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# PRINCE CHAO KANG A Royal Love Story of the Long Ago From the Flowery Kingdom. A Royal Love Story of the Kingdom.

birth of Christ, China was governed by the Emperor Yu, who from a very humble station had been raised to the throne for the great-services he had rendered his country in draining the morasses and embanking the rivers, which had previously been accustomed to overflow their channels, and inundates the neighboring plains. Yu proved a great and glorious sovereign, and his descendants were for his sake much beloved by the people of China. They-continued to reign for several generations, till at length a traitor named Han-sou rebelled against the Emperor Ti Siang, and, having defeated and slaindnin and all his faithful friends in a great battle, he marched to the capital, and barbarously massacred overy member of the royal family, except the Empress Min, who fled to an obscure village among the mountains, where she gave birth to an infant prince, whomshe named Chao Kang.

This tender babe was now the sole descendant of the revered line of Yu, and though he was burn in the lonely dwelling of a shephord, his fondimother trusted that she would one day behold him seated on his father's throne, which was now usurped by the cruel traitor Hanwere for his sake much beloved by the

ed that she would one day behold him seated on his father's throne, which was now usurped by the cruel traitor Hanson. Chao Kang was a child of great beauty and extraordinary abilities, and the Empressyllin was enabled to bestow upon him the blessings of a good education. She not only instancted him in all the learning of which she was mistress, but taught him many ingenious arts, such as were practised by persons of high rank in those days, especially that of painting in balliant colors, insects, birds, flowers and figures. Chao Kang soon acquired suchuskill in these pleasing exercises, that he presently exceeded his royal mother in the force and correctness of his delineations, and learned to arrange his figures in groups, so as to illustrate the most striking passages in the history of his own country. His mother, better to conceal the quality of her royal son tillisquet time as he should be of age to claim his rightful inheritance, caused him to keep the flocks of the old shepberd Nanchi, who called the princely boy his grandson; but as it was well known that Nanchi rever had

be of age to claim his rightfal inheritance, caused him to keep the flocks of the old shepherd. Nan-hi, who called the princely boy his grandson; but as it was well known that Man-hi-never had a child, and the beauty and noble spirit of Chao Kangtattracted great attention, it began to be whispered abroad that he was of the family of the late sovereign. The reports reached the ear of the jealous usurper Han-sou, and he, having reason to suspect the Empress Min and her child were in existence, sent persons to seize the boy and bring him before him, dead or alive.

The imperial widow was informed of this by a faithful friend in the capital, with whom she still kept up a correspondence, and, bidding the worthy shepherd Nan-hi a hasty farewell, she withdrew with her son into the neighboring province of Quangtun, now called Canton, where, to avoid all suspicion, she placed the royal youth as under cook in the kitchen of the great mandarin, Hum. This situation was not exactly to the taste of Chao Kang; but he submitted to the commands of his mother with a good grace, and endeavored to fulfill the duties of his new calling with cheerfulness. His winning manners and amiable disposition soon endeaved him to every person in the family of the mandarin; but, though he was engaged in menial offices, he did not allow his mind to stoop beneath the true dignity which the pursuits of learning and of virtue can confer upon the humblest stations in society. Chao Kang spent all his leisure time in study, or else in decorating the garden pagodas with painted flowers, birds, or groups of figures. These were so superior to anything that had been executed by the Chinese painters, that they attracted the attention of the only daughter of the mandarin, a young lady of great beauty, and of so amiable a disposition, that she was named Choo-lan, from the sweet flower that scents the most precious tea of China.

When Choo-lan inquired the name of

darin had, however, prudently expunged those parts of the picture which revealed the present abode and occupation of a royal youth, lest it should expose him to the jealous rage of the usurper, Hansou; and for the present he judged it best for him to remain concealed. After Choa Kang hecame the husband of his beloved daughter, the mandarin obtained for him a military command in a remote station, where he learned the art of war, and finally gained great reuptation as a warrior; yet he was thirty years old before he could arrange his plans successfully, so as to assert his long dormant right to the throne of China. At length the moment came when the tyranny of the usurper Han-sou could no longer be endured; and the people of China, from the city to the plains, and from the mountain tops to the shores of the sea, called aloud for the last descendant of the great Yu to appear for their deliverance.

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Chao Kang had long waited for this summons. He assembled his brave friends and three hundred valiant youths, the flower of his army, were commanded by Ti-chou, his eldest son by his beloved wife, Choo-lan, who had brought him a hopeful family of lovely children. The army of the usurper, Hansou, was tenfold more numerous than that of the rightful sovereign, Chao-Kang; but the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong.

