise to enlarge the establishment if their request is complied with. Mr. White stated that the proposal, and said that the city would be the gainer in any case, as the taxes would be much larger than heretofore. The system of assessing the city is to come to the city would have to be gone into fairly and squarely by those who entertained any hope of the city's progress.

"Other cities do it, and we will be left where we are," said his worship. "The other day I was trying to persuade a factory of three or four hundred workers and dollars' capital to come to the city, and the question asked was 'What are you prepared to do for us?' I told them London was the finest city in the world, and had more railroads running out of it than any other city in Canada. They replied that that was good, but that they were in receipt of almost a million dollars from a neighboring city."

Ald. Beattie recommended that the matter be put before the people if Mr. White insisted on the proposal, and Mr. White said he would desire it to go without the sanction of the people, but the mayor feared that the motion would be carried, and he expressed an opinion of the public.

Ald. Beattie then moved that a by-law be framed and dealt with in the same manner as was suggested for the McClary assessment. The motion was carried, after considerable discussion. Some years ago Mr. Alex. Harvey was given 23 feet of land on Talbot street north on a piece that he would sell, and the matter was investigated and it was found that Mr. Harvey had not carried out his part of the agreement. The city solicitor and the city hall for the serving of a Christmas cheer supper on the night of the party, but the place left in a clean condition.

The request for a grant of money was refused. The Hon. Cahill asked for remission of taxes. The taxes will be put against the value of the property. The Christie-Douglass land proposition will be left for the council of 1902.

John Marani, an Italian fruiter, asked for a remission of taxes, which was granted. He had nine months' arrears, and the matter was referred to the council of 1902. Communications were received concerning the Anti-Consumption League and from the board of health. The matter was laid over.

Those present were: Ald. Greenlee, chairman; Mayor Rumball, Ald. Beattie, Cooper and City Treasurer Pope.

FAILURE ON 'CHANGE. Boston, Dec. 14.—The assignment of the Marais road, by brokers, was announced on the floor of the stock exchange just before noon yesterday. The firm, with offices at 33 State street includes W. J. and H. W. Wright.

COLDEST SINCE 1884. Lacrosse, Wis., Dec. 14.—At 7:40 o'clock this morning the Mississippi River at this point closed, ice forming in the channel. At 10 o'clock this morning the mercury in the government thermometer at the federal building registered 23 degrees below zero. This is the coldest day the city has experienced since 1884, when the temperature dropped to twenty-six degrees below. The thermometer has fallen fifty degrees since yesterday morning.

THE MAN WHO WAS IN THE BOX. New York, Dec. 14.—Johann Beck, the painter, who came here boxed up in the hold of the Hamburg-American liner Palatia, was allowed to enter the country as an immigrant, this privilege being granted by the special board of inquiry. Beck was turned over to two men who said that they would see that the man did not become a public charge.

Insured

The fire insurance agent insures against loss by fire. The life insurance agent insures against loss by death. Both are equally important to the heirs of the insured.

The kind of insurance your attention is especially called to is how to insure good teeth, strong nerves, strong brain, strong muscles. A man can be no better than is made possible by the material of which he is built. It is the character of the food which builds the body.

You may insure yourself with absolute certainty against poor health. You may insure your poor teeth, with weak nerves, etc., by eating

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Coughs and Colds.

Grip and Catarrh.



The Roberts Family of Falls City, Neb., Are Healthy and Happy—A Rare Sight in These Days. They Say "We Think Peruna is the Greatest Medicine on Earth."

No man is better known in the state of Nebraska than Mr. Carl T. Roberts, contractor and mason. A typical American—active, shrewd and full of business sagacity. He is not only a provider for his family, but a protector. In a recent letter to Dr. Hartman he writes, among other things, as follows:

"Our boy, James, had the membranous croup, and after he had recovered he was subject to repeated attacks of lung fever."

"Our boy, Charlie, was also subject to attacks of pneumonia and pleurisy. Our third boy, John, was subject to fever and ague (malaria) and liver trouble."

"Your remedy, Peruna, cured my boys entirely, and now I have three of the healthiest boys in the State of Nebraska, which I attribute to your medicine. My wife and I stomach trouble which Peruna also cured."

"Altogether for my whole family we have had nineteen bottles of Peruna, and have thus saved over \$500 in doctor's bills."

"I am a contractor and mason by trade, and am known all over Nebraska. I have had a stomach trouble which has been greatly relieved by your remedy, Peruna, for which I am still taking it. We think it is the greatest medicine on earth."

C. T. ROBERTS, Falls City, Nebraska. Mr. T. G. Walker, Carefree, Kansas, writes: "It is with pleasure that I report that I am better than I have been for many years. I believe Peruna, without a doubt, the best medicine that was ever used in a family. It has cured my nervousness, with which I had been afflicted for a great number of years."

It is a fact of ever-increasing astonishment that so many otherwise sensible and provident people, who are interested in some way in a precaution as to have a bottle of Peruna at hand, bring upon themselves the needless sufferings and foolish expense that a practitioner of medicine is forced to witness every day.

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Taking a Lesson From Canada.

In the Contemporary Review for November, Mr. J. P. Hogan, M.P., writes on "The First Steps of the New Commonwealth." The writer maintains that "There is undoubtedly a bright, promising and fruitful career before Federated Australia if the commonwealth barque is steered at the outset with steadiness, vigilance and a clear-sighted comprehension, both of the risks and the responsibilities." Referring to certain fallacious and reactionary ideas that are fraught with danger, he says: "Foremost among these mischievous and widespread delusions, is the insane idea that immigration should be distinctly discouraged because it would introduce competing supplies of labor and lower the high standard of wages now current in the Australian capitals, and this in a huge undeveloped continent capable of accommodating 40,000,000, and peopled by less than 4,000,000. Nothing is more certain than that Australia, if she is to realize her high federal destiny and become the predominant force of the Southern Seas, must follow the wise example of her sister Dominion of Canada, and encourage population to her shores in the most liberal and generous spirit."

Thus we see that the question of immigration is a keenly discussed problem in other places as well as Canada. There are difficulties connected with the subject in Australia as here, and conflicting interests are involved, but courage and breadth and some measure of unselfishness will find the right way. A few people cannot keep to themselves the resources of a great continent, but they may do something to guide immigration, to determine its character, and take measures which shall make the new-comers to be grateful and loyal citizens.

An Ill-Founded Anti-Gladstone Statement.

There has been a discussion recently with regard to the achievements of Gladstone, and some of the detractors of the great British leader have had the temerity to claim that he practically achieved nothing, and that his life was a failure because he did not manage to carry out his plan for providing local self-government for Ireland. It is true that Gladstone failed in his Home Rule scheme, but, as Mr. Herbert Paul, in his recently issued book points out, his list of legislative achievements was a most noteworthy one. "He reformed the tariff of his country; he was the real author of household suffrage; he gave Ireland religious equality and agrarian justice; he established the system of elementary education; he protected the voter by the ballot; he made the army a national institution; he restored efficiency to the House of Commons; he gave the franchise to the agricultural laborer. He was a demagogue in the proper sense of the term, a true leader of the people. He exhorted them always to employ the political freedom which he had so largely given them, less for their own material advancement than for the best and highest interest of mankind." To minimize the work accomplished by his fellows by Gladstone is surely to write oneself down a know-nothing.

The Falsehood of Extremes.

Le Soleil (Quebec) points out that there are patriots in Ontario who are crying out that we are treating Britain meanly and are not pouring out our treasures lavishly enough. To these it gives the reply, the Canadian Government has already paid the most of the expense of the contingents, and also supported a garrison at Halifax during the absence of the Imperial regiments sent to South Africa. Further, Lord Strathcona, the representative of Canada in London, sent and maintained a contingent at his own expense. This is not a bad showing, and does not look like disloyalty. But on the other hand, there are Conservatives in Quebec who complain because help was given at all. Laurier, he said, declares that he is first and foremost a Canadian, and is not departing from this great rule in making such sacrifices for England? To these people of French race and language the reply is made that it is sheer quackery to talk in that way. Why should they pretend to forget or to be ignorant of the fact that we live under the British flag; that Britain spends millions in ships that are for our defense; that our freedom and strength are ours, not as an independent nation, but as part of the British Empire? Some may think these things ought not to be, but they are, and sensible people will face facts and govern their actions accordingly. In the eyes of our contemporary, the attacks of extremists tend to show that the Government has chosen that middle path in which there is wisdom and safety, and to us this argument seems sound. The Government has endeavored to do its duty to Canada and to the Empire.

No Bread Tax for Them.

Canadian Opposition journals, which have been contending one day that the Dominion Government ought to put higher duties on imports, and the next denouncing the Administration for not making greater reductions than they have, recently had a new cause of support. They declared that "the principle of protection" had been adopted by the Federation of Conservative Associations in England, and that it was probable they would soon put in the platform of their party the re-enactment of the Corn Laws. The question dealt with, as a matter of fact, was the sugar bounties, though a discussion took place on the subject of duty on corn that gave no comfort to those who profess to believe that the Conservative or any other party in England will, at a measurably early period, go back to the days of taxed breadstuffs. Here is how the matter was discussed.

Mr. G. E. Francis, an honorable member for Worcester, moved a resolution calling for the imposition of a protective duty on corn. Mr. Meakin, Sheffield, rose to second the resolution. There were, he said, 400,000 acres of corn in the country, and we had only eight weeks' food supply within our own borders. He objected to the imposition of any duty on corn. If they adopted such a proposal they would be committing political suicide. The chairman asked if the representative for Worcester moved the resolution or moving an amendment.

Mr. Meakin—I am seconding the resolution, but I do not agree with the imposition of duties. A representative—I rise to a point of order. He ought to move an amendment. (Cheers and laughter.) The Chairman—Are you supporting the resolution as it stands or not? Mr. Meakin—No, not altogether. I cannot support it as it stands. (Laughter.) The chairman asked if anyone would second the resolution. Mr. Strood, North Somerset, seconded the resolution, expressing the hope that something would be done for the rural districts of England.

Mr. Anty, Sheffield, moved as an amendment—That, for the better security of the nation, Parliament should consider what measures can be taken for the preservation and continuance of our food supply in case of complications with other powers. He was, he said, in favor of state granaries. Mr. H. A. Collins, North St. Pancras, seconded the amendment, stating they were too practical men to think of harking back to protection. It was to our colonies that we must look in the future to supply us with the staff of life. (Cheers.) Mr. Walford D. Green, M.P., in supporting the amendment, said it was a mere dream to think of going back to protection. He would like to quote a saying of Mr. Disraeli, who, in reference to this subject, said: "I am afraid protection is dead." The friend to whom he was talking replied: "Possibly it will rise from the grave." "Then," said Mr. Disraeli, "I fear protection is not only dead, but damned." (Cheers and laughter.) The amendment was then carried and adopted by a substantial resolution.

Not any very cordial indorsement of the principle of protection in that discussion and declaration, is there? It certainly does not bear out the statement made in some Canadian political circles that the British people are ready to bring about such a revolution as the re-imposition of a protective duty on breadstuffs would effect.

Canadian Horses for Britain.

Col. Dent's declaration that the British Government has purchased in Canada for the British army 7,567 horses, shows how much Canada has come to the front as a horse-exporting country in the past few years. The horses brought about \$1,000,000 to the farmers of this country, of which by far the greater portion comes to this province, as between 5,000 and 6,000 of the horses were purchased here. No doubt, as the Toronto Star says, Premier Ross must feel repaid for the efforts he made to interest the Imperial Government in the matter. And the trade is just beginning, as the Ontario Government is continuing its efforts to have a remount station established in this province. London would be an exceedingly good point at which to place it.

The Prince and the People.

The recent speech of the Prince of Wales in the British metropolis has been most favorably received. It is evident that his Royal Highness has profited much by his tour through the auxiliary kingdoms of the Empire. He makes no bones about telling the British people in what way they may profit by the example of these outlying sections of the Empire. And if his tour had no other effect than to pointedly call attention to the fact—emphasized by friends of Canada in the British press—that Germany takes good care to in every way possible aid in diverting German immigration to German territory, it will yield an ample return to the Empire. In this regard British statesmen have lagged behind, being contented to let their surplus population drift into foreign countries, instead of encouraging them to go to Canada, Australia, New Zealand and the other nations of the Empire, to be a strength to it. More power to the elbow of the Prince of Wales if he can urge the effecting of a reform in this direction.

Whitney and Wisdom.

[Guelph Mercury.] In setting East Kent and North Kent free liberal by acclamation Mr. Whitney showed wisdom, if not courage. He now wishes he had let West Huron go the same way.

Against Political Conventions.

[Detroit Free Press.] Those who remember the agitation in behalf of the Australian ballot cannot have failed to remark the resemblance between the contest for the secret ballot and the contest now in progress for the abolishing of the convention system. Then, as now, the opposition was divided into two classes. In the first class were those persons engaged directly or indirectly in corrupt practices. They were the men who bought votes in the open market; the men that sold votes in the open market; the men who were able to intimidate voters for purposes of their own; the men who entered into unholy compacts with citizens of easy conscience, and wished to be protected in their shameful practices by the laxity of the law. All the men that found a political or a pecuniary profit in the open ballot were up in arms against the Australian system. The men that were marched up to the polls and voted in blocks of five were as strenuous in their denunciation as were the men that marched them to the voting place.

In the second class were the amiable citizens who believed in letting what they called "well-enough" alone. They had voted all their lives in the old open way, and it was the way of their fathers before them. Abuses might have arisen, but abuses were bound to arise under any system, and they did not believe in a system that would worship the system and cared nothing for its results. It was a matter of minor importance to them that the will of the people was expressed directly by the open buying and selling of votes in the open market, and the most degrading prostitution of the right of suffrage.

The Australian ballot came, nevertheless, and there is no desire anywhere to return to the older order. The direct nomination of candidates is coming, too. The men who would "graft" will be ruined, will be able to postpone, assisted by the respectable but ultra-conservative; but they will not be able to prevent. The intelligent, progressive, honest citizenship of the state demands it, and its demands will be fulfilled.

The method of nominating candidates directly is a truly admirable system. It is a lineal descendant of the New England town-meeting. The convention is an illegitimate child, conceived in stupidity and sired by conservatism. Its grandfather was the medieval theory that the people were not to be trusted, and that unwise systems of checks and balances were devised they would ruin themselves by ruling themselves. They were not to nominate their candidates directly, but to select wise and successful individuals to do so for them. Long experience with the convention system has taught us better. We know that the people can make mistakes, but we know, too, that these blunders are preferable to the corruption and the manipulation of the convention. We know that the one system may produce mistakes; but the other results both in blunders and in the prostitution of the body politic. The comparative evils of the two systems are to be measured by the relative difficulty of detaching the entire mass of the voting population, and the difficulty of debauching a handful of individuals who too often act politically only for the purpose of being debauched.

A Little Sunshine.

The general worthlessness of advice is exhibited in the fact that the average man would rather give it than take it.—Life.

Missess—I am not quite satisfied with your references. Applicant—Nayther am I, mum; but they're the best I could get.—Puck.

But a Bad Cook—"I have a friend who has kept a cook for nearly a year." "Is it possible?" "Yes, he's a jailer."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

"All He Had.—Tom—What! A dress suit and russet shoes! That's wretched bad form, Dick—I know, but a dress suit and stockings, feet is worse."—Philadelphia Press.

SMALLPOX SPREADS

Numerous Cases That Had Been Diagnosed as Chickenpox—Port Arthur Partially Tied Up.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—A number of cases of smallpox, which had been at first diagnosed as chickenpox, are reported from the township of Chatham, Kent county. The Provincial Board of Health has been asked to investigate the outbreak. A case is reported from the Walpole Indian reserve, which is adjacent to Kent county. The disease has again broken out in Rockland, Russell county. In one of three of these cases the disease has been traced to men returning from the Northwest.

Private advices received from Port Arthur indicate that the town is partially tied up with a smallpox quarantine. Two young men, while living respectively at the two largest boarding houses in the town, were taken ill with a disease diagnosed as typhoid fever. As typhoid patients they were admitted to the hospital, when they developed smallpox. As a result, the hospital, with 70 inmates, and the two boarding houses are placed under quarantine. There is scarcely a store or establishment in the town which has not one or more clerks languishing in inactivity within the boarding houses. Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 13.—Frank Nicolls, a lineman in the employ of the Bell Telephone Company, has been removed to quarantine suffering from smallpox. It is not known how he contracted the disease.

FOR CONSUMPTIVES. Toronto, Dec. 13.—Judge MacDougall, president of the board of directors of Grace Hospital, informed Dr. Charles Sheard, the medical health officer, today that the hospital was ready to furnish accommodation for six male consumptives in the way promised by the general hospital. It is expected that the other hospitals will make similar offers, and that accommodation will be secured for female patients. A number of ladies living in the vicinity of Carleton, Wellesley and Ontario streets, have presented a purse of \$200 to letter-carrier Joseph Knowlton, who is now a patient at the Gravenhurst Sanitarium for Consumptives. Accompanying it was a letter of condolence.

THEY SUFFERED GREAT HARDSHIPS

British Columbians Lost in Woods—Woman Frozen to Death.

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 14.—A story of three men lost in the woods on the northern coast of British Columbia, was brought here by George Logan, a lumberman, who was brought down in a small tug. With two companions Logan left here three weeks ago in a small boat to cruise out lumber. Their boat was capsized, and while endeavoring to beat their way back to the coast, they were separated and lost.

After undergoing great hardships Logan reached the coast. A second member of the party was found almost dead from cold and hunger. The third man has not been found. Wrecked near Porter Island and forced to remain for five days without food or shelter, was the terrible experience of two Japanese. One of them, Etsujiro Sunada, was brought to Port Essington, where his legs were amputated as a result of frozen feet. He and his companion were fishing and were caught in a gale. In the heavy seas their boat was overturned. They managed to swim to Porter Island, but found themselves on a rocky point without means of lighting a fire.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Dec. 14.—A woman who was reported lost on the prairie four miles from Cheyenne, was found on Thursday frozen to death, a quarter of a mile from where she was left by the linemen who tried to save her. The woman, whose name has not been identified, was between 55 and 60 years old.

BLIZZARDS ABROAD

Cattle Suffer Severely—Trains Blocked—Herdsmen Frozen to Death.

Rock Springs, Wyo., Dec. 13.—A report from the Red Desert sheep range says that Charles Barnes, a herder from Garden City, Kansas, was frozen to death in the blizzard that has raged for the past day or two. The blizzard has scattered the herds in small bunches all over the country, and it is feared the loss will be great. A Mexican herder, reported to have been frozen to death, is reported to have been frozen to death in the blizzard. The blizzard is reported to have been very severe. At Frewen, Sweet Water county, a passenger train plowed through a bunch of animals, and several were killed.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—Reports from all portions of Kansas and Western Missouri show that rain fell all day yesterday. The storm has been of enormous benefit to wheat.

New York, Dec. 13.—A heavy fog that descended on the city in the early morning caused a delay of traffic all over New York. A number of vessels which arrived last night remained at quarantine, as it was impossible to make the harbor in safety.

THIRTY DEGREES BELOW ZERO. Winnipeg, Dec. 13.—The weather got very cold here yesterday afternoon, and the thermometer this morning registered 30 below zero, with a northwest wind.

CONDUCTOR CRUSHED TO DEATH. Detroit, Dec. 14.—Conductor John McCloy was instantly killed in a collision between a Detroit Southern passenger train and a United Railway freight car at the Mononguon bridge, on the Wyandotte division of the latter line. The force of the collision was so great that McCloy was thrown more than 60 feet.

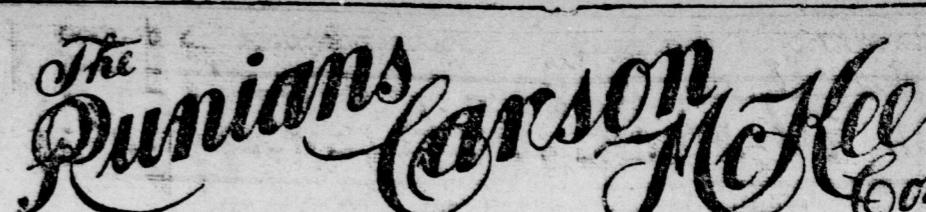
BOILED TO DEATH. Whitby, Ont., Dec. 14.—Isaac Edwards, aged 50 years, an employe of the Kings tannery here, was missed from his usual place by his fellow-workmen yesterday morning. He was finally found dead in a vat of boiling water used to bleach tanbark.

INJURED BY A RUNAWAY HORSE. Hamilton, Dec. 13.—Miss Brooks, of Dundas, while crossing the intersection of King and James streets, yesterday, was knocked down by a runaway horse. She was dragged about 50 yards and badly injured. The hospital physicians say her injuries are likely to prove fatal.



Miss Marion Cunningham, the Popular Young Treasurer of the Young Woman's Club of Emporia, Kans., has This to Say of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Your Vegetable Compound cured me of womb trouble from which I had been a great sufferer for nearly three years. During that time I was very irregular and would often have intense pain in the small of my back, and blinding headaches and severe cramps. For three months I used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and aches and pains are as a past memory, while health and happiness is my daily experience now. You certainly have one grateful friend in Emporia, and I have praised your Vegetable Compound to a large number of my friends. You have my permission to publish my testimonial in connection with my picture. Yours sincerely, MISS MARION CUNNINGHAM, Emporia, Kans." \$5000 FORFEIT IF THE ABOVE LETTER IS NOT GENUINE. When women are troubled with irregular, suppressed or painful menstruation, weakness, leucorrhoea, displacement or ulceration of the womb, that bearing-down feeling, inflammation of the ovaries, backache, bloating (or flatulence), general debility, indigestion, and nervous prostration, or are beset with such symptoms as dizziness, faintness, lassitude, excitability, irritability, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, "all-gone," and "want-to-be-left-alone" feelings, blues, and hopelessness, they should remember there is one tried and true remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound at once removes such troubles. Refuse to buy any other medicine, for you need the best. Mrs. Pinkham invites all sick women to write her for advice. She has guided thousands to health. Address, Lynn, Mass.