Fixed with the thought of his father's wrongs, and eager to avenge the murder of his kindred, the young prince Ti-Chou, calling upon the chosen band under his command to follow him, dashed into the very centre of Hansou's army, and,

caning upon the closer band under inscommand to follow him, dashed into the
very centre of Han-sou's army, and,
while the hoary usurper was in the act
of haranguing his troops, and charging
them to give no quarter, he was seized
in the strong grasp of Ti-chou, who,
flinging him across his horse's neck, carried him off in that degrading position
as a captive, amidst the triumphant acclamations of his brave followers.
Chao-Kang and his troops then charged the adherents of the usurper, sword
in hand, and, they being thrown into a
panic by the unexpected loss of their
leader, flung down their arms, and on
the very spot swore allegiance to the deseendant of the great Yu.

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the very spot swore alegance to the descendant of the great Yu.

As for the usurper, Han-sou, he was put to the death his crimes had so richly merited; and Chao-Kang, with his mother, the widowed Empress Min, his faithful wife, Choo-lan, who had accompanied him in all his wanderings, and his blooming family, entered the capital, where he was crowned with the imperial diadem of China, amidst the shouts and rejoinings of the people.

Both Chao Kang and his son, Ti-chou, enjoyed long and glorious reigns, having employed the days of their adversity in fitting themselves to advance the happiness of the people committed to their charge; and they cultivated the arts of pence no less successfully than they had practiced the stern business of war, so that the memories of both are still cherished with undiminished regard by the descendants of their subjects, hough so



seculated to the commands of his mother with a good grace, and endeavored to fulfill the duties of his new calling with cheerfulness. His winning manners and the father harder, for all the young people view with each other on that occarry in process in the family of the mandarin; but, though he was engaged in menial offices, he did not allow the part that the sum of virtue can confer upon the humblest stations in society. Chao Kang pair, in the form of a lantern, iglitted up with tapers within.

The feast of lanterns is celebrated on the first month, at which time the vast empire of China is solitured flowers, birds, or groups of figures. These were so superior to any interest the superior to the catterion of the only daughter of the mandarin, a young lady of greated from the roof of every house, affixed to the doors, or carried about the streets on long poles in procession, that she was named Choo-lan, from the own with these beautiful lanterns, which are suspended from the roof of every house, affixed to the doors, or carried about the streets on long poles in procession, that she was named choo-lan, from the own with regard to the mandarin, a young lady of greated from the roof of every house, office a termination of the only daughter of the mandarin, a young lady of greated from the roof of every house, office a termination of the mandarin, a young lady of greated from the roof of every house, office a termination of the mandarin, a young lady of greated from the roof of every house, office a termination of the mandarin, a young lady of greated from the roof of every house, office and the origination of the sweet flower that seems the most precious tea of China.

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### SIR ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS GIFT

(Elton Harris, in the "British Weekly.")

He had walked moodily into his library, and without troubling to turn up the lights, had flung himself into an easy chair, thrust his hands into his pockets, placed his much splashed topboots on the curb, and with head sund on his breast, sat gazing into the fire. I'et even so, with the hard, dissatisfied look on his dark, somewhat haw-like face, Sir Anthony Amhurst was a hand-come man. The flickering rays of the great fire cast long shadows into the distant corners of the charming old room, with its endiess bookcases, its highly polished floor, and lighted into vivid patches of color the scarlet coat that proclaimed him Master of Hounds, showed his crisp dark hair turning grey on the temples, though he could not have been more than six and thirty.

Two years ago there had not been a grey hair in his head, nor would he have been sitting desolate and alone, wondering how he was to get through this time of rejoicing, especially if the frost had come to stay, as had looked but toolikely when he had ridden home through the gloaming just now. Of course it would stay, he told himself with deep self-pity; was not a mad gallop after hounds the sole thing left that could stray, he told himself with deep self-pity; was not a mad gallop after hounds the sole thing left that could stray he used the embers fall; it was the lot of others to be widowed, even as he had been but what was that to him, he reflected angrily, what consolation was he to find in that, pray:—they were but the wives of other men; and his lose was Monica. He had idolized her to the exclusion of everything else! his five years of married life house and some of meaning life hou one of meaning life house and one of meaning life house and one of meaning life had been been and his lose was Monica. He had idolized her to the exclusion of everything else! his five years of merried life house and his lose was Monica He had idolized her to the exclusion of everything else! his five years of merried life house and his lose was Monica. He had idolized her to the e sikely when he had ridden home through the gloaming just now. Of course it would stay, he told himself with deep self-pity; was not a mad gallop after hounds the sole thing left that could stir his pulses, make him forget— of course it would stay! Bitter enough were the man's thoughts as he watched the embers fall; it was the lot of others to be widowed, even as he had been, but what was that to him, he reflected angrily, what consolation was he to find in that, pray!—they were but the wives of other men; and his loss was Monica. He had idolized her to the exclusion of everything else! his five years of married life had pessed as a dream. Sardonically he smiled as he reviewed the two years since she left him, the various forms of consolation offered to him. Well he knew how people were saying that he should marry again, knew why certain sweet and pretty girls were dired out, and he went through these ordeals with grim amusement. Perhapsonee or twice, in sheer desperation and loneliness, he had tried to believe that he liked one of his dinner partners, but the deception would not work. Beneathhis iron self-control was a nature rarely faithful, and he dimly guessed that Monica, who understood him—laughing, sumy Monica—had carried his heart with her to the 'land of 'the Leal.'