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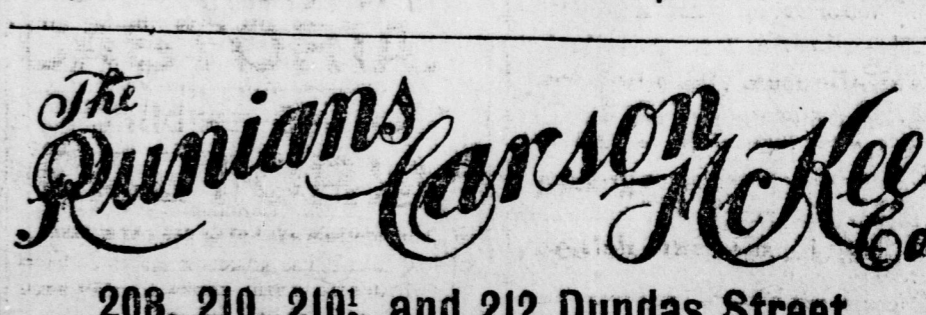
20 Per Cent Off These Prices and Off All Fancy Silks Until Christmas.

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A beautiful display of light evening shades, in Wool Fabrics, Cashmere, Poplin, Canvas, Crepon, Voile, Lustre, etc. See display on table in Dress Department, per yard.....35c, 50c and 60c.

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LONDON, CANADA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1901.

TO TUNNEL TWO RIVERS

Pennsylvania Railway Company's Great Scheme

To Connect With Long Island Road and Montauk Point.

Great Underground Station to Occupy Several Blocks in New York, With a Subway Under the Island.

New York, Dec. 14.—The facts have been given out by A. J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Almost simultaneously at Albany was incorporated the Pennsylvania-New York Extension Railroad Company, with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, to carry out the plans of the connection between the Pennsylvania line in Jersey City and the Long Island Railroad, the tributary road, separated by two rivers and the island of Manhattan.

It means that the Pennsylvania has abandoned its plan of building an \$80,000,000 bridge over the North River. President Cassatt's statement is as follows: "The Pennsylvania Railroad Company is now prepared to carry out its policy, long since adopted, of extending its railroad into New York city, therein establishing a suitable passenger terminus for the accommodation of the public.

To accomplish this on a comprehensive plan the Long Island Extension Railroad Company will withdraw its application for power to construct its terminal railroad, and in lieu of such independent construction it is now proposed to build, under the charter of the Pennsylvania-New York Extension Railroad Company, just organized, and a New Jersey Railroad Company about to be organized, a through underground connection between the Long Island Railroad and the Pennsylvania lines in New Jersey and to construct a proper and commodious underground terminal station in New York city, on the Pennsylvania and Long Island roads.

Electricity in Tunnel. "After years of exhaustive study, the conclusion has been reached that a tunnel line, operated by electricity, is in every way the most practical, economical and the best both for the interests of the railway company and of the city. The line as adopted will traverse the city of New York from the Hudson River to the East River, and be underground throughout, and at such depth as not to interfere with the future construction of subways by the city on all its avenues, similar to the one now building along Fourth avenue.

"As the railroad will be wholly underground and operated electrically in the same manner as the recently constructed Orleans Railway extension in Paris, it will not be objectionable in any way. There will not be any smoke, dirt or noise, and, as all the surface property may be built upon after being utilized underneath for railroad purposes, the neighborhood of the station will be improved instead of marred, as is so often the case of the railroad lines are constructed on the surface or elevated.

"The company has acquired the bulk of its property for its principal station, and means to go forward in the acquisition of such additional properties as will be required, either by purchase or condemnation, in the belief that the city authorities will meet their application in a spirit of fairness and expedite as much as possible this much-needed improvement and great public convenience.

"Immediately upon the necessary authority being granted, the work of construction will proceed, and the whole line will be completed and put in operation as soon as possible."

WHAT IT ALL MEANS.

This means that Austin Corbin's life-dream of ocean steamships arising at and departing from Montauk Point will be realized in the person of his successor in all probability; it also means that the Pennsylvania Railroad will get into New England by a connection between Huntington, L. I., and South Norwalk, Conn., by Sound ferry, and that a big fight for supremacy in the metropolis must be waged between the Vanderbilts and the Pennsylvania Railroad for its metropolitan station.

COMMISSION MUST PASS ON PLANS.

The plans for a subway in Manhattan Island must be submitted to the Rapid-Transit commissioners and passed upon by them. The statement that the new road will be at such a depth as not to interfere with the present subway now being built, or with succeeding roads, will probably cause it to be favorably considered.

ROUTE OF THE ROAD.

The proposed road which is to connect with the road of a company to be organized under the laws of New Jersey, will extend from a point on the dividing line between the States of New York and New Jersey, opposite that portion New York city between West 23rd and West 46th streets, through a tunnel under the North River, borough of Manhattan, and East

River to the borough of Queens, and to terminate at a point near the property of the Long Island Railroad Company in that borough.

The tunnel plan was chosen because the cost will be very much less than the \$80,000,000, which the Pennsylvania would have to spend for a bridge, as the other companies looked to the big concern to take the entire financial responsibility, they to pay for the rights of its use.

It is estimated that the tunnel from Hunter's Point to 33rd street will cost only \$8,000,000. The tunnel under the North River will be a much harder proposition, but even at double the cost of the East River section the investment, calculating the benefits to the road of exclusively using the route, is considered to be a paying investment.

Austin Corbin, who made the Long Island Railroad known on the mainland, conceived the plan of making Montauk Point, the extreme easterly end of Long Island, the place of departure for Europe and the port of entry from the other side. By this route eight to ten hours' time would be gained by steamers bound for British ports.

MANITOBA CROPS

Enormous Yields of Wheat, Oats, Barley, Flax and Rye.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The following figures, denoting the total yield of Manitoba's winter crop of 1901, have been gleaned from the government crop bulletin, issued today:

Wheat, 2,011,835 acres under crop, average yield, 25.1 bushels; total yield, 50,502,086 bushels. Oats, 639,261 acres; average yield, 40.3 bushels; total, 27,796,588 bushels. Barley, 191,009 acres; average 34.2; total, 6,536,155. Flax, 20,978 acres; average, 12.7 bushels; total, 269,429 bushels. Rye, 4,707 acres; average, 23 bushels; total, 62,261 bushels. Total grain crop of the province is 85,173,853 bushels.

Potatoes, area in crop, 24,429 acres; average yield, 196 bushels; total yield, 4,797,433 bushels. Roots, area, 10,214; yield per acre, 236; total yield, 2,325,362. Poultry disposed of by farmers, turkeys, 77,220; geese, 33,940; chickens, 305,265.

New buildings for farm-houses, etc., in rural districts only (not applying to villages and towns), total value, \$1,424,880. Land prepared for crop of 1902, by acres—Breaking, 149,205; summer fallowing, 559,505; fall plowing, 767,150. Total area prepared for next year's crop, 1,475,860 acres.

Butter marketed by farmers, 1,748,000 tubs; average price, 14.4 cents. Total value, \$306,965.08. Summary of dairy products, dairy butter, 2,748,000 tubs; price, 14.4 cents; value, \$395,680. Creamery butter, 2,460,650; price, 17.93 cents; value, \$442,424.87. Cheese, 1,039,332 pounds; price, 8.5 cents; value, \$88,348.32. Total dairy products, \$926,314.91. Live stock—Horses, 142,000; cattle, 263,168; sheep, 22,990; pigs, 94,680.

STUCK ON BABY'S HEAD

Pail Stayed There Eight Hours Till Doctors Pulled the Thing Off.

New York, Dec. 14.—Two-year-old Charles Noblich, of 525 West 121st street, while left alone by his mother put a tin pail over his head. The pail covered up his face and fitted his head so well that when his mother tried to get it off it would not come. Then the child began to cry, his mother called in the neighbors and they could not get the pail off.

All the afternoon Mrs. Noblich worked at the pail without success. At night she took the boy with his head still imprisoned to the J. Hood Wright Hospital. There the doctors found it necessary to bathe the head in lotions to reduce the swelling that the pail had caused before they could pull the thing off.

The boy was none the worse except for the fright which his eight hours' incarceration in the pail had caused.

THE SMALLPOX

Numerous New Cases Added to Those on Porter's Island—How the Disease Is Spread.

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—The smallpox settlement on Porter's Island received an accession of fourteen persons Wednesday night. They consisted of one man who had smallpox well developed, and thirteen others who had been exposed to infection. All these persons arrived from the Winnipeg train. The smallpox patient was H. Grant, of Iolozon, from East Templeton, who had been working in McLaren's lumber camp at Moore's Lake. He was accompanied by his father and two other men got on the train without being noticed, but when the conductor came along he placed both in a car by themselves. When the train reached Ottawa all the passengers were bundled off to Porter's Island, where they were disinfected and vaccinated. The late arrivals brought the population on the island up to 38.

No further cases of smallpox have developed at Ottawa University. There is only one patient in the infirmary, and he is suffering from influenza. The quarantine will last until the 23rd. In the meantime the students are not allowed to send out letters or to communicate with the outside world other than by telephone. The parents of some of the students, who reside in the United States, are displaying anxiety, but the replies sent out to them are reassuring.

An infant eleven days old died at the Smallpox Hospital on Porter's Island Wednesday. The death was not due to smallpox, although the infant's mother, Mrs. Joseph Desjardins, was suffering from the disease.

Poor Girl, Pity Her

Growing! Yes, into weakness, but not strength. Studies—plenty of them. Tired, of course she is, and weak, too. Does not get enough, and digests far less than enough. This condition is so frequent, and how seldom it is seen by her parents. Give her iron, iron by food, her appetite improve, her cheeks and lips grow rosy, her weight elastic, her spirit buoyant. All this simply the result of eating and digesting enough, making blood, and thereby strengthening the nerve and brain power. Ferrazine gives a woman's strength to weak girls. Your mother of wife needs Ferrazine. Get it today at W. T. Strong & Co.'s.

RANKS FULL

Col. Evans Has Got His Six Hundred—Cavalry Left for a Few Yukon Men.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Col. Evans has got his 600 men, and expects to join the western contingent here on Monday on their way to Halifax. He has left a corner for whatever number may come from the Yukon to join at Halifax.

PLANS ALL READY

Sir Christopher Furness Will Erect at the Soo the Largest Plant on the Great Lakes.

Sault Ste. Marie, Dec. 14.—From our dispatches it has been learned that the plans for the big shipbuilding plant to be located at the Canadian "Soo" by English capital, headed by Sir Christopher Furness, are now prepared and the site chosen. The plans call for the largest plant on the Great Lakes, of a size sufficient to allow the building of four lake carriers of the largest type at the same time. Sir Christopher Furness, during his visit here in October, was enthusiastic over the "Soo" as a site for a shipbuilding plant, and secured complete statistics of lake commerce and all available facts relating to the shipping industry. The Canadian plant to be located west of and in close proximity to the Clergue steel works, the first portion of which is being nearing completion. Of the sixteen tube works mills, for which twenty-five million dollars has been raised, and in which Sir Christopher Furness and Mr. Clergue are interested, fourteen are to be built at the Michigan "Soo" and two in the Canadian "Soo." In connection with the tube works at the American "Soo" big batteries of coke ovens will be built.

THE WINTER FAIR

Big Turnout to Hear the Lectures on Poultry—The O. P. A. Chooses Officers.

Guelph, Ont., Dec. 13.—The agricultural lectures were well attended. In fact, there was not near enough accommodation for the crowds. Lectures were given by several prominent gentlemen. Hon. J. M. Gibson and Hon. Wm. Paterson were present at some of them. The best kind of ship, etc., was discussed. This was illustrated by live and dead specimens, selected from those on exhibition at the fair. Hon. John Dryden presided.

The afternoon lectures were on the best poultry at the winter fair. Guelph, especially was this the case in the poultry department, and all the more creditable was the success in that branch of the show in view of the keenness of the competition. Some of the best breeders in America had birds on exhibition. Among the principal winners were Wm. McNell, Richard C. Hugh Wyatt, Thorpe & Scott, Allan Boag, W. J. Patton, C. A. Stewart, H. Tozer, Latta Bros., R. McCurdy, Oke & Andrews, James Arthur, London; G. W. Tindler, Strathroy; N. Cass & Co., A. H. Kingsmill, J. B. Kettlewell, A. Carroll, London; T. J. Kiley, Aylmer; Carling Bros., Exeter; W. E. Wright, Glanworth.

In sheep, R. Gibson, of Delaware, W. E. Wright, of Glanworth, R. H. Harding, Thorndale; W. H. Beattie, Wilding Grove; John Hunter, Wyoming; E. O'Brien & Sons, Ridgeway, and J. T. Gibson, of Denfield, were among the winners. J. C. Nichol, of Hubrey, and W. R. McDonald, of Ridgeway, were winners in the swine department.

ATTACKED BY WOUNDED DEER IN THE WOODS

A Lone Pedestrian Nearly Killed Before Help Reached Him.

Roulette, Pa., Dec. 14.—Walter Ahrens, a pipe-line walker, while on his rounds through the woods of Upper Locoming county the other day was attacked by a wounded buck, and his life was saved only by the arrival on the scene of the hunter who had wounded the deer.

The buck had lain down behind a log, and was not seen by Ahrens until it rose, with the bristles on its neck erect, and its eyes flashing with anger, and rushed upon Ahrens. One of the hind legs was dragging helplessly on the ground.

The deer knocked Ahrens down before he could make a move to elude the ferocious animal's rush. The fall and the blow knocked the breath out of Ahrens, and the buck came down upon him with its fore-feet. He attacked all wooden fence more than do the possibilities of a hand-to-hand fight with a bear.

A wounded buck is the most dreaded object to be met with in the woods, and this one soon hammered Ahrens into unconsciousness with the force of the blows from its sharp hoofs, as he lay helpless on the ground.

Ahrens was armed with a revolver, but the deer's attack was so sudden and unexpected that he had no chance to draw and use it. A few seconds more of the fierce assaults of the buck would have surely ended Ahrens' life.

Fortunately for him, the hunter who had wounded the buck was close on its trail, and came upon the scene and shot the deer in time to save Ahrens' life.

Three of Ahrens' ribs were broken, his breast was badly gashed by the hoofs, and his right cheek cut to the bone.

The hunter got him to a lumber camp where his injuries were attended to.

VERDICT OF SCHLEY COURT OF INQUIRY.

The Admiral Condemned in Most Particulars—Dewey His Only Friend.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The report of the Schley court of inquiry was promulgated by Secretary Long last night. There are two reports—Admirals Benham and Ramsey concur in the first, which is signed by Admiral Dewey. Also, as a matter of form, Admiral Dewey makes a separate report, although he agrees with the findings of facts agreed to by the others. The admiralty court condemned Admiral Schley on eleven points, while Admiral Dewey sustains him in most particulars. The majority opinion finds in brief that Admiral Schley should have proceeded with the utmost dispatch to Cienfuegos and maintained a close blockade; that he should have endeavored to have obtained information of the Spanish squadron there; that he should have proceeded to Santiago with dispatch; that he should not have made the retrograde movement; that he should have obeyed the department's orders; that he should have endeavored to capture the Spanish vessels in Santiago, that he did not do his utmost to destroy the Colon; that he failed in the endeavor to lose distance in the loop of the Brooklyn; that he thereby caused the Texas to back; that he did injustice to Hodgson; that his conduct in the campaign was characterized by vagueness, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise; that his official reports on the coal supply were misleading and inaccurate; that his conduct during the battle was self-indulgent; that he encouraged in his own person his subordinate officers and men.

Admiral Dewey, in his report, says that the passage to Cienfuegos was made with all dispatch, that in view of his coal supply, the blockade of Cienfuegos was effective; that he allowed the Adula to enter Cienfuegos to inform; that his passage to Cienfuegos was with a complete surprise, as the blockade was not engaged in force, keeping the squadron together; that the blockade of Santiago was effective and finally, that he was a good officer of Santiago, in absolute command, and entitled to no credit due to the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

The length of time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the events of the Santiago campaign, the court recommends no further proceedings be held in the premises.

The report was a complete surprise. Instead of one court there are two. Both are signed by George Dewey, president, and Samuel C. Lemley, as judge advocate. This is a form said to be recognized in courts of inquiry, the signatures of the members not being necessary. But it is explained that Admiral Dewey signed the second report, a minority report, to express his qualification of the report from the views expressed by the court, comprising beside himself, Admirals Benham and Ramsey in the first report. It is said that the navy department that there will be no further proceedings in this celebrated case on the department's initiative.

CREED REVISION

Statement of the Reformed Presbyterian Faith Completed—College Federation.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Presbyterian committee on creed revision yesterday completed the brief statement of the reformers of the Reformed Presbyterian church, and the establishment of church members. It consists of sixteen articles. The official statement given out, after saying the statement was tentatively adopted, after careful and exhaustive discussion on the matter of the second instruction from the Assembly, the preparation of a declaratory statement to explain the points in the Confession of Faith, such as the doctrine of election and of the salvation of all infants.

Halifax, Dec. 14.—The governors of Kings College, Windsor, N. S., held a special meeting in Halifax Wednesday afternoon with closed doors. The meeting was attended by representatives from New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, and points in Nova Scotia. The meeting was a very important one, having for its object the federation of all the colleges in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and the establishment of one great university in the Maritime Provinces to give an education equal to any of the colleges in the United States or of McGill, Montreal.

After careful and exhaustive discussion, a committee was appointed to open communication with the various colleges concerned looking towards the formation of one central university.

COLOR GIRL HEIRRESS TO ENGLISH ESTATE

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 14.—Lottie Stewart, a colored girl of Mingo Junction, Ohio, has been notified that she is the heirress of an English estate. Her father was a slave, and years ago was taken to England as a servant. His master left him property, which he, on dying, bequeathed to his daughter. The bequest consists of 100 acres of land and \$2,000 in cash.

SWEET CAPORAL CIGARETTES.

Ten minutes of labor by one man is all that is now required to produce a bushel of wheat. In 1820 it required three hours and three minutes.

THERE IS DANGER in neglecting a cold. Many who have died of consumption dated their troubles from exposure, followed by a cold, which settled on their lungs, and in a short time they were beyond the skill of the best physician. Had they used Epley's Anti-Consumptive Syrup before it was too late, their lives would have been spared. This medicine has no equal for curing coughs, colds and all affections of the throat and lungs.

CANADIAN TRADE

Satisfactory Growth in Both Exports and Imports.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—The trade figures for the five months ended Nov. 30 were made public yesterday, and in comparison with the same period of last year they denote a most satisfactory growth in both imports for consumption and exports. The total imports for consumption were \$4,427,717, an increase of \$1,315,513. The imports of dutiable goods show an advance of \$3,221,900, and the free goods an advance of \$2,347,000. The total exports, reckoning only domestic products, reached a total of \$94,728,088, or \$1,863,000 more than for the first five months of the last fiscal year. The increase in exports was largely contributed to by shipments of wheat. The imports for November only were \$3,643,000 ahead of the same month last year. The exports show a betterment of \$1,742,000. To this increase agricultural exports furnished \$1,248,770, and animals and their products, \$521,375. There was a slight falling off in minerals, lumber and manufactures for the month. The following is a detailed statement of the imports and exports for the five months:

Table with columns for 1900, 1901, Dutiable goods, Free goods, Total, and Grand total. Values in dollars and cents.

BREACH OF PROMISE SETTLED FOR \$3,000.

Eaton Rapids, Mich., Dec. 14.—Springport figures conspicuously in news of promise suits recently. The last one took place at the Eaton Rapids House. Frances Cranson started out against Lewis Ferris for \$3,000. The two attorneys, with their clients, came to an agreement, Mr. Ferris giving Miss Cranson \$3,000 to settle it. Mr. Ferris is about 60 years old, while Miss Cranson is about 40 years old.

HOW TO CURE ALL SKIN DISEASES.

Simply apply Swayne's Ointment. No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for Swayne's Ointment. ywt

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Telegraphic Briefs.

The Soo Canal is closed. Philadelphia is suffering from a soft coal famine. The United States Senate will adjourn for the holidays from Dec. 19 to Jan. 4.

THE TRADE SITUATION

Business in Good Shape in the Dominion.

Large Demand for Holiday and Other Seasonable Goods.

The Outlook as Outlined by Bradstreet's and Dun's Mercantile Agencies.

Toronto, Dec. 13.—Bradstreet's trade review, weekly summary: Wholesale trade at Montreal the past week has been favorably affected by the change from milder to colder weather, which brought with it a firmer demand for seasonable goods.

Trade at Toronto has been quite active this week. The demand for fancy goods for the holiday trade and the big range of goods of a useful character, but suitable for gifts, have greatly added to the volume of business being done.

Trade at Hamilton this week has been good. Large shipments of holiday goods and staples for the current demands of trade are being made and prospects for business up to the close of the year are very bright.