On his writing table lay numerons invitations to Yule-tide foctivities. He glanced towards them with the same smile. A merry Christmas, indeed, for one whom the Almighty had so sorely smitten and deserted. He was alone, for what were three small children in a distant nursery at the top of his boys, it is true, when he had watched the lovely cherubs in Monica's slim white arms: but the other, the girl, whose little life started even as that most precious one was fluttering out, he had never brought himself to see. In that stately house-hold it was an understood thing that the children were to be kept out of sight, nor dare his friends mention them to the widower. Yet he had promised Monica that they should be his care, and he had kept his wo

as if she was worth no more than a chance word!" the old woman would declare with trembling indignation. "As if he did not know that more than all them fine things they have, my lauy, poor, pretty, would have rather that he took them in his arms sometimes and kissed them, same, as other father. Man kissed them, same as other through the says, your nephew Joe kisses his children, don't he? 'He is a choachman, master Tony,' I answers, and he looked at me kissed them, same as other fathers, Mas-

Tony,' I answers, and he looked at me a minute very old, and turns away. The girl,' that's all he ever calls hermover no more than 'the girl!' "Don't you fret," the housekeeper would reply, shaking her head wisely. "The master has dined three times lately at the Towers, and they say that there is a young lady staying there who rides to hounds beautifully. 'Man is not born to live alone,' as the saying goes, and he will bear the sight of Miss Monlea well enough when her ladyship's place is filled again—not that I ever expect to see her equal." see her equal."
"Nor you will. Her children have a

see her equal."
"Nor you will. Her children have a stepmother over them, indeed!" was the jealous and ruffed retort, as filling her apron with the evergreen and holly for which she had come, nurse departed with puckered brow.

So there he, sat, brooding, over his trouble, seeing no light in his cloudy sky, regardless of the Light that so long ago came into the world that Christmas night when the star that heralded our Lord's birth first shone in the clear blue eastern sky. As the guest of wind now and again swept round the old house, they brought with them the sound of church bells ringing forth the tidings of great joy, and then, as he sat up impatiently, he became aware of a curious, uneven knocking on the heavy oak door at the further end of the room.

"Who's there? Come in, cannot you!" he cried irritably, seizing the poker and

"Who's there? Come in, cannot you?" he cried irritably, seizing the poker and making such an attack on the fire as to fill the room with light. Then as it was repeated, "Come in, I say, or take yourself off."

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Evidently the knocker preferred the former course, for as Sir Anthony raised his dark head the door slowly opened, and there entered, in an undecided manner, almost as if gently pushed, three young children, two straight and sturdy boys, leading between them a white-robed baby girl, a vision of bobbing yellow curls, smooth, dimpled, pink cheeks, and wondering blue eyes, then the door closed quietly again. Half-way up the room walked the pretty groun; then as they met the sombre, almost fierce eyes fixed on them, they wavered, and stood huddled together-as if uncertain how to proceed, motherless lambs at whom the wolf was glaring. And so on this Christmas Eve, Anthony Amhurst and his neglected children silently regarded each other, while the bells rang on, now far, now near, ringing for the Christ who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not, for of such is the Kingdom of God!"

"What do you want?" demanded Sir Anthony, shortly, much amazed, and uneasily aware that if the children were afraid of him, he was equally so of them. "Look here, go away; you cannot play in this room, you know-vanish," and he pointed towards the door.

But Tony, his six-year-old son and heir, had straightened out his ranks, and they advanced to the rug, to stand in line before him.

oran, Anthony caught her up—Monwas child, who knew her father through he window—and by the aid of one of hose faultlessly cut top-boots Beauty as likewise lifted beside her, while four found himself swung on to the rm of the chair, whence he could shyr slip an arm round his father's neck, taisfied by the look on the stern, dark statisfied by the look on the stern, dark

cent souls were all his own to guard, their ardent baby love be his for the winning.