Business at Winnipeg has been active this month. The demand for goods from country points is larger than in previous years. The bounty on harvests and the increased purchasing power of the people as a result of large crops is an important factor.

Trade at Vancouver and Victoria is particularly good, and the prospects are bright. The number of large projects at present before the people of the province promise increased activity in many lines this coming year.

Trade at London has been better this week. There has been a good demand from country points, and jobbers have been busy shipping goods. The values of staple goods for the spring are firmly held, and there is a feeling of confidence for the future.

The Toronto General Hospital has consented, on condition that the other hospitals do likewise, to set apart one ward to accommodate sick consumptive patients.

Sid Preacher, noted outlaw, killed J. C. James and Thomas King, who attempted to arrest him in Houston, Tex. Preacher died almost as soon as his victims did.

Judge McMahon has quashed a by-law of Streeville granting a bonus to the Streetway Improvement Commission, grounds being that the mills are outside the corporation limits.

President Whitney has disposed of his controlling interest in the Dominion Steel and Iron Company to Jas. Ross, Montreal, and other leading capitalists in the Bank of Montreal.

The U. S. Senate commission on isthmian canals authorized a favorable report upon Senator Morgan's bill, providing for the acquisition of the right of way via the Nicaragua route.

A. B. Lowenthal, of New York, was touched in Portland, Ore., the other day for \$15,000 in jewelry. W. H. Woods and True Johnson were arrested in Omaha, Neb., with some of the loot in their clothing.

The United States Senate has agreed to take a vote before adjournment next Monday on the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and construction of an isthmian canal.

It transpires that the gift of \$10,000,000 which Andrew Carnegie tendered to Monday on the New Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and construction of an isthmian canal.

Raw material in the textile industries has developed distinct firmness. Cotton made a further advance.

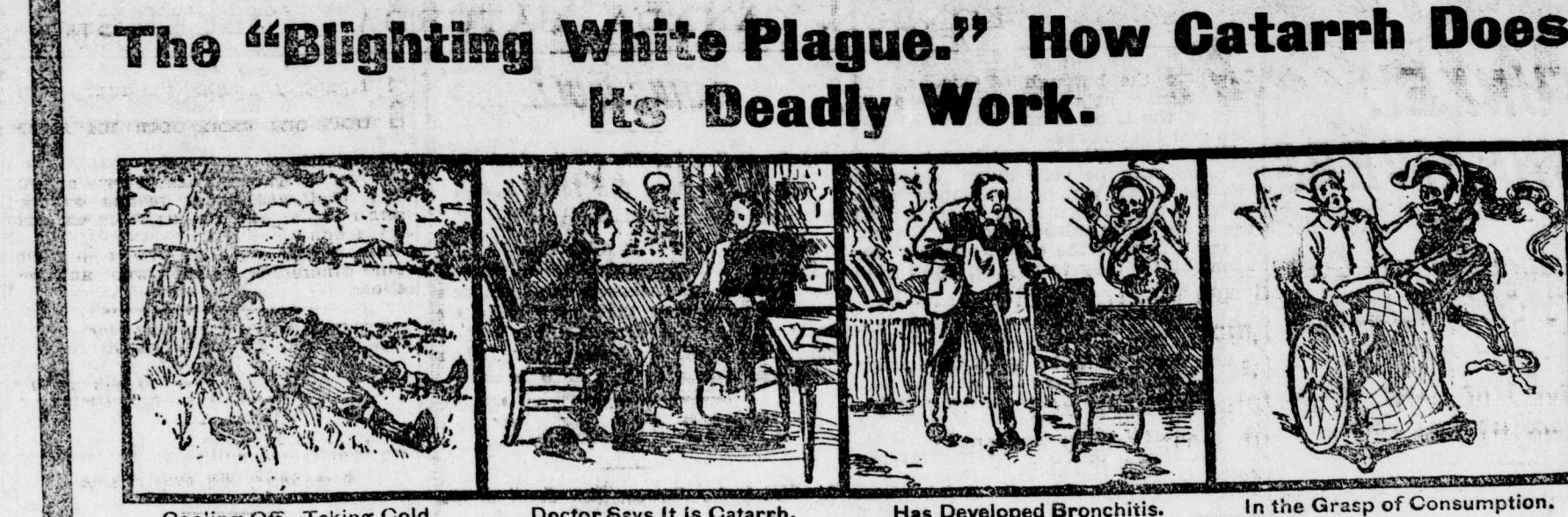
The drygoods market is quiet, with no urgency to force sales, and prices of some lines are higher.

Wool is readily taken at unchanged figures. Mills here are busy, and fall lines of overcoatings have opened satisfactorily.

Raw materials in the footwear industry advanced still further. Leather is firmer, but shoe manufacturers are unable to secure commensurate gains, because some shops still have contracts for material at old prices and are able to hold quotations to jobbers at former figures.

Western grain producers and dealers have expressed great faith in the future of prices. Exports of wheat, including flour, from all ports of the United States, were 8,663,611 bushels during the last two weeks, against 7,517,205 last year, or an increase of 259 two years ago.

The "Blighting White Plague." How Catarrh Does Its Deadly Work.



It is just the same old story of exposure to cold. The neglected cold becoming chronic catarrh extending along the delicate mucous membrane to the bronchial tubes and developing chronic bronchitis, causing coughing and expectoration. Still neglected, further extension, the lungs are reached, catarrhal consumption is established. The "White Plague" scores another victory and the grave conceals the record of neglected catarrh. A well-worn road to a withering light and untimely death. Thousands upon thousands have traveled it, and thousands upon thousands more will travel it. Every year develops a multitude of new victims.

Consumption the fell destroyer is most alarming in its frequency and dire in its results for it annually consumes 200,000,000,000 in the United States alone. It is a disease which spares neither age, sex, rank or fortune. It is like the vampire that drinks up the vital streams and stifles with its wings the hopes which usually attend the dawn of life. It is a terrible and insatiable tyrant, marching down the aisles of life, blighting, devastating, desolating, and leaving a desolate empire of misery and death.

Catarrh is a forerunner of most cases of consumption. The presence of catarrh is evidence of a predisposition to the "Withering White Plague." Do not let it progress, stop it, cure it. Before it has reached the lungs you can do this with very little effort and expense. Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are a sovereign remedy for the peculiar constitutional condition of systemic dyscrasia that heralds chronic catarrh. They drive catarrh out of the system and heal the evidences of its ravages so long as the destructive processes have not been allowed to progress to a point beyond possibility of repair. They will cure catarrh of the head, nose, throat, ears, bronchial tubes, and the alimentary tract, but if once lung substance is destroyed and in the cheeks the hectic spots burn brightly like signal lamps of death, then they are powerless to save. There is a point in the destructive process when no medicine can cure, where no agency yet discovered will arrest or reverse the process.

Be timely wise, cure your catarrh while yet it may be cured. Take no chances of some exposure fanning the smoldering fire of chronic catarrh into a devastating conflagration of consumption. You can buy Stuart's Catarrh Tablets at any drug store for 50 cents a box. Try them and you will become their advocate and friend.

Mr. J. N. Benton, whose address is care of Clark House, Troy, N. Y., says: "When I run up against anything that is good I like to tell people of it. I have been troubled with catarrh more or less for some time. Last winter more than ever. Tried several so-called cures, but did not get any benefit from them. About six weeks ago I bought a 50-cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and I am glad to say that they have done wonders for me and I do not hesitate to let all my friends know that Stuart's Catarrh Tablets are the right thing."

Mr. Geo. J. Casanova, of hotel Griffin, West 6th Street, New York City, writes: "I have commenced using Stuart's Catarrh Tablets and already they have given me better results than any catarrh cure I have ever tried."

Mr. A. R. Fernbank of Columbus, Ohio, says: "I suffered so many winters from catarrh that I took it as a matter of course, that nothing would cure it except a change of climate, which my business affairs would not permit me to take. My nostrils were almost always clogged up, and I had to breathe through the mouth, causing an inflamed, irritated throat. The thought of eating breakfast often nauseated me and the catarrh gradually getting into my stomach took away my appetite and digestion."

"My druggist advised me to try a fifty-cent box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets, because he said he had so many customers who had been cured of catarrh by the use of these tablets, that he felt he could honestly recommend them. I took his advice and used several boxes with results that surprised and delighted me."

"I always keep a box of Stuart's Catarrh Tablets in the house and the whole family use them freely on the first appearance of a cough or cold in the head."

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Send a postal card to F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., requesting their free book on catarrh. Write for it today.

Manufacturing and 1,604,189 in trading. Failures for the week numbered 272 in the United States against 269 last year, and in Canada, against 26 last year.

BRADSTREET'S. Bradstreet's report: The reactionary tone of speculation in securities, cereals and provisions this week only serves to bring into sharper relief the reports of active retail and holiday trade, of unparalleled movements in leading industries and of the enormous business going forward indicated by reports of heavy duty earnings and unprecedented railway earnings.

The tightness of money is on the one hand a discouragement to speculators but is nevertheless a reflection of the increased demands of legitimate trade. Among the industries iron and steel are easily first in strength of demand and prices, and the word bought is most accurately descriptive of the situation as regards the feeling in trade generally.

The New York stock market, after suffering from speculative liquidation, is in Ottawa, there is a good trade, and shows a slightly better tone. Bonds have been relatively firm, with a good demand for prime issues at sustained figures. Foreign exchange has declined.

The steady rise in wheat and corn prices show since the early part of November resulted in a gain of about 12 cents in wheat and 50 cents in corn, from which the fall this week is only about 8 cents.

Cotton alone of the great agricultural staples has the strongest liquidation. Staple cottons are on the whole firmer. Gingham is in very strong shape.

Woolen goods are in good demand, particularly for dress wear, and many reports of heavy duty orders. Wool is strong, though unchanged, on good demand, with London slightly higher on merinos and unchanged on cross-breeds.

Boots and shoe manufacturers are still busily employed, and shipments still heavily exceed last year. Leather is firm, and while hides are easier, tanners are not anxious to buy largely.

Lumber is in better shape at a number of markets. Business failures for the week numbered 238, against 237 last week, 247 in this week last year, 211 in 1920, 234 in 1919, and 233 in 1918. Canadian trade returns for the year are encouraging.

Failures for the week numbered 23, and comparing with 18 in this week a year ago, 28 in 1920 and 32 in 1919. Clearings for the week aggregated \$45,909,225, a decrease of 5 per cent from last week, but a gain of 37.2 per cent over last year.

BANK CLEARINGS. New York, Dec. 13.—The following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending Dec. 12, with percentages of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year: New York, \$1,662,900,763; increase, 20.2. Chicago, \$1,762,250,459; increase, 31.9. Boston, \$1,419,628,308; decrease, 42.8. Philadelphia, \$1,082,257,123; increase, 20.5. St. Louis, \$56,900,591; increase, 54.4. Pittsburgh, \$44,236,580; increase, 43.3. Baltimore, \$33,487,067; increase, 6.7. San Francisco, \$23,835,638; increase, 14.3. Cincinnati, \$19,768,200; increase, 12. Kansas City, \$20,910,872; increase, 19.2. Buffalo, \$8,824,529; Montreal, \$19,313,692; increase, 40.4. Toronto, \$15,572,573; increase, 32.7. Winnipeg, \$4,820,390; increase, 74.5. Halifax, \$2,026,516; increase, 25.4. Vancouver, B. C., \$905,578; increase, 17.6. Hamilton, \$922,229; increase, 2.5. St. John, N. B., \$81,890; increase, 13.4. Victoria, B. C., \$376,355; increase, 51. Quebec, \$1,586,153.

BURNED BY LIQUID AIR. Ottawa, Kas., Dec. 14.—Prof. W. B. Paty, of Chicago, a lecturer on liquid air, was badly burned last night by the explosion of a small cannon with which he was attempting to demonstrate the explosive power obtained from liquid air.

TIED OF 90-YEAR-OLD HUSBAND. Mont Clemens, Mich., Dec. 14.—Mary A. Cline, aged 74 years, has commenced proceedings for divorce against her husband, Joshua Cline, aged 90. Mary and her bill of complaint set up as couple for divorce, extreme cruelty.

A Sick Stomach is always relieved, and its unpleasant consequences averted by taking thirty drops of Peave's Nerveine in a little sweetened water. It instantly relieves the nausea and by its soothing and stimulating powers, calms the stomach and enables it to complete the work it has in hand. Nerveine has been proved more than a million times the best remedy for stomach and bowel troubles. Nerveine will cure you.

FIGHT AT BOSTOCK'S

Bears, Lions and Hybrid Wolves in a Scrap —One Bear Killed.

Toronto, Dec. 14.—A fierce combat took place at Bostock's animal arena on Wednesday between three black bears from India, two forest-bred lions and two hybrid wolves. As a result one bear is dead.

Mr. Johnson, the menagerie superintendent, discovered the battle soon after it started, and called to his assistance Herman Weelen, Arthur Mullen and others, who entered the cage with hot irons and revolvers to quell the disturbance. Mullen was bitten in the calf of one leg, but his injury is not dangerous.

It was twelve minutes before the animals were separated. Then it was found that a six-year-old bear, very valuable, had been bitten through the jugular vein. He died soon after.

The hybrids are a cross between American bloodhounds and Siberian wolves and have been trained by Mme. Beaufort. They are very savage and probably they started the battle, there was excitement during the combat, and Mr. Bostock regards it as fortunate that it occurred when no audience was present.

A Certain Remedy for Corns. and one always to be relied upon, is Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. Safe, sure and always painless. Nearly fifty nations approve its value. Beware of cheap imitations. Get Putnam's at druggists'.

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At Single First Class Fare, good going Dec. 21 and 25, good returning until Jan. 6, 1902.

At First Class Fare and One-Third, good going Dec. 21, 23, 24 and 25, 1901, returning until Jan. 5, 1902.

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COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS. (On presentation of Commercial Traveler's Railway Certificate) at Single First Class Fare, good Dec. 20 to 25, 1901, Dec. 21, 1901, and Jan. 1, 1902. Tickets good returning until Jan. 6, 1902.

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GENERAL PUBLIC. Going Dates and Limits.—At one-way first class fare, Dec. 21 and 25. Tickets good returning from destination not later than Dec. 26, 1901, and also on Dec. 21, 1901, and Jan. 1, 1902. Tickets good returning from destination not later than Jan. 2, 1902.

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At Cato's Head, in Russell street, These leaves she sat stitching; I fancy she was stitching and stitching Blue-eyed and quite bewitching.

Before her, in the street below, All powder, puffs and laces, There strutted idle London beaux To ogle pretty faces;

While, filling many a Sedan chair With hoop and monstrous feather, In patch and powder London's fair Went trooping past together.

Swift, Addison, and Pope, mayhap They sauntered slowly past her, Dr. printer's boy, with gown and cap For Steele, waiting 'till later.

For beau nor wit had she a look, Nor lord nor mind; She bent her head above this book, Attentive to her binding.

And one stray thread of golden hair, Caught on her nimble fingers, Was stitched within this volume, where Until today it lingers.

Past and forgotten, beaux and fair; Wigs, powder, all out-dated; A queer antique, the Sedan chair; Pope, stiff and antiquated.

Yet as I turn these odd old plays, This single stray lock finding, I'm back in those forgotten days And watch her at her binding.

—Walter Learned.

Mr. J. H. Stoddard's strictures on some present-day managerial methods, as expressed by him to a member of The Advertiser staff during his visit here three weeks ago in "The Bonnie Brier Bush," are unfortunately too well founded, and coming from one who has spent on the boards a term of years as long as the allotted span of human life, they are worthy of grave consideration.

How much of truth there is in Mr. Stoddard's remarks is apparent when such latter-day successes and their unpropitious results are considered in the light of the records of other arts and professions. One picture never gained an artist the coveted R. A., and one composition never earned for a musician the title of master.

Julia Marlowe has been asked since she produced "When Knighthood Was in Flower" whether she had deserted Shakespeare and the classic drama for the more modern productions. She answered:

"No, no; you must not think that Shakespeare is my pinnacle, and I hope yet to make my grand effort—the effort of my life—in the classic drama. Why, all my training was in that direction. My adopted aunt was an actress in classic drama, and I learned Shakespearean parts when I was a very young girl. I first learnt my Juliet when I was Juliet's own age—14—and before I knew what it all meant. In those days my own desire was to wear quaint, old-fashioned costumes, and although the desire to play Shakespeare is as firm as ever, I find as I grow older that I am more anxious to please the larger audiences. Some day, as I said before, I shall again play Shakespeare, but when I do I hope to have a great audience, which will come to see me. Then to those who come to see Shakespeare played I shall play my very best, and among those who come only out of curiosity to see Julia Marlowe play Shakespeare I shall try to awaken a love for Shakespeare which shall surpass the feeling of interest in Julia Marlowe or any other actress of Shakespeare's work."

The comedy triumph Miss Marlowe has achieved as Mary Tudor in the new play makes her estimate of special interest at this time, and those who have been stirred by her work in emotional and tragic situations will be surprised perhaps to learn that she thinks she is a better comedian than she is tragedian. On this point she said: "Of my own acting I can only say that I am best in comedy. The serious acting I give my very best efforts to, but I feel that comedy is my métier. But whether I am playing in comedy or in the serious drama I recognize my responsibility to the great public who come to see me act. The sense of that responsibility must be before every one that lives, so to speak in the public eye. When I see crowds sometimes standing at the door of a theater to see me go in or out

I cannot but feel that if they have curiosity enough for that I must make use of that curiosity to hold them by the very best there is to give; that I must send my message on behalf of the things which are artistic and good."

"The Christian" is announced as the Grand's holiday attraction on New Year's day. No booking has yet been made for Christmas. "Mam'zelle Awkins," a bright and successful musical comedy, is also down for presentation at the Grand in the near future. Della Stacey, the favorite comedienne, is with it.

"The House that Jack Built" closed last week on account of poor business. H. Reeves-Smith will star next year in "The Tyranny of Tears," one of John Drew's successes.

Thomas G. Seabrooke has closed his tour again, "A Modern Crusoe" again having proved not worth while.

What the Elks describe as a "Social Session" the White Rats of America denominate "A Scamper." The word is well chosen.

Beebohn Tree has the English rights to Paul Hervieu's drama "L'Enigme," recently played at the Comedie Francaise, Paris. Miss Amelia Bingham has added Miss Cora Tanner to her forces. This well-known American actress will be seen in one of the leading roles of "The Climbers."

Henry Guy Carlton is at work on a new play of the south. The characters, it is said, are mostly natives of the north, translated to the sunnier southland.

"Paul Kester has sold his play, 'Mile, Mars,' to Mrs. Langtry, who will produce it in London next month, and present it in the United States next season.

The Windsor Opera Company produced "The Mascot" at Harmonie Hall Windsor, last week. There was a considerable infusion of Detroit talent in the organization.

Mrs. Patrick Campbell will begin her American season in Chicago as Magda in the play of that name Dec. 30. Her New York debut is fixed for Jan. 13, at the Theater Republic.

Annie O'Neill (Mrs. Henry C. Miner) will return to the stage this season, assuming the leading role in the production of "Sweet and Twenty" at the Madison Square Theater.

Lulu Glaser, in "Dolly Varden," has found a New York date, though it is not until after the holidays. This attraction is reported to follow Mr. Mansfield at the Herald Square.

New York has more than 60 theaters, yet the entire period during which there has been a theater in America is covered by three generations. Col. Brown's history goes back only to 1752.

Helen MacGregor has been engaged to succeed Cecilia Loftus in E. H. Sothern's company. She will assume the position in March, when Miss Loftus leaves to join Sir Henry Irving.

Although "The Messenger Boy," with James T. Powers as "the boy," is in its third month at Daly's Theater, New York, there is as yet not the slightest sign of waning public interest in it.

Lulu Glaser is emulating her eloquent brethren of the stage in making entreaty speeches that are said to rival those of Henry Irving and Joseph Jefferson in happy extemporaneous touches.

Henrik Ibsen is gradually growing weaker under his malady. A dispatch from Copenhagen last Thursday says that he is now unable to walk and that all hope for his recovery has been abandoned.

Frederick Paulding is to revive the old-fashioned plan of stock-starring. That is to say, he will play engagements in his own repertory with resident check companies in the cities throughout the country.

The favorites who had been almost looked upon as derelicts made a sudden reappearance in Boston the other day. They were Marie Jansen and Marion Manola, and they sang in a production of "Bocaccio."

Mark Twain saw a performance of "The Bonnie Brier Bush" at the Republic, New York, during the closing week of its run here, and said: "I have never seen a play that is better than any sermon I ever heard."

Nance O'Neill and her company gave a benefit for the Soldiers' Comforts Fund at the Good Hope Theater, Cape Town, South Africa, on Oct. 19. The play was "Maids," in which Miss O'Neill scored a decided success.

"Lovers' Lane" has been played continuously for ten months. The manager of it is E. D. Price, who was for many years a Detroit newspaper worker, and who entered the theatrical profession in 1881 as business manager for John McCullough.

George Woodward, who succeeded the late James A. Herne as Capt. Dan Marble in "Sag Harbor," seems to have carried the character to success. Miss Chrystal Herne is playing Martha Reese, and the remainder of the cast is substantially as it was when Mr. Herne was alive.

It is noticed that Joe Cawthorne has made a clear hit as a German nurse in the massive Klaw & Erlanger production of "The Sleeping Beauty and the Beast." Harry Enger and John Hymans as a king and a doctor, respectively are said to share the comic honors with Cawthorne.

London. Nat asserted that while only two or three English stars had failed in America, a real American success in London would be a nine days' wonder to both Englishmen and Americans.

Fanny Rice has returned to New York and is now hard at work rehearsing. She has been engaged for a special twenty weeks' tour in vaudeville theaters only, presenting a sketch entitled "A Jolly Surprise" to which she will introduce the specialties that were features of her most successful plays.

Francis Wilson probably will take the leading role in the forthcoming production of "The Torador," the Knickerbocker Theater. "The Strollers," in which Mr. Wilson is now appearing, will continue its tour with a substitute comedian—either John E. Henshaw or W. G. Ferguson, it is said.

Composers from the ranks of the theatrical profession are rare. The only one of prominence added during the past year is Harry Girard, a primary member of the "Star and Toy" Company. Mr. Girard's latest work, a song cycle, entitled "The Trend of Time," is slated for an early metropolitan production.

Mrs. Leslie Carter with her large company, which will leave New York by a special train of seven cars on Saturday, December 7th. On Tuesday, December 10th, David Belasco will present her for the first time in his new play "Du Barry." The premiere will take place at the New National Theater, Washington.

Manager W. S. Cleveland will send out Cleveland's Tip-Top Minstrel company, headed by W. P. Sweatman, in January, also Cleveland's Polite Vaudeville company, headed by J. Aldrich Libby and Katherine Trayer. In May they will join to tour for the summer.

A report was published last week that Maurice Barrymore was dying at the sanitarium since he had been a patient since last spring. The officials at the sanitarium denied the story, and said that, on the contrary, Mr. Barrymore's health was improving.

"Ben Hur" began its third year at the Olympia Theater in St. Louis Wednesday, Nov. 27, with a \$2,300 house. It ended its run in St. Louis last night, and will open an engagement at five weeks at the Alvin Theater in Pittsburgh tomorrow night.

Almost all actors have fads, and James K. Hackett is not an exception to the rule. Aside from the stage, which has been his passion since boyhood, he is devoted to sportsman. While in college he was prominent in all sports, football, baseball, lacrosse and especially fencing—which latter art he has followed up to the present time.

The Augustin Daly Musical Comedy Company in "San Toy," has quite captured the fancy of the public. Samuel Collins as Li has scored an especially noteworthy hit. His grotesque methods, rollicking humor and impromptu jokes have been highly appreciated.

The Kirke J. Shelle Opera Company, presenting "The Princess Chic," played to the capacity of theaters at every performance throughout the Canadian cities, including Toronto. In the latter city it was given for the fourth engagement, and its former big money record was broken.

The company is now en route to San Francisco, Co. Company number 50 people, and requires a special train of five cars, which includes two baggage cars, two Pullman cars and one coach.

Klaw & Erlanger's production of the Drury Lane spectacle, "The Sleeping Beauty and the Prince," at the Broadway Theater, New York, has topped all records at this house for attendance and receipts. Saturday, the 16th inst., its receipts for the two performances of the day were \$4,739. Saturday, the 23rd, the receipts for the matinee and night were \$4,908. Those figures represent the two largest days' business ever done on Broadway at prices ranging from twelve to fifteen cents.

May Robson, the "Mrs. Bang," of "The Messenger Boy," a week ago had her wardrobe for the part of "Mrs. Bang" added to a maid's unexpected "A Brace of Partridges," and C. D. Moon, manager of the opera house at Eau Claire, Wis., discovered a hat on the table in a local restaurant, when they thought would strike Miss Robson's fancy. To say it was a wonderful creation would be to put it mildly. Such another grotesque "confection" in millinery does not exist on earth.

They bought it and sent it to Miss Robson by express, and she now wears it in the first act of "The Messenger Boy."

It is doubtful if E. H. Sothern would leave New York in months but for the fact that the attraction booked to follow him at the Gordon Theater is his wife, Virginia Harned, in "Alice of Old Vincennes." Mr. Sothern has the bite of his career in "I Was King," but even to prolong his metropolitan run—which is the first desire of all stars—will not consider the postponement of his wife's star debut on Broadway. Reports agree that Miss Harned in "Alice of Old Vincennes," has scored a gratifying success.

There was much ado in the newspapers throughout the country last fall over the reception accorded Madame Modjeska on her visit to Poland during the summer after an absence of nearly twenty years. But she was Prussian and not Russian. Poland she visited on this occasion. She is a native of the latter, from which she is still a political exile. In a recent interview the great actress stated that the powerful influence which was brought to bear upon her, from whom she hopes to secure a pardon so that she may visit her native city next summer.

JESTS ON THE "PERFESH." "There is a great deal of egotism on the stage," "There is," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, regretfully. "I have met three or four actors who seemed to think they know as much about 'Hamlet' as I do!"

"I want you to remember," snapped the leading actress, who had had a misunderstanding with one of the subordinate players behind the scenes, "that I'm the star in this play!" "I know you're the star," returned the girl, glancing at the slender proportions of the other, and shrugging her shoulders, "but I've a look better, my dear, if you were a little meteor."

A vague paragrapher wrote for his paper an announcement that a celebrated comedian had met with a serious injury by the upsetting of his (livery) carriage, but reassuringly added that he had so far recovered that he would appear in the following evening "in three pieces."

"So you were bound and gagged by bandits while in Italy, were you?" asked the garrulous person. "Regular comic opera bandits, ah?" "No, sir," said the traveler, "there was nothing of the comic opera style about them; the gags they used were all new."

Jaggies—that theatrical manager classed to have expended twenty thousand dollars on the costumes. Waggle—Yet the police raided his show because there wasn't costumes enough.

A Rainy Daisy—May—you don't mind to say you are going to see the ballet? Pamela—Yes; I want to get some idea for a rainy day costume.

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DO FISHES GO TO SLEEP? Novel Question Sprung on Uncle Sam's Experts.

One Declares That Fish Do Slumber, and Gives Reasons for His Belief—Information for Questioning Anglers.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Do fish sleep? This question has been puzzling the experts at the United States Fish Commission for the past week, and some of them are not yet absolutely certain whether fish indulge in slumber or are sufferers from insomnia.

Several amateur anglers had a discussion in the lobby of an uptown hotel the other day on this phase of the life of the finny creature, and being unable to reach a decision to their satisfaction they made an appeal to the Fish Commission to aid them in their difficulty.

A messenger was sent with a note to General M. Bowers, United States fish commissioner, asking his opinion on the subject. Mr. Bowers was absent from his desk, and the messenger was referred to the various scientists who were the fish culture study in the statement that they were the proper officials to whom to apply for this information.

Mr. Bowers was explained, being the executive officer of the commission and not a close student of the habits and customs of fish, was naturally limited in his knowledge of the ways of these denizens of the water. He had hauled in many black bass from the Potomac River near his home in West Virginia, but was not an expert on the life of the many varieties of fish which he had seen.

When the question was placed before the scientists of the commission, there was a long, painful pause, and hurried, questioning glances were exchanged between the anglers. He sought hesitation a discussion was started, at the end of which these wise men were no nearer an answer to the question than the propounders of it.

When the fish indulges in peaceful slumber, the same as human beings and terrestrial animals, was a problem that had not received careful consideration from the experts. Several opinions were expressed, and many theories advanced, but arguments failed to prove them.

One of the learned men, upon the impulse of the moment, declared that fish did not sleep because they did not close their eyes. A colleague called the attention of his brother scientist to the fact that fish had no eyelids, consequently it was impossible for them to conceal their organ of sight.

This seemed to explode the theory of the first learned man. Finally the scientists acknowledged their inability to answer the question, but asserted that a careful study would be made of the matter. They were confident that a correct solution would result.

Before a practical test was made, an absent member of the commission's staff returned from a business trip and rescued the experts from their difficulty. He declared that fish slept, and forthwith presented his argument. He said that the first thing to consider was the meaning of the word "sleep." That had to be definitely determined. His notion was that in all living creatures there was more or less inactivity, mental and bodily, which necessitated rest, and to secure proper rest sleep was indispensable.

Fish were active, and for a great part of their lives were moving about, which required a certain amount of rest from physical exertion. As regards mental repose, this expert was not in a position to express a decided opinion.

If there was any mental exhaustion among the finny tribe, he said it might

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be confined to their efforts to resist the temptation of swallowing the bait offered them by the anglers. He sought the idea that fish did not sleep because they did not close their eyes.

In support of this position he argued that human beings have been known to sleep without dropping the eyelids. And among animals it was not an uncommon occurrence for them to sleep with eyes wide open.

Continuing, the expert said that he had observed fish in an aquarium which gave every evidence that they were indulging in sleep. They would remain for a long time at the bottom of a tank, resting in an upright position upon their tails, which, while not a comfortable attitude, was not unlike that of certain human beings at times. In other forms of repose fish lay on their sides, and also rested their bodies upon moss and shrubbery in the tank.

The habits of the catfish, bullhead and sunfish were mentioned as another illustration of sleeping fish. During the winter season these species go to the bottom of the water and flounder about until they become encased in mud and there remain during the cold period. This was certainly sleep, indulged in by them, and it was a logical inference that other specimens of fish were compelled to obtain rest in the nature of sleep.

This was the general conclusion reached, said the scientist, by ichthyologists who had given this phase of fish life careful study.

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A BATTLE OF FINANCE.

BY MARTHA McCULLOCH WILLIAMS.
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The holiday crowd at Hillhurst was twice as big as common—Clegg, the storekeeper, had put in a telephone the week before, and at least half the folk round about were in doubt as to whether or no telephons talk were not all a make-believe. When two or three of the chief skeptics had actually called up acquaintances in the country town, and spoken privily with them over the wire, doubt was swallowed up in emulation—every white man in the crowd, and at least half the blacks, began to cudgel their brains for a reasonable excuse to do likewise. Beyond question the superior airs of those who had telephonic friends or concerns were rather hard to bear. The fact, though, was scarcely an excuse for crowding Clegg away from his own receiver.

Clegg was more than reasonably shrewd. He had known the phone would draw a crowd, hence, he argued, trade. It cut him to the quick to hear old Squire Massey call up Blinks & Bilkins in the country town, and order, haltingly, and with much repetition, fifty-odd dollars' worth of Christmas stuff, not a bit better than Clegg's himself had in stock. Since there were always plenty of people there to follow the Squire's lead, more orders went into town—in fact, before dinner time, that is to say, twelve o'clock, Clegg estimated his loss of trade at five hundred dollars.

"Wall! All it got to say is—my loss'll be your gain," he said to Ned Lester, who has run in for crackers and oysters. At least Ned said that was his errand, though his eyes and set mouth betokened something more important. "If this ere station gets to doin' big business the railroad'll pay ye enough ter live like er white man—

Christmas money. Christmas came upon the Tuesday of next week—hence the deliveries of this Saturday, which was, moreover, mild and moist, the best sort of handling weather. Low clouds, fleecy gray, raced across the sky, letting fall now and then a few big drops. There would be steady rain as soon as the wind lulled. That was what had brought the whole section across the creek pell-mell to the store. The creek, dry through six months of the year, had not a single bridge in its 29-mile course. A big rain would send it all out of banks, and keep it past fording for at least three days.

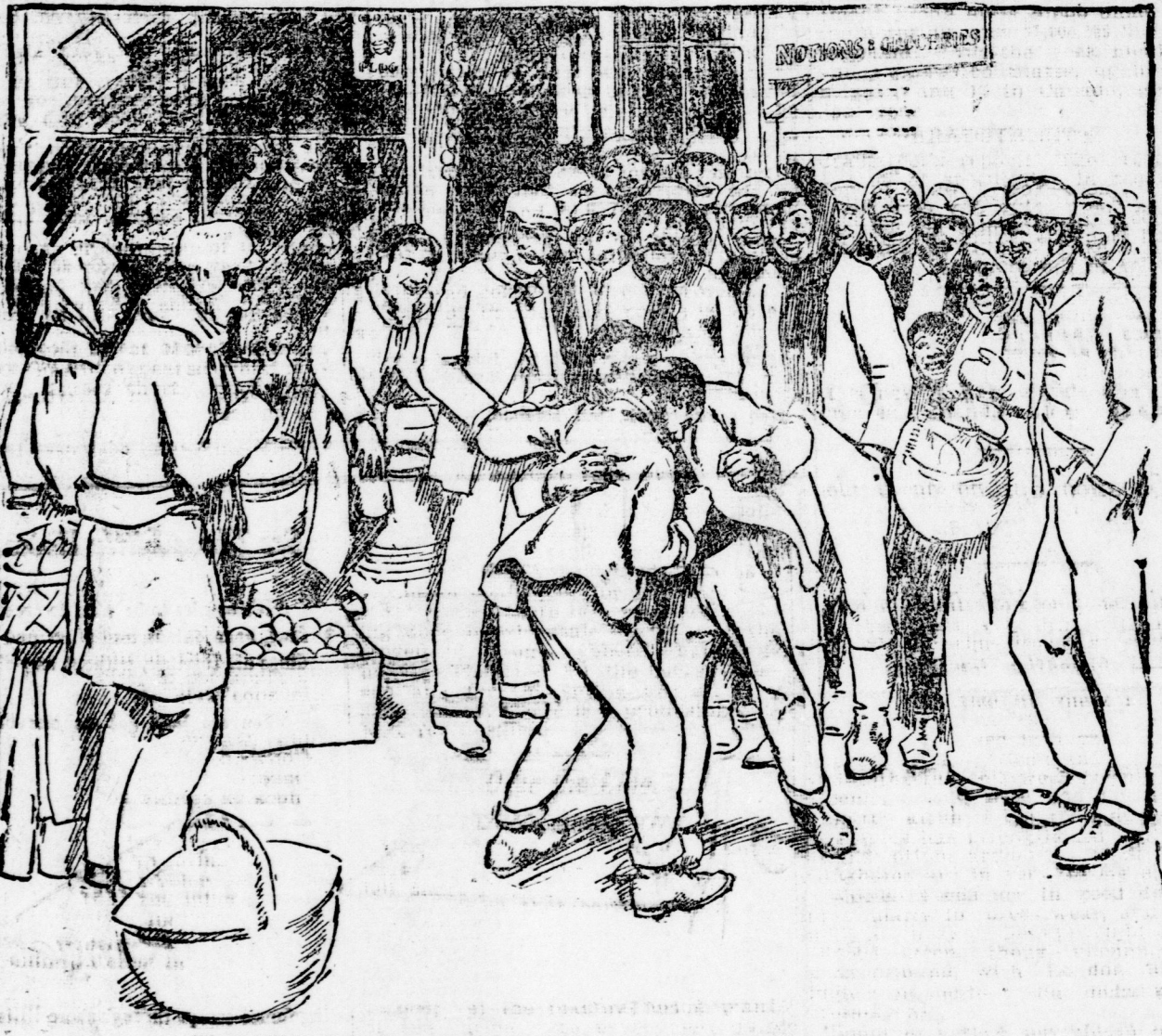
Thus man and wind and weather had conspired to keep Ned from any chance of privacy. When he stepped out on the porch with his purchases under his arm he saw heads and hats stretching along the breadth of the big road all along the store front, and marked, beyond these wondrous loads of fresh customers clattering down the hill. The hill hardly deserved that name—it was no more than a low swell. But since the creek ran at its foot and the railroad was carved out of its lower edge there was some excuse for considering it in the station's name. Ned pulled his hat lower, pushed away a couple of too friendly dogs, nodded greetings to twenty among the black people, then went down into the press shouldering his way through it as best he might.

In the edge of it he stopped short. Right before him, Prophet Elias Hinton, called Prophet for short, set his hands trumpet-wise about his mouth, and shouted: "You—der come all dem dare niggers 'um Bleeckley's! Now you—al hear my racket!—sho' at dat dar nigger! Bunch Bleeckley crook his finger at me. I see gwine make soap-grease an' sassage-meat outen him!

ant will be badly hurt. Instantly the outside crowd made a ring about the fighters, almost as thick as those inside the store rushed out, to push and jostle, peer over shoulders, under elbows, or between legs. Barely inside the ring, Gran Bleeckley, Bunch's brother, and Hi Elam, the Prophet's step-father, stood waving their arms wildly and shouting: "Fa'ar fight, gentlemen! Keep back! Fa'ar fight! Gid dem boys er chance! Dee got Christmas in dee bones!"

A rattling fight it was, making up with fury for all it lacked of science. Upper hold or under, catch as catch can, pushing, wrestling, side-stepping, the pugilists hung and swayed. Almost in the beginning Bunch had tried to get in his famous knee-trip—the Prophet had saved himself a nasty fall by clinging monkey-like to his antagonist, and swarming up about his waist. They went down together sideways, to the advantage of neither. In a breath they were up and at it, harder than ever, kicking, gouging, pummeling themselves to a standstill. After a last vicious clutch, they parted as by unspoken agreement, and sat down, panting and sweating, but still full of fight.

"I lay Bunch do him de nex' clinch," Gran said exultantly, nodding at Hi Elam. Hi growled contemptuously: "Bet ye dem new boots I dese now dose bought he don't!" It was like a spark in dry grass—bets broke out all round about. Clegg risked a groes of freckles on Bunch, saying strictly to himself it was a good bet if he lost it—them Bleeckley niggers were by long odds the thiftest anywhere around, and that he made the best with havin' deesay. The Prophet, the bookkeeper, backed the Prophet still more recklessly. So did Mr. Whitfield, the Prophet's school-



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maybe! Clegg ran on: "Way things staid now, hit jest erbout half starve—ye—and you got tickets, express, and freight all ter ten to—not ter name bein' postmaster."

"I don't complain," Ned said, laughing, but not quite easily. "Any port in a storm, you know—I had to take whatever I could get when the governor went to smash—"

"I know," Clegg interrupted. "I've said always that's what ye showed de breed ye come of. Yer old grandpa, he was jest the up-and-down-stet white man, ever rid erbout this neck of de woods. You don't favor him none at all in de face, neither air you lookin' like yer pap—but somhow this day ye've got yer grandpa's look. Whut's up? Anything out o' de command?"

"I can't say—yet," Ned said, speaking very low, then quickly. "Say, Clegg, is there any chance of my getting at that 'phone, with nobody around listening?"

"None it all tell I shet up shop—that'll be erbout midnight," Clegg answered, smiling grimly. "Maybe I won't keep open that long, though."

He went on: "Ef this keeps up, 'pears like I'd better shet down sellin' and take orders fer take—make them feelers in thar'd gimme er commission."

"Not a doubt of it—but I must get that wire," Ned said, his mouth setting more obstinately than ever. Clegg grinned. "I'm shore ye're welcome to it," he said, "but that's all I kin do ter help ye; tain't to be expected that I'd clear out de sto—some few air a-buyn' in spite o' de 'phone."

"As a matter of fact almost everybody was buying—Clegg's sarcasm was but the effluence of his disappointment over the Massey orders. His three clerks were all on the jump, and the credit desk snowed under with fluttering slips. Groceries, toys, dry-goods, anything, people stood three-deep before the counters, jostling and crowding gleefully, chattering as they crowded, and buying, buying all the time, in such volume the clink of silver dollars accented the hubbub of gossip. The crowd showed all sorts and conditions of men, boys and children. The women in it were either black, or of the white renter class. Such sparse gawdlowens as came to de store bought whatever they had come for without leaving their buggies. Everything made may for the buggies—the loungers gossiping on the porch, the foot crowd on beyond, even the heavily loaded tobacco wagons, in wait for their turn at the scales.

Tobacco was the region's main money crop. Clegg bought it loose, mainly in the way of trade. Renters and croppers of any complexion nearly always sold him the "extra crop" planted in the name of the women folks, so de not to be bound for the rent, and thus to supply the indispensable

I'd do hit any way, fer dest erbut er nickle."

"I'll give you a dollar to fight him good and hard," Ned said, in his lowest voice, tapping the Prophet on the neck as he spoke. The Prophet had to wait two months past the game-cock of the black free school. He was 15, looked 12, had an ashy black face, a saucy tongue, and a head literally and metaphorically of phenomenal hardness. Bunch Bleeckley, champion of the school across the creek, was yellow-skinned, taller than the Prophet and softer looking, yet accounted by his partisans as a good fighter.

"Fight him, dest dry so, Marse Ned? Er must I bump up ergainst him?" the Prophet asked, grinning, then something shamed-facedly. "Pears lek I oughter not do dat. Me an' dat dar Bunch, us was baptised torgedder, ter be brudders in de church, no furder back an' last Sunday. Us two had de same water—an' of us fit right here an' now, dem waters might light into us wid bofe hands."

"O, I see! You're afraid! I thought you were a fighter," Ned said, making as if to go on. Prophet Elias clutched his sleeve. "I is! I is!" he said eagerly. "Marse Ned, yo' dollar dese de same as in my pocket, right now. Does I get hit ter dest fightin' Bunch?—er is I got ter lick him?"

"Lick him, of course," Ned said promptly. "You don't think I want Hillhurst school to be shamed by any over-the-creek nigger, do you? In fact, I believe Bunch has come here a-purpose to scrap with you. If you let him have the best of it—well, you'll let him get all my Christmas firecrackers too."

"Huh! I hear dat Bunch holl'in' right now," the Prophet sniffed disdainfully. Ned slipped away. The Bleeckley wagon had halted in front of the station. Nobody in it had ever got a letter, but in common with the other blacks, they regarded it as a part of freedom to ask: "Any mail?" whenever they came near the postoffice.

"Mail! I'll look and see," Ned said affably. "Come in here, Bunch, while I'm lookin'—I don't want Aunt Mandy to miss getting a hat that's over at de store. The one with the red feather, you know—Puss Johnson wants it mighty bad, so hurry and get ahead of her."

What else he said—to Bunch in the privacy of station need not be set down. Five minutes later the two of them came out and swaggered across the 50 yards between station and store. Ned locked the door behind him, and made his way to the porch, leaving Bunch a little way from his enemy, the Prophet. Yet he whistled as though in surprise when he heard angry bellows, followed by the noise of quick, hard blows from the edge of the crowd.

Peace is an acquired taste. Primarily humanity rejoices in a fight, a good fight—especially to look on, with comforting certainty that neither combat-

master, whom even the elevating influences of a course at Fiske University had not been able to rid of sporting tendencies.

Before the second round began, Ned, inside the deserted counting-room, had the telephone wire humming its best. The Hillhurst line, though but a ramshackle single track affair, was yet a branch of a great system, the M. and L. Indeed, it had been built, and very ill-built, by subscription, as an independent enterprise, to give the rural folk a competing outlet. Hence it ran pretty much any way but straight. The M. and L. had let the building go on—then bought, first the road's projectors, then the road itself. Later some few things had been straightened—finances, freight rates, and the worst of the curves. But Hillhurst trains still connected with those of the Q. and V., a competing system 50 miles away. On the face of things the two systems had an iron-clad agreement as to rates. In practice, each cut under the other as often and as much as was safe, this of course only to very big shippers. Small ones would have proved that both lines adhered to published schedules to the satisfaction of any court in Christendom.

About the heaviest shipper of the countryside was George Washington Monroe, Esq., who put up tobacco to the extent of two thousand hogsheads every year. He had also fifteen hundred acres, rich and well-tilled, and, as a result, many head of fat stock, much wheat and corn, not to name matters of fruit, eggs, poultry and butter. Indeed, his place, Wakefield, had fostered a straggling village, of its own name. The village lay all along the turnpike just outside the Monroe gates. It was ten miles off any railway and thirty miles from Hillhurst. Since the two systems had a traffic arrangement, whichever of them secured the Wakefield freightage, shipments began over the Hillhurst line.

George Washington Monroe, Esq., had a black namesake, his sometime body-servant, living in the Hillhurst neighborhood. Uncle Wash had come Christmasing along with the rest of the world, had asked for mail, got a letter, and after opening it had fetched it back to Ned, saying plaintively: "Please, suh, read dat—hit done stumped ev'ry one er dem free-school niggers, clean and clur." Ned, thus adjured, had read it—in spite of a qualm or so after the first line. This is your Marse George letter—the man who sent it got the postoffice wrong," he said to the black man, as he refolded the sheet. "If you don't mind, I'll give it to Mr. Monroe—I'm going down there first thing Monday mornin'."

"And you tell him, please suh, er owe me er Christmas gif, fer sendin' him dat papah," Uncle Wash said, grinning as he went through the door.

Reprehensibly, Ned kept the letter in his pocket until he found himself with

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the division superintendent at the other end of the 'phone. "Say, Mr. Daw, he shouted, do we want the Wakefield freight?"

"O, no; of course not! We're running a road just to kill old crows and burn up stony coal," came back excitedly followed by: "Young man, the foot-killer is badly needed out your way."

Mr. Daw had put Ned in, and naturally presumed upon it. But Ned was too excited to mind anything. Instantly he shouted back: "If we want, how badly do we want it? The Q. & V. people are reaching off the earth after it."

"Let 'em reach," Daw's voice was thin and high. "Keep your tongue between your teeth over it—but I sent a man yesterday to offer old G. W. a 15 per cent rebate."

The Q. and V. will give him forty-five," Ned broke in. He heard Daw whistle, but was quite prepared for the answer. "Stop giving me pipe-dreams, telephone communication seems to have gone to the head."

"Something worse has gone to your head," Ned retorted. "Listen: Here's what they say—never mind how I know it—the letter's right here in my hand, and signed by Masters himself."

"Read it!" Daw shouted—with a rumble of profanity after the order. Ned did read it—low, clearly, and in full volume, though more than once as he read, he caught disquieting sounds from the other end of the line. He was not half way through when Daw howled to him: "Stop! You say Masters stands for that? Well! Do you go to Wakefield, first thing Monday, and ask him to get back in the happy days before the governor went to smash. He had not been to Wakefield since, but somehow he had no doubt he would find himself welcome there as of old. Immediately he rang on again, and got a Wakefield connection. No—this the voice at the other end—Mr. Monroe was away—if it was anything important better talk with Mr. Norton—that was that?—Miss Bessie? Why, of course! She often talked over the 'phone. Fetch her quick? What was the hurry? She'd come when she was ready."

Through the longest minute of his whole life, Ned held the receiver against his ear, noting the while how the hubbub outside swelled and sank—how he was full of a breathless apprehension, lest the fight of his devising might end before he was ready. But apprehension took flight when Bessie said, in her soft mischievous voice: "I ought not to speak to you, Ned Lester—as badly as you have treated me—but now that I am here, what have you got to say?"

"I love you! I am coming Monday mornin' to ask you to marry me," Ned said audaciously. "Be sure you are ready to say yes."

"Why not say it now?" Bessie asked saucily. Ned's head swam; but somehow he managed to answer: "You can say it now—and then."

"I thought you were talking business—else I should not have come," Bessie called back to him, and in fancy he could see her pout and the bear-toss of her head. Laughing at himself, he said, in his dearest tone: "I was—important business. Tell G. W. if he wants to hear something to his advantage not to sign a freight contract until he sees me."

"I'll tell him, but doubt if he will accept any of your proposals," Bessie said loftily, and rung off before Ned could reply. It was just as well—Ned was too idiotically happy for sensible conversation.

Sounds of strife still accented the murmurous babble outside. He slipped out of the back door and skirted around the gazing crowd. The Prophet had a bloody nose, and one eye nearly shut, but was still limber and lusty—in no way scant of breath. Bunch, unscathed, unmarred, limped the least bit, and also favored his left when it came to hooks and punches. Notwithstanding, he put up a game fight—everybody agreed that from start to finish this was the finest Christmas scrap in the last twenty years. Oddly enough, belligerency showed no signs of spreading. No backer of either warrior had lost his temper over the



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"What is the origin of the custom of displaying flags at half-mast, or, as people usually say, 'half-mast'?" This question, when it was put to me the other day, appeared to have an easy answer: It is borrowed from the navy. The origin of pennant at half-mast is a recognized sign of mourning.

"Yes; but was it at first a ship's signal of distress, as some say—even some of the good dictionaries?" I have heard that in the seventeenth century it was so employed by the Spaniards; but at any rate toward the end of the eighteenth century the signal of distress recognized by French and English sailors was a different affair, as the following story shows:

Ann. 1788.—The French ship *Sybilie*, a powerful thirty-six gun frigate, is sighted off Cape Henry by the *Jussur*, of twenty-eight guns. Now, the *Sybilie*, a few days before, in a drawn fight with one of the ships of the English fleet, to which the *Hussar* belongs, sustained such injuries that she has subsequently been rendered in a puff of wind, and is under jury-masts. As she is therefore unable to chase the *Hussar* she seeks to entice her alongside, in order to take her by boarding, and accordingly she hoists to the peak the French ensign under the English, as if admitting that she is captured. All this is legitimate, whether the *Hussar* takes the bait or not. But the French captain goes too far. He hoists in the main shrouds an ensign reversed or tied in a reef or loop. Now, this being a well-known signal of distress—an appeal to a common humanity which no generous officer could disregard—the *Hussar* at once closes. Fortunately, however, her crew are at quarters when the *Sybilie*, hauling down the English flag at the peak, and hoisting the French above, endeavors to run her on board. The extreme rolling natural to a ship not loaded by sufficient sail exposes the *Sybilie's* bottom, and several shots from the *Hussar* go high her way.

By this time another English man-of-war comes up, and the *Sybilie* strikes her flag—the reversed ensign, with its reef, so dishonorably hoisted, remaining in the shrouds.

So much for the signal of distress theory.

"We know that flags were commonly used at funerals in England, especially before the middle of the seventeenth century, not reversed or tied in a reef, but floating in their normal position. This practice was discontinued little by little, though no doubt some trace of its influence is still seen in the universal display of military flags on occasions of national bereavement."

BROOKLYN BRIDGE NOT FALLING

Chief Engineer Martin is out with a statement declaring that the Brooklyn bridge is sound and as safe as it ever was and that, it is not overtaxed.

"There is nothing absolutely the matter with the bridge at this moment," reiterated Mr. Martin, "and I will welcome the grand jury investigation. See the line of men who have declared that the bridge is safe and sound. First, there is Col. Roebbing, who built it. Again, look at Messrs. Bucke, Bogue and Thompson, the board of experts who determined that trolleys might be operated on the structure. They declare the bridge to be safe and sanctioned the operation of trolleys, spaced 102 feet apart, and the running of motor trams on 45 seconds headway. Mr. Hildebrand, Roebbing's successor, and the East River bridge, says that the structure is all right, and Wm. B. Parsons, engineer of the rapid transit commission, declares it is sound also."

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PIGEONS AS REPORTERS

How New York Paper Handled Great Yacht Race.

News Was Conveyed by Carrier Pigeons and Tug Boats.

When Surf Ran High for the Boats "Copy" Was Shot Ashore From a Small Cannon.

In the days when Marconi was not a factor in reporting yacht races, and some time had to elapse before the result of the America's cup races could be told to the waiting thousands all over the country, the story of the long thrash over the ocean courses was a difficult one to get in many cases, in the other contests, the course of the yacht had been watched from the shore by means of field glasses and the telescopes of the marine ship observers, and many interesting little could be told of their movements, owing to fogs and mists which at times obscured the lightship where the start was made, to say nothing of the prevailing conditions. As soon as the Navesink Highlands, where the observers were stationed. Thus it was that the public of New York, and, in fact, of nearly the whole world, had to wait for the morning papers to give them the news.

In 1883, when the Valkyrie and the Vigilant had their races, the evening Post decided that it was within the province of the afternoon newspapers to give the news of the afternoon, no matter whether it was miles out at sea far from telegraph wires, or right in the heart of the city. So elaborate preparations were made which insured a prompt printing of the details of the race and forestall the papers of the next day. Two of the fastest tugs in the harbor were chartered, one to be used by the reporter on duty, the other to take his "copy" ashore to be put on the wires. In addition to this a flock of homing pigeons was put on the tug to carry a duplicate of the message. As a matter of fact, if one failed the other would be ready for use.

A corps of reporters had been sent down the New Jersey coast to Searchlight, Long Branch, and Asbury Park, and along the Long Island shore at Rockaway, Far Rockaway and Long Branch to receive the messages from the tug, put them on telegraph or telephone wire, as might be most convenient and speedy. Up at the Highlands was another corps of observers in charge of AN ASTRONOMICAL TELESCOPE, magnifying 400 times, and they, too, told the story as it appeared to them. The telescope did good work, for, within a radius of 24 miles away, on one occasion the turning mark, 21 miles away, was picked up, and the time of the running of the yachts varied but three seconds from the official time.

On the tug the reporter of the race had a typewriter and sat on the deck of the pitching tug writing the story on tissue paper in duplicate, every now and again sending a sheet away by a pigeon, and saving a duplicate for transmission by the dispatch tug. As soon as the start was made the "copy" was put in a water-tight tin box, and again sent to the tug, which started once for the west shore. As it approached the shore signals were begun to signal the position of the boats, and the steam whistle began tooting out the same thing in the Morse code, so that no opportunity was lost to get the news as quickly as possible.

As the tug hove in sight the surf boat was sent out, if the waves were not too high, and the copy was taken ashore to be wired to the paper. If the sea was too high, as sometimes happened, there was a gun on the tug which shot the copy ashore.

SHOT THE COPY ASHORE.

like the signal saving-copies line, and it was gathered in by the reporter on duty there. Bicycles and horses were brought into play to take the copy to the nearest operator, and on one occasion, when the roads were impassable, a locomotive was used.

As soon as the tug had delivered its message to shore it started after the yachts, and gathered in more copy and again put to land with it. This was kept up all through the race, and at the end the official finish was taken ashore in order that the record might be absolutely correct. Curiously, such methods of reporting the race were necessary, as on one occasion the lightship could not be seen from any point on shore, on another the pigeons could not find their way home, and on another occasion the race was sailed so fast that the tug could not get back to the course in time to see the finish. The pigeon service was exceptionally good, and on one occasion a bird flew from six miles east of the lightship to Tompkinsville, Staten Island, in 48 minutes, carrying a dispatch of 837 words, which was telephoned to New York, and

BEAT THE TUG BY HALF AN HOUR.

The result of all this was the complete story of the yacht races told with a detail never before attempted by any afternoon newspaper, and no one had to wait for his morning paper to find what had happened during the race. It was the first time such a complete plan had been formed to get the news and print it while it was news. In the races of the next challenge the other papers took up the plan, but when Marconi came into the field he superseded all other methods.

CITIES BURIED FOR TWO THOUSAND YEARS

Valuable Results of Dr. Stein's Travels in Chinese Turkestan.

Dr. M. A. Stein, the well-known explorer, who recently returned from Chinese Turkestan and his researches among the buried cities of the Turkestan, discovered much valuable unknown information regarding the culture and daily life of those cities which for 2,000 years have been immersed in the sand. In his report on the history of which comparatively nothing is known, his expedition was productive in the discovery of a large quantity of sculpture, fresco painting, objects of industrial art, seals and so forth, dug out of the buried temples and houses, which afford a valuable link in the history of ancient China, India and the west. A very comprehensive idea has also been gained regarding the extent of the advancement of the Turkestan desert. Some of the settlements excavated by Dr. Stein were found to be as much as 100 miles beyond the

edge of the present cultivated area. From the results of his investigation the explorer opines that the inhabitants of these places were in possession of a culture mainly derived from India, and that they were Buddhists. The excavations prove that the culture was highly advanced, and that the art influence of Greece and Rome was felt even at that great distance from the classical centers. The most striking excavations were in the heart of the desert north of Niya. There one settlement was exposed, covering with its scattered dwellings and shrines an area of about 24 square miles. Until digging began all that was visible were weird-looking rows of bleached timber pieces, projecting in various places like the framework of a wrecked ship from between the sand dunes.

The refuse heaps which were unearthed near some ruined houses were especially interesting. These dumps were apparently tenanted by village officials. The refuse heaps contained hundreds of documents, beautifully written on wooden tablets and carefully tied and sealed. Owing to the preservative nature of the sand, many of these were in splendid condition—the ink as black and the seals and string as perfect, as if they were only a few weeks old. As these documents are in a known Indian script, their decipherment can be expected to reveal in a fascinating manner many of the details of the ancient village life. But it will be a task requiring years of close study, as in India itself the materials available of its early script have so far been very scanty.

Round most of the sand-buried houses were discovered carefully-planned little gardens, with avenues of trees, fenced lanes, orchards and so forth. On clearing away the sand under the shriveled hedges, were brought to light little heaps of dried leaves, just as they had fallen in ages gone by. The gardens were much the same in character as those found in Turkestan today. The trees were mostly poplars, peach, mulberry and apricot. There is no evidence that these settlements were abandoned owing to any sudden catastrophe, but that the gradual desertion was due to the impossibility of continued irrigation, causing an advance of the sand.

THE WARS OF THE FUTURE.

The Plowshare Is Rapidly Supplanting the Sword.

According to M. Jean de Bloch, Who Reaches Some Interesting Conclusions.

M. Jean de Bloch is writing in the Contemporary Magazine a series of papers upon "The Wars of the Future," in which he embodies the substance of the carefully reasoned argument which he presented this summer to the members of the War Academy. M. de Bloch begins cheerily by expressing his astonishment that the remarkable evolution which is rapidly turning the sword into a plowshare has passed almost unnoticed even by the professional soldiers who are paid to keep a sharp look-out. As one who has for the last fourteen years devoted himself to the subject, he sets forth his conclusions in a paper of nearly 500 pages. The expert in military position is to prove from a purely technical point of view that war as a means of deciding quarrels between nations is no longer efficacious. The eminent members of the military profession are so impressed with the position that they all agree in maintaining that warfare has been revolutionized, and that it can only be carried on by one of two methods. If the old lines of battle would result in the slaughter of millions, whereas if waged in the only way possible today it must drag on for years. In other words, on technical grounds, war as a means of solving disputes is a thing of the past.

WAR AN ANACHRONISM.

War, says M. de Bloch, has become an anachronism. The expert in the recent hostilities has entirely destroyed all the accepted doctrines upon which military operations are based. Battles in the old sense of the word have become impossible. The key to a finish is out of the question. The indictment against the war is all the more overwhelming because it is supported by those who are themselves eminent members of the military profession. The old system of tactics has been swept away, while the men of use and wont are fondly clinging to the old traditions. M. de Bloch then quotes these authorities, and declares emphatically that they all agree in maintaining that warfare has been revolutionized, and that it can only be carried on by one of two methods. If the old lines of battle would result in the slaughter of millions, whereas if waged in the only way possible today it must drag on for years. In other words, on technical grounds, war as a means of solving disputes is a thing of the past.

SOUTH AFRICA'S LESSON.

The Transvaal war has supplied a series of object lessons, which have swept the last remnants of terra firma under the feet of those dangerous enthusiasts who continue to hug the delusions that war in the old sense is any longer possible. M. de Bloch maintains that the Transvaal war has relegated the dogma of the necessity for obligatory military service to the limbo of disembodied dreams. It is the death of militarism, and the wiping out of all the advantages which militarism was relied upon to secure for the nations which cultivated it. M. de Bloch then proceeds to reply to the arguments used by German critics and others who would revive the lessons of the Transvaal war of much of their point by attributing our defeats to the defects of our army, or to the conditions under which the campaign was fought. M. de Bloch maintains that the conditions were much more favorable to the invader than they are ever likely to be in any European war, and that the British troops, both in personal and in material, possessed a much greater superiority over the Boers than any combatants in a great war could hope to enjoy, and that the result conclusively demonstrates the truth of his thesis. The following are some of the leading doctrines: Cavalry is useless, artillery is powerless, and long training is no longer necessary to convert the civilian into a competent fighting man. All the anticipations of the advocates of military tactics have been belied by facts.

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TERRY MCGOVERN.

Hotel Harrison, Chicago, Ill., Nov. 5, 1901.

DR. McLAUGHLIN:—For the past six months my back has troubled me more or less, caused no doubt by the excessive training that I have had occasion to go through. I tried various remedies for this trouble and received no benefit. My attention was attracted to your advertisements in the daily papers, and one of your ads, in particular, impressed me: it was that of Tommy Ryan. Now, our business being of the same nature, I thought if you could accomplish what your ad. stated it had done for Tommy I was sure that it would help me. With this in mind I took the first opportunity of speaking to Tommy on the subject, and after hearing from his own mouth the good your belt had done him, it overcame all doubts in my mind as being the proper remedy for me. I immediately got one of your Belts and had only worn it one week when the results were marvelous, every sign of soreness left my back, and the muscles seemed to get stronger and more elastic; aside from this, it has made me feel so good that I think I could tackle a goat and get no worse than an even break. Your Belt is positively the greatest invigorator it has ever been my good fortune to use. You can use the above where and how you like, as I think I am indebted to you more than words can express.

Yours very truly,

TERRY MCGOVERN.

Champion Lightweight, Featherweight and Bantam of the World.



TOMMY RYAN.

World's Fair Buffet, 12th and Walnut Sts., Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 28, 1901.

DR. McLAUGHLIN:—

Dear Sir,—I am as firmly of the opinion now as I was when I gave you my first testimonial that you have the greatest remedy in the world for the relief of pain and the building up of a man. My health has not been so good for years, and I give your Belt credit for it. I was told by a well-known physician, about the time my first testimonial appeared, that as the belt for a long time, and I have not a pain nor an ache about my body and my eyes are now located in Kansas City permanently, and if you have any occasion to again publish my testimonial, change my address to that upon this letter head.

You can rest assured that I will never fail to speak a good word for Dr. McLaughlin and his wonderful Electric Belt. I would have been forced to end my career in the arena a year ago, as I feel that had it not been for you and your Belt I would have been forced to end my career in the arena a year ago.

Yours very truly,

TOMMY RYAN, Champion Welterweight of the World.

Now, what does this mean to you, dear reader, Letters like these tell a story which means a great deal to a sufferer. If you are not what you ought to be, can you ask any better proof to make you try it. There is not a remedy in the world which is as simple to use, as sure to cure, and as cheap as Dr. McLaughlin's Electric Belt. You must try it. In justice to yourself and those who look to you for their future happiness, try it now.

Give me a man broken down from excesses, dissipation, hard work or worry, from any cause which has sapped his vitality. Let him follow my advice for three months and I will make him as strong and vigorous as any man of his age.

Any Man or Woman Who Will Secure Me Can Have My Appliance and PAY WHEN CURED.

It is as good for women as for men. Worn while you sleep, it causes no trouble. You feel the gentle, glowing heat from it constantly, but no sting, no burning, as in old-style belts.

FREE TEST FREE BOOK I want every sufferer from Sciatica, Rheumatism, Lame Back, Kidney or Bl' Jer Troubles, General Nervous or Vital Weakness, Indigestion, etc., to test my Belt free at my office. If you can't call, send for my book about it, free. Inclose this ad.

DR. M. G. McLAUGHLIN, 120 Yonge Street, Toronto. OFFICE HOURS—9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

UNCLE SAM AND JOLLY JOHN BULL

How They Have Helped One Another in Tight Places.

Mr. J. G. Hodgins, L.L.D., contributed to a "Anglo-American Magazine" a paper entitled "Incidents of International Courtesy." There is nothing in it that is new, but it is a pleasant reminder of incidents which have contributed in the course of the last half-century to counteract the irritation produced in international relations by the bickerings of politicians and the carplings of the press. He tells again the story of Commodore Tatnall helping the disabled British ships when they attacked the Taku forts in 1858, quoting Mr. Manley H. Pike's poem which appeared some years ago. He also describes the action of Sir Lambert Lorraine, who, in 1872, rescued the American prisoners who a Spanish subject was about to execute at Santiago de Cuba. Sir Lambert arrived just as the twenty-six American subjects were ordered out for execution. He ordered his vessel to be cleared for action, laid her close under the guns of the nearest fort, and landing with some sailors, informed the Spaniards that the American ships were under the protection of the British flag, and that if any more were executed he would lay Santiago de Cuba in ashes.

All the prisoners were liberated. Mr. Hodgins also repeats a story told by the Rev. Dr. Peck, of Montreal, in 1881, of how the English consul at Valparaiso saved the life of a drunken American sailor, who was condemned to be shot for striking a policeman. The American consul decided that he could do nothing to save the man, but his British colleague folded the American flag round the sailor, then placed the Union Jack over it, and facing the officer and soldiers, shouted defiantly: "Now shoot, if you dare, through the heart of England and America."

Mr. Hodgins concludes his article by telling the story of the flag-hoisting incident at Oonalaska.

On July 4, the master of the British ship *Glennora* hoisted the English flag in honor of the American holiday. Judge Whipple was so angry when he saw the British flag that he sent an officer on board and hauled it down. News of this action reached Captain Harvey Knox, of the United States gunboat *Concord*, which was in the harbor. He personally went aboard the *Glennora*, hoisted the British flag, returned to his own vessel, and then fired a salute in honor of the Englishman's country.

THE IRREPRESSIBLE YOUNGSTER

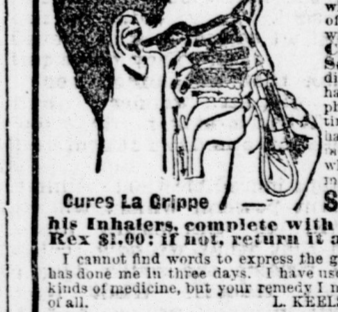
"Will you have another dish of ice cream?" asked the mother of Johnnie, whose place was across from the invited guest Johnnie's mother was entertaining that day.

"Well, yes; I believe I will," said Johnnie; "bein's we don't have it more'n winct a year."

SENT ON THREE DAYS TRIAL, FREE

Dr. REX'S CATARRH INHALER

CURES CATARRH IN THE HEAD

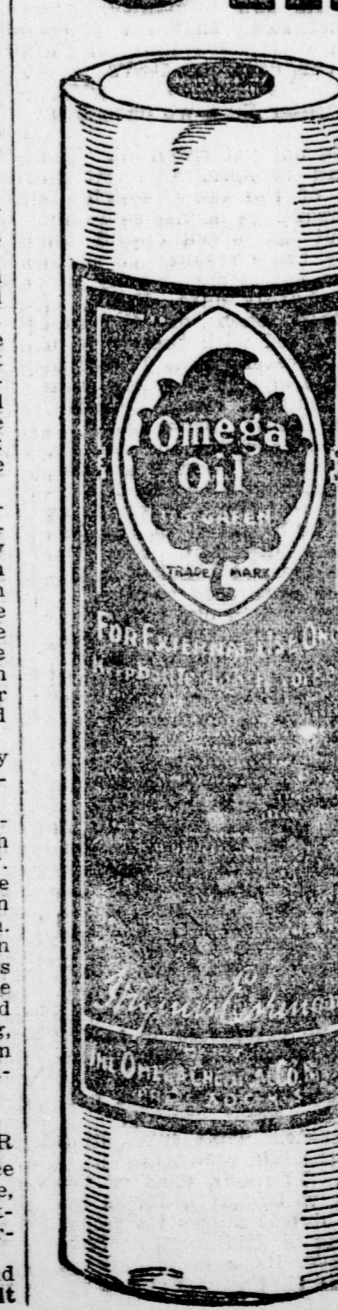


Don't take medicine into the stomach to kill germs of Catarrh in the head. If you will only stop and think for a moment you will certainly realize that the germs of disease were carried into your head by air, and that air is the only agency that will carry a medication to the diseased passages of the head. Catarrh, Colds, Pains and Hoarseness in the Head, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Headache, Facial Neuritis, Laryngitis, Grippes and other diseases of the air passages yield as if by magic to treatment with the Dr. Rex Inhaler. Science and common sense can offer no improvement upon this little pocket physician. It is simple in construction and may be used anywhere and at any time. It is the only positive cure for the disease named. The principle of inhalation is the most perfectly devised. One charging lasts for months. This inhaler treats for \$1.00 and about 12 times as much cure as you can get any other way. It destroys the germs of disease with a new germicide. It makes it easy to prove this beyond all question by the following remarkable SPECIAL OFFER: To any reader naming this paper or Dr. Rex Inhaler, complete with medicine for one year. If it gives satisfaction send Dr. Rex \$2.00; if not, return it after three days' trial. Could any proposition be fairer? I received the Inhaler, and broke up a cold in two days! It is worth three times what you ask for it. Very respectfully,

L. W. PARKER, Peterboro, Ont.

AGENTS WANTED. Address: Dr. Rex Medicine Co. Box 44, Toronto

Omega Oil



What It Looks Like

Here is a picture that shows how Omega Oil looks in the drug store. The wrapper on the outside of the bottle is always printed in green ink. The trade mark is a leaf, as the picture shows, with these words upon it: "Omega Oil. It's Green." Down near the bottom is the written signature of Higinio Espinosa, which is a guarantee that the contents of the bottle are genuine. Never under any circumstances buy a liniment unless this trade mark and name are on the wrapper. Never patronize a druggist who tries to sell you something else when you ask for Omega Oil. Beware of any other oil gotten up to deceive you. Always trade at stores where they give you what you ask for. Omega Oil stops all pains in the back, shoulders, arms, elbows, wrists, legs, knees, ankles and feet. It is good for everything a liniment ought to be good for. Rub it in good and hard, and the pains will go away quickly.

All druggists sell Omega Oil, or can get it for you if any jobber if they want to. If your druggist refuses to sell you this liniment that stops pain, the Omega Chemical Co., 257 Broadway, New York, will mail you a bottle, prepaid, for 50c. in cash, money order or stamps.

GOLDEN THOUGHTS.

Heaven's but the vision of fulfilled desire, And hell the shadow of a soul on fire.

The worldly hope men set their hearts upon Turns ashes—or it prospers; and anon, Like snow upon the desert's dusty face,

The only real relief is in absolute conquest; and, the earlier the battle begins, the easier and the shorter it will be.

O Love! thou makest all things even In earth or heaven; Finding thy way through prison-bars

KEEP MOVING.

If there is anything on earth that will mellow a man and make him good for nothing, it is the habit of moping.

MERIT COMMANDS RESPECT.

A number of stories are told of the famous French painter, Girard, illustrating the hardships of his youth.

TAKE COUNSEL WITH YOURSELF.

Young men cannot estimate too highly the advice of parents and friends. It affords them the benefit of experience, and is given them from sincere solicitude for their welfare.

EXERCISE OF THE MIND.

As our bodies, to be in health, must be generally exercised, so our minds, to be in health, must be generally cultivated.

ADVANTAGES OF SELF-EVOLUTION.

Any piece of knowledge which the pupil has himself acquired—any problem which he has himself solved, becomes, by virtue of the conquest, much more thoroughly his than it could else be.



The Croup.

It's a terrible thing, isn't it? Somehow, that awful cough, that hard struggle for air, can never be forgotten. Be a little fore-handed and prevent it.

centration of thought necessary to it, and the excitement consequent on his triumph, conspire to register the facts in his memory in a way that no mere information heard from a teacher, or read in a school book, can register.

Observe, again, that this discipline necessitates a continuous organization of the knowledge he acquires. It is in the very nature of facts and inferences assimilated in this normal manner that they successively become the premises of future conclusions—the means of solving further questions.

That it is thoroughly practicable to carry out instruction after this fashion we can ourselves testify; having been in youth thus led to solve the comparative complex problems of perspective.

THE WORLD NOT YET SPIRITUAL

Rev. George H. Hepworth Writes on an Inspiring Theme.

Miracles, He Says, Are Incidents in Perfect Accord With Some Higher Law.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he also do.—St. John, xiv., 12.

These words are like the chime of bells pealing forth the triumphal song of perfected humanity, the humanity that is to be when we get near enough to Christ to touch the hem of his garment.

It is well nigh incredible that within us lie dormant powers, which, when developed will so transfigure and transform us that what we now call miracles will become the soul's daily food.

The world is not yet spiritual. The soul is still an unexplored territory. Its command of the body, which is merely the appendage of the soul—not its master, but its servant—and its dominion over the elements of earth and air are as yet almost wholly undeveloped.

It is inclined to think that it comes from our inability to realize our limitations, physical and mental. We expect to accomplish more than Providence has ordained that we should accomplish.

Established with courage, that customs are met with severity. Its other world stretches from the door of the hive to the horizon line, and his world produces the honey which is gathered in minute particles and makes it possible for a bee to live through the winter.

WITH THE POETS.

TELL ME, YE WINGED WINDS.

Tell me, ye winged winds, That round my pathway roar, Do ye not know some spot Where mortals weep no more?

"VACUOUS VISITING"

Lally Bernard's View of a Growing Social Evil.

Visiting Habit a Delicious Satire on Society—Drawing-Room Conversation.

I am asked by a correspondent to write on the evil, which has been crystallized into a telling sentence by a learned professor in the Toronto University College as "vacuous visiting."

means personal influence and interchange of ideas. It would be interesting to find out the various reasons given by the mass of women in society for "calling."

KIDNEY "SIGNALS"

Nature posts her signals all along the line. If the kidneys are faulty she gives the sufferer the sign—and it's an unmistakable one always.

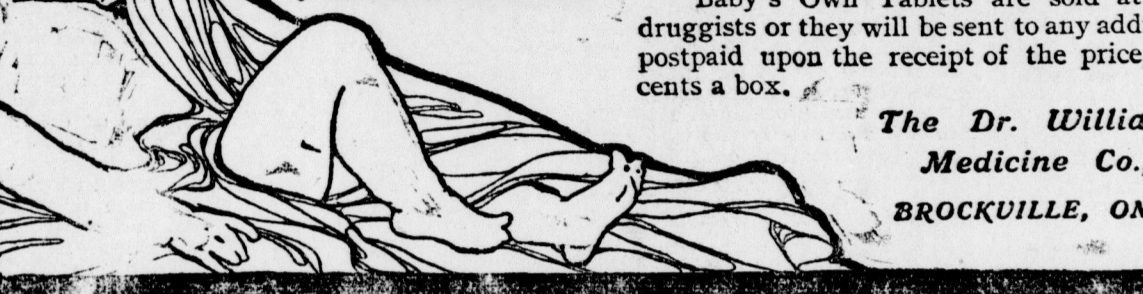
BABY'S OWN TABLETS

No price would be too great to pay for the preservation of the perfect, rosy, sturdy health of a baby. No price would be too great, but, as a matter of fact, the price is very small—simply precaution and the exercise of good judgment.

FOR NERVOUSNESS,

sleeplessness, irritation, fevers, colic, croup, constipation, diarrhoea, indigestion and all of the similar troubles to which babies are so susceptible this medicine is beyond question the best in the world.

It is the best because it is promptly effective. It is best because it is absolutely harmless. It is best because it never fails to effect a cure. It is recommended in most enthusiastic terms by the thousands who have used it and should be kept within reach in every home.



Good for all Babies; Try Them for Your Baby.

GOOD FRIENDS OF THE CORN DOCTOR!

Shoes of Various Types That Hurt the Feet and Yet Are Worn.

"If a law could be passed," said the chiropodist, "prohibiting the wearing of any shoe in this country except the pattern army shoe worn during the Civil War, the corn doctor's occupation would be gone."

"The high, narrow French heels on women's shoes are the unfailing, firm friend of the chiropodist. They are regular and rapid breeders of corns.

"The low, flat heel never came into vogue at the solicitation of the chiropodist. If the rest of the shoe fits the foot these heels are the natural enemy of corns, and if everybody wore them the corn doctor, although having no corns, would have to suffer.

"That style of shoe insured the corn doctor a living as long as it lasted, and we saw it dethroned with regret. It will come again, though."

"Those shoes were particularly good for the corn crop when they were made of patent leather. A patent leather shoe of any kind, for some reason, will call a corn into being much more than an ordinary leather shoe will.

"The fellows who do not have corns are those who wear shoes that are too large. A shoe too large is as bad for the wearer and as good for the corn doctor as one that is too small."

"An over-sized shoe is the one that originates and cultivates corns on the bottom of the feet, and they are the worst kind. That is, for the one who has them. They are the best kind for the corn doctor. He gets rich by uncovering the bottom of a patient's feet."

A Gift to Give.

It is often difficult to decide what to get your friends for holiday gifts. Here is a suggestion:

"Good morning, Jennie, I have brought you a nice present," said Gertrude, as she handed her friend a neatly wrapped package.

The pale, weary looking girl, who was slowly recovering from severe illness, opened the bundle and held up a large bottle of clear, rich medicine.

HOPEFUL VIEW

The hopeful view consumptives take of their own cases is strongly in their favor. Each year is showing a larger percentage of cures.

One of the best reasons for good hope is the record of Scott's Emulsion as a medicine for consumptives. So long as the system is strong enough to use medicine of any kind it can use Scott's Emulsion.

The reason for its helpfulness in this disease is because of its long tolerance by the patient; one does not tire of it as quickly as other medicines and that is where the great benefit comes.

WISE AND OTHERWISE.

JUST ANOTHER WAY.

While trudging through the cold, white snow One winter night not long ago. Lost deep in thought, I suddenly from out the dark, I heard a tiny voice remark, "Please, please, sir, won't you take me home?"

which the chemical rays of light had been excluded, by means of red curtains or red glass. In this treatment, however, he was anticipated by John Gaddesden, who wrote the famous medical treatise, 'Rosa Medicinæ,' and who died in 1361. He cured a son of King Edward I. by wrapping him in scarlet cloth, and placing him in a bed and room with scarlet hangings. He says of the result: 'Est bona cura: et curavi eum in sequenti sine vestigio variolarum.' which means that the treatment was effective, for the patient recovered and never showed any trace of smallpox.

THE WISE OLD FOX.

Once upon a time there was an old fox who had accumulated a great deal of property and was taking life with real comfort. One day his three married sons called to see him. "Father," said the oldest son, "wouldn't it be well for you to deed your property to us and relieve yourself of the care of it?"

"And then," went on the other, "you can make your home with us, each in turn, and thus give pleasure to us all." "Sons," answered the old fox, "it is very kind in you to consider my welfare, but I prefer things as they are. My will is made, and when I am dead you may divide my property equally between you."

Winks—Out of a dozen friends I met today, eleven told me of sure cures for my cold. Blinks—What did the twelfth say? Winks—Nothing; he had a cold himself.

A MISER'S GENEROSITY.

In a provincial French town lives an elderly scientist, who is widely known for his learning as well as for his extraordinary advice. For some years he has been at work on a book, and during all that time he availed himself of the services of a young man, who acted as his secretary without pay and solely because he was interested in science.

WOMAN MAN'S HALF.

At the old-fashioned inns and restaurants in Sweden it is customary to charge less for women than for men, on the theory that they do not eat so much. At some hotels in Sweden a man and wife are charged as one and one-half persons if they occupy the same room. A husband and wife may travel as one and one-half persons by railway, and also by the post routes, furnishing their own carriage.

SUNLIGHT AN OLD REMEDY.

Prof. Fensen, of Copenhagen, has received much praise for the cures which he has effected by means of sunlight; but now Mr. M. H. Close, an English scientist, points out that this method of curing certain diseases was known and practiced in England centuries ago.

MODERN FABLE BY GEORGE ADF.

A Story of the Political Opportunist and His Deserts.

When a Man Gets What Is Coming to Him It Is Difficult for Him to See It in That Light.

Once there was a Man who had an Itching to be Governor of the State. He wanted to be the real Rinkaboo and sit on a \$88 Leather Chair up in the Executive Mansion and make the County Politicians crawl into his presence.

The Man with the ingrowing Ambition did not let on that he was out for the main Plum. He dipped into Party Work because he believed in Honest Government. For fear that the Public would not know this, he spoke of it 12 or 14 times every Day. But he was good and careful to solidify himself in his own Ballot-box, so that when the time came he could have the Home Delegation under his Thumb. He had heard that the Office should seek the Man and not the Man the Office.

As soon as the Hon. Trimmer had got well started in Politics, he went to a Surgeon and had his Back-Bone re-Whipped. He had seen a lot of Spineless Statesmen copper the big Lozenges, while the Stiff-Neck and the Bull-Heads would Pan Out when they came before a Convention. He had seen Clay and Calhoun and Webster fell down on their High Ambitions because they had too many Positive Convictions, and sometimes rubbed the kitchinish Voter the wrong way of the Fur. The Hon. Mr. Trimmer resolved to be different from Clay or Calhoun and Webster, and it did not come hard to him. He could have been different without trying.

He never had any opinions that would grate on the Prejudice of any Voter, white or colored. He was going to be everybody's Friend. So he became a Hand-Sucker and a Whispering Jelly-Fish. All during his Working Hours he wore a Smile that would melt Butter. He took the dusty Agriculturist to his Bosom and tried to plant a Kiss of True Affection on the Brow of the Union Workingman. Whenever he found himself in a Crowd he passed out Wheeling Tokens that had to be choked a couple of times before the Match could be applied.

When he touched off the Fire-Works and there was a stamped, the Delegates climbed up on top of one another, whooped, howled, broke the Furniture, frothed at the Mouth and fell over the Cornucopias. The Reporters broke their Pencils trying to describe the Scene. After the Storm broke the Hon. Trimmer had the same Chance that a Load of Straw has when it meets a Cyclone coming in the opposite Direction. The Boy Orator was nominated by Acclamation, and the veteran Party Worker found himself in the Ash Heap, for the rule is, only one goal.

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Grangers and the Fraternal Orders and the other Organizations friendly to him he was ready to begin Trading. The Slate Makers who get into a Back Room and anticipate the Wishes of the Rank and File found that they could not stir up the Chains of the Hon. Trimmer, so he butted into the Pow-Pow. The Game they played is called "You Scratch my Back and I'll Scratch yours."

The Hon. Trimmer learned that in order to keep the Ring with him he would have to herd all the Delegates from his Neck of the Woods and deliver them for any Candidate who wore the Machine Label. Accordingly he smothered his Conscience and gave his Support to a wholly assortment of Low-Brows, Second-Story Workers, Pie-Grafters, Ham-Resters and Tax-Eaters. Sometimes he would awake in the Night and remember the Teachings of his Childhood in the M. E. Sunday school and shudder at the Thought of what the Recording Angel had chalked up against him. But he consoled himself with the reflection that many others had traveled the same Rocky Road, and all's fair in Love, War, Burglary and Politicks.

In order to have a Glass with him he signed Ball-Bonds for Crap Shooters, went to Tough Dances and Chicken Fights, wept at numerous Funerals and subscribed for every jerk water Newspaper that could give him a friendly Echo now and then. He was Marked by the caddling Pan Handler who needs Two Bits to carry him over Night. For he knew that even the Floater has a Ballot of the ordinary Size.

For years he spread his Piastres, strung his Wires, repaired his Fences and kept himself in the Public Gaze with the Spot Light turned on him. At last it came time for him to take his Rest. He had earned the Recognition and the Ox that had trampled out the Grain was not to be muzzled. He wanted to be Governor. The thousands of Friends for whom he had been slaving now urged to come to the Front. He began to call in his Notes and foreclose Mortgages. His Picture was on many a Banner. With the Following that he had recruited, it seemed that his Nomination was a Moral Certainty.

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While the Body was waiting for the Committee on Resolutions to patch up a Platform that would guarantee a Millennium in less than eighteen Months, a Delegate from Basswood County suggested that they listen to a few Remarks from the Hon. Homer Hitchcock, the silver-tongued Orator of Fox River. Thereupon a tall, pale Young Man with a heavy Forelock and a hypnotic Eye stood before the Convention and began a low, sweet, Siren Song that soon had every Country Delegate sitting on the edge of his Chair. As he warmed up he reached into the Azure Dome and began plucking out the Stars of Glory, which he flung, keeping six in the Air at the same time. He unfurled the Emblem of Liberty and raised it on a metaphorical Flag Staff, which he twined with all the Flowers of English Speech.

When he touched off the Fire-Works and there was a stamped, the Delegates climbed up on top of one another, whooped, howled, broke the Furniture, frothed at the Mouth and fell over the Cornucopias. The Reporters broke their Pencils trying to describe the Scene. After the Storm broke the Hon. Trimmer had the same Chance that a Load of Straw has when it meets a Cyclone coming in the opposite Direction. The Boy Orator was nominated by Acclamation, and the veteran Party Worker found himself in the Ash Heap, for the rule is, only one goal.

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'Yes,' although to justify my reply would require a good deal of talk. "Could Dr. Forsyth suggest a working theory of the fourth Gospel?" "Not in a few words, here and now, but I am commended to my questioner, John III, 16: 'God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten son.' That verse throws light on the whole Gospel, and on the entire New Testament.

"Is the Bible inspired in a different sense from other good and noble books?" "Yes, the difference is a very real one, and in the strict sense of the word, it is only in the Bible that you find the divine revelation."

AND THE DOG WAS NAMED. The other day when Counsel Ed. Hassett, one of the sons of Steuben county, met "Jack" Switzer, of Bath, father of the American campaign industry, at the Fifth avenue hotel, he told him that a friend of his had a new dog. "It's a fighting dog," added the counselor, "and he wants an appropriate name for it."

"Tell him to call it Moreover," said Jack. "Moreover!" exclaimed Counselor Hassett, perplexed. "Yes," replied Switzer, "Moreover, after the first fighting dog on record." "Never heard of him," exclaimed the counselor. "Go read your Bible, then," said Switzer, "and see where it says that Moreover, the dog came and licked Lazarus." "I don't know what bred Moreover was, but he must have been a fighting dog or he wouldn't have licked Lazarus."—New York Times.

LEFT CARE BEHIND A Hamilton Man Who Was Worried for Years With Stomach Trouble.

Dyspeptic, what would you give to be free? If you were once free, what would you take to go back to your slavery of sickness, pain, distress and despondency? There is no price that a really sick man or woman would not give to be well again; the sum is limited only by the amount available. Many a millionaire would, if possible, cheerfully change places with his groom, gladly giving up his fortune with his pains and illness for the other's few dollars and the bounding good health which money cannot buy—and yet many a one today is giving up his good health in order to accumulate wealth. Strange, isn't it?

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"For six years I suffered with Dyspepsia. My head ached, and everything I ate distressed me. It was horrible. I tried everything—the water, dieting myself carefully, and all sorts of home remedies, as well as prescriptions; I only got worse. I frequently was so bad that I had to quit work. At last I was led to use DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS. They relieved me from the first, and I kept on till I was completely cured. I would not have that Dyspepsia back again for the world." "Now this is the unbiased statement of one man who was sick and is well. He knows DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS, and nothing else cured him; his experience should be a hint to every sufferer how to be cured. You may leave your dyspepsia behind you just now, if you will, for DODD'S DYSPEPSIA TABLETS will give you immediate relief and in a short time a permanent cure."

The prohibition vote in Massachusetts fell off this year in greater proportion than that of any of the other political parties in that state.

The Little Doctor. The wonderful sale of Dr. Rex Inhaler and the cures effected proved beyond a doubt that it is an article that should be in every home. We advise our readers to give it a trial. See their offer in this issue. 36-tf-t

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The Emerald of Kandahar

Mr. Grode reeled back as if he had received a blow. "What?" he cried out. "Surely you don't mean—why, the proceedings in bankruptcy—you've paid already three hundred pounds in the pound—yes, the bankruptcy can be annulled, surely?"

Mr. Grode had told him, in the course of his preamble, the address of the old-clothesman; but he had some little difficulty in finding it. There are many streets which are perfectly versed in the geography of the Seven Dials. And it was not until he had asked for it in the street that he was searching therein for the abode of the concentrated essence of riches.

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There had been a confused murmur of voices in the place when he first entered it, and it now seemed to proceed from the room at the back, of which the door was just ajar. Indeed, it could not have been otherwise than ajar, for the lock had been panned or sold for old brass some time ago.

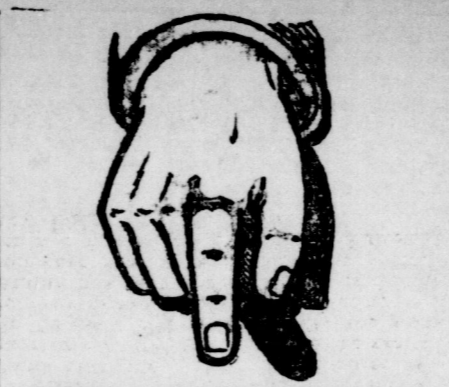
At last even Mr. Grode could not but see that he was dealing not only with a madman, but with an obstinate madman besides. There was more, but he would do after all his persuasions had indignantly failed; and he was not the man, especially when he was fairly in the rage, as he was now, to think twice about doing it.

"When I gave you my girl—a handsome fish wife, I take it—I didn't do to give her a fellow that would take her straight out on the road, and let her go to a man for forgiving and forgetting, and letting bygones be bygones. But you're a spendthrift and there was as of your money as if it were dirt, and you waste your time, which is money too, in daubing canvases when you're not fit to paint a Chequer or a Blue Boar."

Mr. Grode felt that he had made a mistake. "Ah, you're right," he replied, with a forced smile, and a tolerant tolerance for Arthur's folly. "Come—you'll think better of it; I can't help speaking my mind, you know. Go and talk it over with Lissy; and if she says an infernal simpton as you make her out to be, why her mother played me false, that's all."

"Of course I shall talk it over with my wife; and if she does not see the matter with my eyes she is not what I take her to be. And as to the stone?" "Blow the stone! What does it matter when you might as well pitch it into the Thames? What do I know? Didn't I say old Nathan Levi has it? You may go and see him if you like, and much good may it do you, I don't know. But mark my words—I'll have no idiot for a daughter—no spendthrift for a son-in-law! To you, my hands off after him. He had once more made up his mind."

Mr. Grode had as certainly made up his mind. It was not with any intention of being induced to change it that he consulted Pearl, who—need it be said?—fully realized the position. And she would look at the matter through his own glasses. Indeed, she was fool enough to



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England in Egypt.

A beautiful phase of the British occupation of the Nile Valley is suggested by Mrs. Butler's paper in Longman's "English Flowers in an Egyptian Garden." This sort of invasion seems, from her account, to thrive and to be only too well liked by the natives. She says that the sunflower was taken there from England within the last twenty years; and now you see the great golden flower stems towering above the agricultural crops at irregular distances out in the peasant's fields all over the country.

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IN LINE WITH INSTRUCTIONS. [Rocky Mountain News.] A commercial traveler well known in the cycle trade on both sides of the Atlantic adds this to the collection of jokes on newly-made-happy fathers: "The hero is the manufacturer of the wheel which the narrator sells. Being compelled to go away on a business trip about the time an interesting domestic event was expected, he left orders for the nurse to wire him results according to the following formula: 'If a boy: "Gentleman's safety arrived." If a girl: "Lady's safety arrived." The father's state of mind is imagined when, a few days later, he received a telegram containing the one word "Tandem."

honeysuckle and freezias; on the mantel-piece, sweet peas, heliotrope, and maidenhair. On the piano and the tables are piled up white roses, low roses, pink geraniums, larkspurs, and the tall blossoms of white iris; while the long wreaths of Cape-may frame the looking-glass. Outside, my garden grows sweeter every day; a little English paradise in the heart of an eastern town.

THE WAYS OF SCHOOL BOYS

Namby-Pamby Boy Is Not the Most Desirable Type.

Some Odd Original Essays Read by Children in Old Country Public Schools.

That well-worn phrase, "Boys will be boys," appeals to no one more forcibly than the schoolmaster, writes "G. H." in the London Spectator. Look around any school room. How many gloomy unexpressing countenances do you see from which nevertheless beam, as it were, rays of gentle goodness and tender affection! How many fragile structures contain iron souls! How many dull, expressionless faces the owners of which are brimful of quiet humor, quaint sayings, and what is of more importance to the teacher, dogged perseverance! A teaching experience of twenty years has taught me that the average boy of today stripped of his little peculiarities and minor idiosyncrasies, is a very matter-of-fact mortal indeed, but for downright good nature and honest endeavor to do his best, give me the lad with a spice of mischief in him. My namby-pamby is less trouble undoubtedly, and a more agreeable subject for the crammer, but now that teaching has become a "science," and not a mere "scambling for results," little is gained by fostering such dispositions.

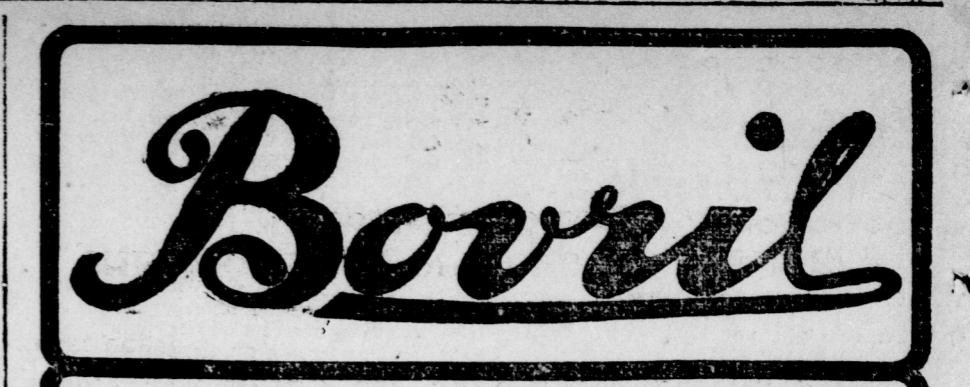
A Shipwreck.—A shipwreck is an awful thing for sometimes you get wet and sometimes you get ground and sometimes you get burnt but the last is the worst. Once a big flyer got upset with a mortal wound in her eye and he got eat. Sharks and whales feed on dead bodies and sometimes they eat the living. We should never eat fish what eat you because sailors eat fish just like savages. Sailors catch sharks with a leg of pork and a thick string which they cut up for one bone and blubber to make train oil.

The Camel.—He is called the ship of the desert because he runs over the sand like a ship and dont sink in. He runs off with a horse because he lifts up two legs on one side of his body and then two on the other. He has about a hundred stumps and each holds about a quart, so when his master kills him he can have a good drink. His master is a prisoner because this when he cant get grass or hay. Some camels are not camels because he has two humps and his hair dont grow all over him and were it dont is called a dromedary because it kneels down and wears away. The Arab loves his steed better than his wife and in our books theres a piece about him called the Arab and his steed. His master was a prisoner because his faithful camel took him round the waist and bore him swiftly to his morning friends.

Crusades.—The crusades were a body of men women and children who fought the red cross. They were invented by Richard the I and flocked in thousands round him to go to Egypt and some were stricken with deadly diseases but they marched on because they began to lessen in number and fell gradually under the burning sands of Egypt and laden heavy with heavy armour. At last Peter the Hermit came out the Catholics were driven down on him and he retreated. After traveling about for many weary months he joined an opera company and was afterwards buried in Westminster Abbey.

Water.—It is a liquid so is beer and milk but the first is called a liquid because its adulterated that is sugar and hops are added. Water is very useful, ships float on it and men and boys swim in it, we also drink it and in the summer we wash our clothes with sea water. Sea water is salt and is useful for all kinds of fish such as cod and wales and breem and trout. Rain is water and is kept in old tubs and barrels to wash dirty clothes.

Pleasure.—Pleasure is doing what you like but we dont get much pleasure except in drawing lesson and when teacher has the face ake and then we can do what we like. Last week I went to the fair. This was pleasure and I got very wet and dirty and mother called me a little pig but I went to bed before father come home. Boys and girls dont get much pleasure till they get men then they smoke and do what they like. My father goes where he likes unless mothers angry then he stays at home. Question and Answers.—The majestic, awe-inspiring style of teaching is happily now seldom practiced, and the scholar is allowed his hearty laugh at any chance gleam of wit or comic blunder on the part of his school fellows. The following examples have at different times come under my notice, and where possible I have retained the precise words used by the children: Teacher (to newly-joined pupil): "What's your name?" Boy (pupil): "Smiff." Teacher: "Where do you come from?" Boy: "I dunno." Teacher: "Ever been to school before?" Boy (more brightly): "Yus." Teacher: "Was it a board school?" Boy: "No, brick." Derivation in Class.—"What is the meaning of the word 'submit'?" Boy: "Sub; under; 'missive,' letter; under a letter." "Indeed; give me an example." Boy: "Postscript."



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And again: "What do you understand by the expression 'extemporize'?" Boy (at wrong end of class): "Ex; out of; tempus; time; one who plays out of time." Miscellaneous.—In the historical readers had occurred the phrase, "It was a drawn battle," and one younger innocently inquired what they never drew it with. The definition usually taught for a parable is, "An earthly story with a heavenly meaning." At an examination one boy had written, "A heavenly story with no earthly meaning." Another lad on being asked what an island is, replied, "A place you can't leave without a boat." Geography Lesson.—Teacher (pointing to lines of longitude and latitude): "What are these?" "Please, sir, telegraph wires, sir." Teacher: "What is the earth besides a ball?" "Please, sir, worms." Boy (during the history lesson): "Why did Cornwall call his men 'ironclads'?" meaning, of course, "Why did Cornwall call his men iron-rides?"

covered his soul for art. He studied the pictures. He began privately to paint. His first palette was made out of the lid of a cigar box. He then ventured to show some of his paintings to the curator, who was impressed with their promise, and urged him to persevere. After three months of this pastime—prior to which he never had a brush in his hand—Mr. Jones sent in four pictures to the Leeds Exhibition, three of which were hung. He has exhibited in many provincial shows, and has sent up to the Royal Academy—so far without success. But he means to win. Surely "a constable" will help to weaken the artist-soul that slumbers under thousands of workmen's blouses, not less than under this policeman's tunic.

Excused (scramble fever is bad in village).—Teacher: "Why did you stay away from school yesterday?" "Please, sir, mucker's ill." Teacher (anxiously): "What does the doctor say it is?" "Please, sir, he says it's a girl." "Now, Bobby," said the teacher, "what does lazy mean?" Please, teacher, lazy means you always want your little sids to do it." H. M. J.: "Now, boys, if I wanted to be a mason what should I want that I haven't got now?" Sharp boy: "A good character, sir." Dictation.—"John, you have spelt window 'w-i-d-o-w.' Now, what is the difference?" John (thoughtfully): "You can see through a window, sir, but not a widow." Many excuses are given for "not" attending school, but I once heard the following excuse: "for attending." One lad had quizzed another for coming to school the previous day through the storm. His reply was: "What's the good of stopping at home? You can't get out and you have to mind the baby all day, and p'raps get a hiding. It's best here."

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Artistic Policemen. It is quite a romance of art which Mr. Leonard Graham tells in the Temple Magazine of his "Policemen-Painter." Who would have expected that the great dock strike in Hull should have had as one of its by-products the evolution of a painter out of a constable? Yet so it was. Mr. T. Jones, the subject of the sketch, is a member of the Leeds City Police Force, and in 1883 was drafted to Hull while the strike was in process. In defending a woman against a ruffian who was maltreating her, Jones received a permanent injury. This, however, led to his being appointed a constable at the City Art Gallery at Leeds. There he discovered his artistic talent.

TOO MUCH PUBLICITY. [Kansas City Journal.] At Russell a physician rounded up the Record editor because he didn't mention the physician's name in the announcement of births. "I'll do it on one condition," said the editor. "What's that?" asked the doctor. "That I shall also mention your name in connection with the deaths," replied the editor. Another physician said he didn't believe he cared to have his name mentioned in connection with births anyway.

AFTER THE WEDDING. Hewitt—I don't see you with that pretty girl so often as I used to. Jewett—No; I'm married to her now. VALUABLE INVESTMENT. Papa—Dorothy, what do you want with an automobile coat, when we have no automobile? Dorothy—You dear, old, stupid thing! This exquisite coat will save many a man be only too happy to furnish the automobile.

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The Small of the Back

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THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for 'THE LOCAL MARKET' and 'A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT'. Lists prices for Wheat, Oats, Peas, Corn, etc.

Very little grain came in today. The only receipts up to 11 a.m. were a few bags of corn, which sold at 15c.

Table with columns for 'GRAIN' and 'HAY AND SEEDS'. Lists prices for Wheat, Oats, Peas, etc.

The rain which fell through the night and the early part of the morning, and the disagreeable weather which followed, made it unpleasant for both the buyer and seller to do business.

Butter and Eggs—Butter was in fair supply, most of the stock offered was of an inferior quality; prices ranged from 15c to 18c per lb for cream and 12c to 13c for pound rolls.

Vegetables and Potatoes—Potatoes were scarce, at 5c to 7c per bag; celery, 2c to 4c per doz; onions, 7c to 9c per doz; cabbage, 2c to 3c per doz.

Poultry—Quite a lot offered; turkeys sold at 7c to 8c per lb wholesale, and 8c to 9c retail; geese sold at 5c to 6c per lb; ducks, 7c to 8c per lb; chickens sold at 5c to 6c per pair; live chickens are held at 35c to 40c per pair.

Dressed Hogs—No great many offered; prices ranged from \$3 to \$3.50 per cwt, mostly the latter figure.

Live Hogs—It is expected that \$3.75 per cwt will be paid on Monday next from here.

Meats—Large supply; sales drab; beef sold at \$1 to \$1.25 per cwt; mutton, 75c and lamb, 87c to \$1.25 per cwt.

Table with columns for 'WHOLESALE DEALERS' PRICES'. Lists prices for Eggs, Butter, Cream, etc.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,250; slow and 10c to 12c lower; steers, 14c to 16c; oxen and calves, 12c to 14c; choice, 16c to 18c; fat heifers, 14c to 16c; calves, 12c to 14c; sheep, 12c to 14c; mixed, 10c to 12c; western sheep, 12c to 14c; native lambs, 10c to 12c; western lambs, 8c to 10c.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 13.—Oil closed at 11.20. Liverpool, Dec. 13.—Cattle today are steady; at 12c to 13c per lb, dressed weight; refrigerator beef is 95c to 96c per lb.

Table with columns for 'DAIRY PRODUCTS'. Lists prices for Butter, Cream, etc.

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TORONTO HAY MARKET. Toronto, Dec. 13.—Baled hay—Steady, demand being strong; cars on the track here are quoted at \$8 to \$9. Baled straw—Steady; cars on the track here are quoted at \$5 to \$6.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A small revival of buying and a tendency to retain holdings in grains led to bullish activity again to day, and prices, after touching the lowest point in a week, started upwards again.

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Correspondence Between Imperial and Dominion Governments in Progress.

Jasper Tully, M.P., Summoned as an Agitator—The Cattle Trade With Argentina—Lord Strathcona Improving.

London, Dec. 14.—It is stated that an important agreement will shortly be arrived at in connection with the proposed fast mail service to Canada. Correspondence is now proceeding between the Dominion authorities and the colonial office on the subject, and it is understood that the long-standing difficulty as to the proportion of the subsidy to be borne by the Imperial Government will be disposed of by the Dominion Government making a greater contribution upon condition that the contractors give special facilities for carrying Canadian dairy and other produce for the home market.

SUMMONS FOR AN M.P. In addition to the prosecution of Mr. Connor O'Kelly, M.P. for the North Division of Mayo, and Mr. John P. Hayden, M.P. for South Roscommon, a summons has been issued against Mr. Jasper Tully, M.P. for the South Division of Leitrim, in connection with the agitation which is being carried on by the United Irish League. Other prosecutions are pending.

THE CATTLE TRADE. Right Hon. R. W. Hanbury, financial secretary to the treasury, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman at the meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society, referred to a resolution passed by the council of the society yesterday with reference to the cattle in Argentina. Mr. Hanbury said he was sure that the society did not wish that we should strike any sort of a bargain with Argentina, or that we should, though there were doubts about the existence of foot and mouth disease, we should declare our ports open. Whatever the consequences might be, we must keep this country free from cattle disease. Mr. Hanbury was of the opinion that if it would assist importers of stock that a declaration should be made stating that no case had occurred since the 1st of June, and no outbreak since the 12th of April. He proposed to advise that such a declaration should be made.

MASSACRE FEARED. The American board of foreign missions in its 22nd annual report, says: "There is reason to fear a repetition of the wholesale massacres of Armenians in 1894. So far from being the destruction or even the permanent injury of the missionary work in China, will prove the opening of all doors of access to the Chinese people."

DISCUSSING GERMAN TARIFF. On the resumption of the debate on the tariff bill in the German Reichstag, Count von Helldorf, the Agrarian leader, said he regarded the treaty relations with the United States as economically worthless to Germany. He said that the tariff on agricultural products granted to Germany was of no value because the United States put specifically higher duties upon goods which Germany exports in the largest quantity. The Saratoga agreement, he said, showed diplomatic weakness on the part of Germany. America, he declared, was being enriched by the expense of Europe. Let not Germany, he said, offer her left cheek also for America to smite. President Roosevelt's message was intended to encourage the free traders of Germany to fight against raising duties. He concluded that, at this rate, Europe would become a province of the United States. In pleading the cause of agriculture he quoted the great historian Mommsen's opinion that the Roman Empire owed its decay to the gradual annihilation of the peasant classes. He demanded the raising of import duties in the interest of the German agricultural laborer.

MRS. IDA BONINE FOUND NOT GUILTY. Of Killing James Seymour Ayres, Jr.—July Wero Out Nearly Five Hours. Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—After being out a hour and 46 minutes a verdict of not guilty was rendered by the jury in the trial of Mrs. Ida Bonine, charged with the murder of James Seymour Ayres, Jun., of Port Austin, Mich., and the story of how he met his death in the Kenmore Hotel in this city on the morning of May 15 last will probably always remain a mystery.

FOR ABDUL'S STOCKING. The Russian embassy at Constantinople has warned the Sultan that the installment of the war indemnity due in mid-January must be promptly paid. The embassies are preparing an identical note concerning the same conditions arbitrarily ordained by the Sultan. The embassies also contemplate collective action with a view to remedying the abuse of the customs administration.

RESTRICTION ON MARRIAGE. Vienna, Dec. 14.—The Bohemian Society of Physicians has procured introduction of a bill in the reichsrath making a medical certificate of physical and mental capacity obligatory on candidates for matrimony.

CLAIM AS TO TUBERCULOSIS. Stockholm, Dec. 14.—Prof. Behring, a German, who was recently awarded the noble prize of 151,200 kroner, announced during the course of a lecture that his experiments demonstrated the possibility of rendering cattle immune from tuberculosis by inoculation. The professor added that he proposed employing the Nobel prize money in combating cattle tuberculosis.

CABLE NOTES. Kaiser Wilhelm, in a speech in Berlin, advised his subjects to trust firmly in God, as he had always done. A Chinese imperial decree confers on Sir Robert Hart and on Sheng, tao-tai, the title of Junior guardian of the heir apparent.

Victor Hugo's only grandson, Georges Hugo has applied in Paris.

LOSS \$250,000. New York, Dec. 14.—Fire broke out in the Denison Paper Manufacturing Company's store building, 183 Broadway and spread to Hegeman's drug store next door. Within half an hour the Denison Company's plant was a wreck. The loss, it is thought, will reach \$250,000.

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These are only a few samples of the useful presents to be had from our stock. Do you want a nice SILK WAIST? We have a beautiful range to choose from.

Ladies' Long Coats---The Correct Styles. Military Oxford Gray Coat, yoke back, cuff sleeve, velvet collar, both in semi-fitting and loose back. ALL SIZES NOW IN STOCK.

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put the prefix "Victor" before his family name. Lord Strathcona is making distinct satisfactory progress. The British House of Lords unanimously decided the case for the possession of Daly's Theater, London, in favor of the Daly estate. The Japanese Herald's Sendal correspondent that an American missionary named Snyder has been arrested for assaulting a Japanese boy by striking him with a Bible.

FOR WEAK LUNGS "IT HAS NO EQUAL"

That's what an eminent doctor wrote who has prescribed Angier's Petroleum Emulsion extensively, and we could quote from hundreds of physicians' letters in equally flattering terms. The medical profession indorse Angier's Emulsion because they know what it is composed of, and because it has stood the test for over twenty years, never once failing to relieve, and often effecting a cure when all other remedies had failed. The great value of



lies in the fact that it not only soothes and heals the mucous membrane of the lungs and air passages, but at the same time it has a marked effect upon the digestive organs, promoting healthy assimilation, and greatly increasing the weight, strength and general health. It is made with our specially purified Petroleum combined with the tonic qualities of the Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, is pleasant to take, agrees with the weakest stomach, is perfectly simple and safe for the youngest infant, and better than cod liver oil in every way. Angier's Petroleum Emulsion positively has no equal for the treatment of chronic coughs, bronchial catarrh, laryngitis, weak lungs, consumption and all chronic lung affections. It is also equally efficacious in stomach and bowel disorders.

BETTER THAN COD LIVER OIL:—For several years I have been a very liberal prescriber of Angier's Emulsion. Our work here consists largely of lung troubles. Having used your product in my own case with most delightful results, I now use it entirely in the place of cod liver oil. CHAS. A. WILSON, M.D., San Antonio, Texas.

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LUNG HEMORRHAGE:—I must congratulate you on your Petroleum Emulsion. I have been suffering with my lungs. In fact I have nearly spit them away. Nothing seemed to do me any good until I took Angier's Petroleum Emulsion. I feel a new man. It has saved my life and I have recommended it to all I know as a perfect and safe cure. I am a steward on the American Line "City of Berlin". E. CALDWELL, New York.

All drug lists sell Angier's Petroleum Emulsion. Two sizes, 50 cents and \$1.00 a bottle. Be sure you get ANGIER'S. YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS on a postal card will bring you a free copy of a valuable booklet entitled "ABOUT YOUR THROAT AND LUNGS." It tells how to care for the Throat, Lungs and Digestive Organs. It gives good advice as to diet and hygiene, also exercises, which are illustrated.

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New York and Chicago stocks bought and sold.

TODAY'S MARKETS

TORONTO PRODUCE MARKET. Toronto, Dec. 14.—Wheat—Steady, at 50 to 55c for red and white, middle freight.

DAIRY MARKETS

MONTREAL, Dec. 14.—Cheese—8c to 10c. Butter—Downship, 20c to 21c; western, 15c to 16c.

ENGLISH MARKETS

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 14.—Closing. Wheat—Spot firm; No. 2 red western winter, 6s 1/2d.

LONDON WOOL SALES

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The offerings at the wool auction sales today amounted to 7,701 bales.

AMERICAN MARKETS

BUFFALO, Dec. 14.—Spring wheat—No. 1 northern, 75c; No. 2, 73c.

TOLEDO, Dec. 14.—Wheat—Cash and Dec., 84c.

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Work and Wages.

FEDERATION OF LABOR. Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14.—The American Federation of Labor began work promptly this morning.

It's Your Stomach That's Wrong.

You go to breakfast in the morning feeling out of sorts, irritable, and without appetite.

WHISKERS OF MICE

Eyebrows of Bears and Human Eyelashes Used in One Trade.

The business done in mouse whiskers is considerable this year, for they are used in the making of the wonderful new fly for fishermen.

The trade of artificial fly making is the lightest-fingered business in the world, and it is not one man or woman out of 5,000 who can learn to tie flies.

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Bear's eyebrows, being stiff, and exactly the right shade, are used in a newly invented fly that is killing quantities of salmon this year.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Table with columns: STATIONS, TEMPERATURE, WEATHER. Includes data for London, Dec. 14, 8 a.m.

FORECASTS

Today—Strong winds and gales, north and northwest; rain, turning to snow.

Sunday—Strong northwesterly winds and very cold.

WEATHER NOTES

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LATE LOCAL ITEMS

—Mrs. (Hon.) G. W. Ross returned to Toronto this morning after a visit to her daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Belton, and other friends.

—Rev. J. Esler, of Cook's Church, Toronto, successor to the Rev. Wm. Patterson, will deliver an address on the subject "Christmas" at the Auditorium tomorrow afternoon.

—Mr. Geo. H. Belton has purchased a very desirable property on the corner of William street and King street.

—George A. the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Angus McInnis, died yesterday at the family residence.

—The Kensington mission in West London is enjoying a very successful revival.

—Howard E. Rice, aged 15 years, died yesterday at the residence of his parents.

—The Garrison non-commissioned officers' whist team, of Wolsley Barracks, last night defeated the G. T. F. carnivals whist team by 25 points.

—R. A. McVean, advance agent for Marks Bros. Company, which plays at the New Grand next week, received this telegram last night from F. H. Briscoe.

—In the county court the only case tried on Friday was Smith vs. Weeks.

—An action to enforce an agreement, it was defended on the ground that the agreement was void as being against public policy.

—The action was dismissed with costs to be paid by the plaintiff.

—A NEW PARTNERSHIP. Mr. John M. Gunn, B.A., of this city, who recently passed a highly creditable final examination at Osgoode Hall, has become a member of the law firm of Buchner & Campbell.

—SHERIFF RECEIVES ORDERS. Sheriff Cameron was officially notified Friday of the order passed by the judges of the high court to the effect that the Big Four bridge at this place was to be demolished.

—QUAINT PHILOSOPHY. In an advertisement. When a man acts as he believes the infinite within him would have him act, he draws power from himself.

—SEND-OFF TO CHAUNCEY. New York, Dec. 14.—A score of the first night tendered the United States senator a dinner at the Union League club.

—COLLEGE AFFILIATION. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 14.—Premier Ross this morning stated that he knew nothing of the proposed affiliation of the law school with Toronto University.

—GERMAN DUELS. London Chronicle: It is high time that an enlightened country like Germany should recognize the value of the stupid and degrading institution of the duel.

—ENCOURAGING. "I hope you are interesting the members of your flock," said the bishop to the young pastor.

—CHRISTMAS SHOPPING. He—Why don't you do your Christmas shopping right away, dear? She—What? And miss the delicious crush at the last minute? The ideal!

LATE SPORTING.

FOOTBALL. YALE'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON. New Haven, Conn., Dec. 14.—The Yale football management has just made public a statement giving total receipts and expenses for the current year.

HOCKEY. The Tecumseh hockey club organized for the ensuing year in the Tecumseh House last evening and elected the following officers.

ELECTED OFFICERS. Lodge British Lion, No. 53, S. O. E., has elected the following officers for 1902.

PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION. Mayor Rumball has been requested to call a public meeting in the city hall on Friday evening, Dec. 20.

PASSED CIVIL SERVICE EXAMS. The Advertiser's Ottawa correspondent telegraphs today: The following passed the preliminary civil service examinations at London.

ACHES AND PAINS. You know by experience that the aches and pains of rheumatism are not permanent, but only temporarily, relieved by external remedies.

A REQUISITE FOR THE RANCHER. On the cattle ranges of the west, where men and stock are far from doctors and apothecaries, Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is kept on hand.

OSGOODE HALL NOTES. Before Ferguson, J.—Trengrouse vs. Brower—Judgment (G.A.B.) on appeal by defendants by order of local judge at London.

THE HOLIDAY TRAFFIC. During Christmas and New Year's holiday traffic on the Grand Trunk has always been enormous.

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HOCKEY SKATES—Chibucto, Mic-Mac, Mic-Mac Featherweight, Puck Stop, Ladies' Beaver, Ordinary Hockey.

SPRING SKATES—All kinds, plated and plain.

All Starr Mfg Co. (Halifax) Goods—Straps, Pucks and Sticks.

Cowan's Hardware

Coal. F. D. MACFIE & CO., Office and Yard—Burwell street and G. T. R. crossing.

WHAT CAN I GIVE?

This is a question that a great many people ask themselves very often during the present month.

Kennedy's Pharmacy, 268 Dundas Street.

More Matter for Wise Housekeepers.

that's being sacrificed right here. No waiting until the season's over, but cut right now.

FURNITURE

Artistic pieces of Seating Furniture for the parlor and library; Luxurious Couches in Oriental shapes; new creations in curious upholstery, making an attractive place for Christmas shoppers.

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Notice the "baste"

A suit or overcoat is never found in the "Semi-ready" wardrobes in a finished state.

'It is all in the nature of the "baste." Observe, that although the entire garment is not made-to-order, it is finished-to-order with the same result.

Finished-to-order (semi-ready) clothes have these advantages over made-to-order,—

—You see whether a style or material suits you before you buy.

—You get suit home in two hours instead of one to two weeks.

—You save about half the price.

It is the new against the old—the modern against the antique.

"Semi-ready" suits and overcoats, \$12.00 to \$30.00.

Catalogue and samples free.

THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

BASEBALL. A SENSATION.

New York, Dec. 14.—After four days of practically entire absence of official information as to the inner workings of the meetings of the magnates of the National Baseball League...

When the vote has been taken, when my election shall be made unanimous and when they shall come to me and ask me to be their president...

The election of officers was taken up last night. Mr. Spaulding and N. Z. Young were the candidates...

TURF. AT NEW ORLEANS.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 14.—Yesterday's summary: First race, 6 furlongs—Crescent City, 109 (Coburn), 5 to 1; Mome, Wastell, 109 (J. Miller), 9 to 2; Missile, 112 (L. Smith), 8 to 1. Time, 1:18.

External Remedies Can't Cure Cancer

It is a Disease of Germ Origin and Must Be Reached Through the Blood.

The most advanced scientists and specialists in the medical profession, now consider cancer to be caused by germs or parasites in the blood...

Second race, selling, 1-16 miles—Star Cotton, 107 (Cochran), 5 to 1; 1; Frank Ireland, 107 (Nutt), 6 to 1; 2; Mattie Bazaar, 102 (Hohe), 6 to 1; 3. Time, 1:51.

Third race, steeplechase, handicap, short course—Divertissement, 130 (L. McHugh), 12 to 1; 1; Bristol, 147 (Statler), 3 to 1; 2; Golden Link, 139 (J. Weber), 9 to 1; 3. Time, 3:18.

Fourth race, handicap, 6 furlongs—Burnie Bunton, 110 (Coburn), 8 to 1; 1; If You Dare, 100 (T. Dean), 7 to 1; 2; B. G. Fox, 110 (J. Winkfield), 20 to 1; 3. Time, 1:44.

Fifth race, selling, 1 1/2 miles—Deloraine, 109 (Cochran), 3 to 2; 1; Azim, 88 (Mumro), 13 to 5; 2; Lizzy, 88 (Hoieson), 19 to 1; 3. Time, 2:39.

Sixth race, 1-16 miles, selling—Donner, 102 (Oils), 13 to 5; 1; Donner, 107 (Cochran), 7 to 1; 2; Beulah, 107 (Donnic), 9 to 1; 3. Time, 1:50 1/2.

FISTIC. A PIERCE BATTLE.

Fort Erie, Oct. 14.—In one of the most fiercely fought contests ever witnessed in this part of the country, Dave Sullivan, of Boston, and Kid Griffin, of New York, met in a ten-round draw here last night.

The first contest was between Eddie Kelly and Kid Jessel in a four-round bout. Both men were in perfect physical condition...

The main preliminary contest of ten rounds brought out two light-weights, Kid Busch, of Buffalo, and Mike Ward, of Sarnia, Ont. Neither did much damage in the first round...

WHEEL. THE INTERNATIONAL RACE.

New York, Dec. 14.—The fifth day of the six-day bicycle race opened with the American teams fighting for first place. They were jaded and stiff from their trying experience of Thursday, however, and apparently lacked savants to administer drugs to many of them...

HOW TO PLAY GOOD GOLF.

Wise Advice From Champion of the United States. Technical Terms Should Be Mastered First—The Game Played From the Start.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—Walter T. Travis, the champion golfer of this country, who has probably won more prizes, both in medal and match play, than any other man, says that golf is a difficult game for one to attain any degree of excellence in, and that proficiency can only be obtained by persistent and painstaking practice.

Addressing the ball. Putting one's self in position to strike the ball. Approach. When the player is sufficiently near the hole to be able to drive the ball to the putting green, his stroke is called the approach shot.

Brassie. A wooden club with a rough sole. Bunker. Generally any rough hazardous ground, or, more strictly speaking, a sand pit.

Caddy. A person who carries the clubs. Cleek. An iron-headed club of considerable driving power.

Cup. A small hole in the course into which the ball is put. Dormy. One side is said to be dormy when there it is as many holes ahead as there remain holes to play.

Face. A warning cry to any person in the way of a stroke. Foursome. A match in which two play on each side.

Green. First, the whole course; second, the putting green around the different holes.

Halved. When each side takes the same number of strokes for a hole. Hazard. A green, or other bad ground, long grass, water or other bad ground.

Honor. The right to play off first from the tee. Lie. The situation of the ball, good or bad.

Links. The open downs or heath on which the game is played. Mashie. A small, narrow-headed heavy iron club, used when the ball lies in bad places, such as ruts.

Putt. To play the delicate game close to the hole. Putter. An upright stiff-shafted wooden-headed or iron club, used when the ball is on the putting green.

Stance. The position of the player's feet when ready to swing the club. Stroke. Term used when the opponent's ball lies in the line of the putt.

Tea. The pat of sand or dirt or rubber on which the ball is placed for the first stroke on each hole.

THE NECESSARY CLUBS.

Having mastered the above terms, the next thing is a set of clubs, consisting of a driver, brassie, cleek, mid-iron, mashie and putter.

THE USEFUL PUTTER.

Given a perfectly smooth, even green, the ordinary putter is the most useful club, but as there are so few greens that can answer the description, for general purposes the putting cleek may be considered the most serviceable.

It is somewhat laid back in the face, and on a fast green permits of a heavier blow than with a flat-faced club, without the danger attendant upon the use of the latter of over-running the hole.

Proper grip. It is well to remember that the more the left hand, when gripping, is turned outward—that is to say, the knuckles are turned around underneath the shaft—the more will the face of the club be turned out.

It must not be forgotten that the work with the right hand is of equal importance, as both should work harmoniously. Now, with the V's formed by the junction of the thumbs and forefingers in a direct line with each other until they feel easy, taking

care to see that both hands are turned from each other correspondingly.

THE GAME FROM THE START. Having already made a tee (and be careful not to have this too high) and placed the ball on same, the beginner is now ready for the drive. Swing the club a few times in order to get the hang of it easily, and after resting it on the ground close behind the ball, swing it back to the arms' limit before starting on the onward journey, keeping the eye on the ball; continue until it assumes a horizontal position between the neck and right shoulder, and then advance the arm on the same line, going through the ball with undiminished speed until it finishes. Don't fall back after hitting the ball.

After the drive from tee, and when distance is to be secured, provided the ball is not lying any too well, the brassie comes into play. If the tee is good continue with the brassie. Take the club up a little more vertically and stand a trifle more over the ball, aiming slightly back of it, but using care not to hit the ground before the ball is driven.

Many players use a cleek in place of the brassie, but this club is of use chiefly when the distance is less than the club up a little more vertically and stand a trifle more over the ball, aiming slightly back of it, but using care not to hit the ground before the ball is driven.

THREE POSITIONS. As in driving, one of three positions may be selected, but once having made up the mind to use a particular position stick to it. No. 1. With the ball nearer to left foot. 2. Midway between feet. 3. Nearer to right foot.

Having made choice, rest the club gently in front of ball, back again behind it, without changing its course, and strike the center of ball with the center of the face of putter.

LABOR CONGRESS. Gampers' Views Were Indorsed by the Federation at Scranton.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 14.—The special committee having charge of the question of autonomy met this morning at the opening session of the American Federation of Labor yesterday.

The committee was in session until late in the night, but was unable to complete its report. After roll call the committee on law presented a large number of resolutions for consideration.

The recommendations made in the president's report were adopted, except that relating to a general defense fund. The suggestion that the fund be raised by national and labor unions instead of by the American Federation of Labor was adopted.

Two resolutions were reported on the question of organizing the common laborers into large unions, and both were recommended to be sent to the executive council to take up the matter and report at the next convention.

Hereafter the annual convention of the federation is to be held on the second Thursday of November of each year.

Along the resolutions adopted was one that no boycotts shall be declared until central labor unions have investigated the disputes and endeavored to effect an amicable settlement.

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A LOCAL BUDGET.

—Mr. Robert C. Campbell, of Winnipeg, will sing several solos at St. Andrew's Church tomorrow.

—Five buglers of the 21st Regiment will take a course at the London Military School after the Christmas holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cray, of Leitch, Mich., are visiting their daughter, Mrs. J. W. McMichael, of 370 Ontario street.

—Mr. Ernie Hicks, of Chicago, accompanied by his wife, are in the city for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late Jabez Harwood.

—Rev. Dr. Griffin, of Toronto, superintendent secretary, will occupy the pulpit of Dundas Center Methodist Church tomorrow at both services.

—Three successful students of the Forest City College have received diplomas for their work. They are Miss Jessie McEwen and Miss Minnie Haylock, of this city, and Mr. Walter Harris, of Simcoe.

—Dr. Sowerby will discuss the second great subject of his “science series” tomorrow evening, “Moses Wrong?” Doubtless those who heard the first one will be there to hear the next and following ones.

—Petrolia Topic: Mr. Harry Bowles, of London, leaves for New York in a few days on a business trip, preparatory to taking his new position as manager of Woods' Fair, London, having severed his connection with the Runlins, Carson, McKee Company.

—Rev. Alex. Eiser preaches tomorrow in St. Andrew's Church. He is the successor to Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cook's Church, Toronto. Rev. Dr. Johnston, of St. Andrew's preaches at Cook's Church on Sunday, and at the Massey Hall on Sunday afternoon.

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—The Ministering Children's League, of the Memorial Church, held a very successful concert and sale of fancy goods done by the children, yesterday afternoon. In the neighborhood of \$20 was realized. Mr. McElheran presided. The programme was as follows: Choruses, members of the league; recitations, Lillian Little, Daisy Griffin, Mamie Herrington, Nora Leadbitter and Edna Yelland; piano solos, Edna Yelland, Rowena Gardiner and Mrs. Libby; quartet, Thea Orr, Lillian Lytle, Nora Leadbitter and Edna Yelland.

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P. S. N. COMPANY.
 A meeting of the shareholders of the Port Stanley Navigation Company (Limited) was held at St. Thomas Thursday night. The following were elected as the directors of the company: Col. F. B. Leys and Thomas A. Browne, London; W. A. Day, Port Stanley; George K. Crocker, A. M. Hutchinson, Peter S. Smith, and John Mallon, St. Thomas. At a meeting of the directors held subsequently the following officers were elected: Geo. K. Crocker, president; Thomas A. Browne, vice-president; M. Hutchinson, secretary treasurer. The shareholders passed a resolution that a new boat should be built at once, and, if possible, at Port Stanley.

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2 1/2 pounds Pure Shell Brand Castile Soap, regular 20c, tonight, bar..... 15c
 Vaseline, 5c bottles, tonight 3 for..... 50

New Leather Goods
On Sale Tonight.
 Ladies' Purses, Men's Pocket-books, Wallets, Music Rolls, Chatelaine Bags, Ticket Holders, Card Cases, Cigar Cases and Belts at very low prices.

Neckwear Novelties.
 New Collars, 50c to..... \$1 50
 Lace Ties, 75c to..... 2 50
 Boys' Windsor Ties, deep drawn work and hemstitched ends, plain colors and plaids, tonight..... 25

Handkerchiefs.

Lace corners, special 3 for 25c tonight.
 Also another line tonight at 2 for 25c.

Fill Up Your Books.

Double Trading Stamps
At Chapman's Tonight and All Ensuing Week.
 Shop Early in the Day.