"You like the present?" questioned Tony presently, as the girl's sieepy head lay against the scarlet-coated breast, the damp mite of a thumb dropped from the rosebud mouth. Joe, nurse's nephew, has five children, and his wife went to heaven when God, the Father, took mother. The children were made into a picture and Joe has it on his kitchen mantelpiece in a shell frame, and says that it is better than a mint of mouey to him. So we got this for Christmas. Nurse said that she did not see why you should be behind Joe, you know, and we should give it ourselves. Is it worth a mint to you, father?"

"That it is, mannikin," but in his new humility Anthony Autherst felt that possibly he deserved his picture less than his coachman, Joseph.

"Would you like it better with a shell frame, dear lickle sheels?" demanded Beanty, laying a venturesome finger on the cleft in the firm chin.

"No, no, just as it is," he answered. "Or-we will get one for it like that one up there, with—mother's picture in it."

firmation.

"Oh, I understand," and Sir Anthony regarded him uneasily, the photo hanging limply in his hand. "Well, I am much obliged to you—all," with a hasty glance at the youthful lady in the centre, who seemed much inclined to make a dash for it, and recover the gift.

Queer thanks from a father to his children. An old woman standing behind the door, listening with abated breath,

the door, listening with abated breath elenched her hands, and in her heart a plea went up for them all, not only for her lambs, over whom she watched day and night, but for the father, who years and years ago had been a child in her

"Oh, dear God Almighty, at this bless-ed Christmas time, when our Lord was born, have mercy on Master Anthony, and let his little children lead him back

Beauty was adding his share to the

Beauty was adding his share to the presentation when she listened again. "Merry Kismas," he chirped. "You were to say happy Christmas," Tony corrected, in a muffled whisper, "because nurse is sure that mother would want father to be happy," and he glanced sadly at the present, which did not seem to have cheered the recipient. Sir Anthony winced, yet he felt no desire to sweep the group away, and was inwardly concerned to see that Tony's grasp on "the girl's" plump wrist was marking the pretty skin, while when she released herself, and sat down on the rug with considerable force, he found himself thinking how unpleasant it must

himself thinking how unpleasant it must be, and was distinctly relieved to find

that she took it serenely. For the first time he looked straight at "the girl," and

the little one, pleased at his red coat, smiled back at him with something of her dead mother's smile, and taking off

of a factival in the main

one up there, with—mother's picture in it."

It was almost the first time that he had spoken of her, but looking from the upturned faces of her little sons to the silver-framed photo of lovely Monica on the mantelpiece, it seemed strangely easy and was almost a relief. For one seemed very near to them yet in that quiet room; with her tiny daughter's coft breathing close to his ear, surely he was keeping his promise to her at last and finding that it brought its own reward. "I dine at home on Christmas Day, and the children with me, even—Miss Monica," he said when nurse arrived for her charges, and he looked up at her with an expression absent from his face for many a long day. "A happy Christmas to you, good old friend; in truth, none better deserves one."

From that Christmas Eve Sir Anthony was the centre of those children's lives; people said, indeed, that he lived for them. And this remark was possibly truer than much that people say; for certain it was that every Christmas Eve, when the snow lay thick, or the wild winds swept through the bare trees in the park, and frost held the waters ice-bound, a tall dark man would comequietly into the library at eventide, and after listening a moment to the distant joy-bells, would unlock a drawer in an old desk, and stand motionless before it. Yet there was very little there — a bundle of letters in a girlish hand, a broken bangle, and a fading photo of three children, a tiny white shoe— little enough, but landmarks in the life of one who, having suffered and grown strong, liked on the eve of that great the enough, but landmarks in the life of one who, having suffered and grown strong, liked on the eve of that great anniversary to pause awhile in the past and acknowledge that his heavenly fa-ther had tempered justice with mercy.

#### Barber Saves the Clippings,

The barber as his patron arose, shook from the apron to the floor the short locks that he had clipped from the man's head and a boy appeared, swept up the hair and placed it carefully in a large

smiled back, at him with something of her dead mother's smile, and taking off her shoe, staggered to her feet, and came to lay it in his hand.

"Baby gives," she lisped.

"It is new, and she thinks you will like it." explained Beauty, with placid, protecting pride, his chubby hands in his belt. "You had better kiss her; she seems to like you."

"She does not know me," he answered, between his teeth, for the touch of the little hand, light as the snowlfakes fluttering to the ground now and again without, had stirred something in his heart, even as his boy's voice had done a minute before.

'Oh, yos, she sees you through the window sometimes, and we say, "That is Dad!" Tony said simply, edging a little nearer.

'Dad!' echoed the girl, with smiling pride in her knowledge.

What the Jew Celebrates at Christmas.

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notation of the years circuits as a lay of light in commemoration of the rededication of the Temple (see Saint John x. 22) is one of the component factors of which Christmas observance in the Church is a combination.

The Jewish holiday of Lights, designated as Hanukah in Hebrew, has also taken on the character

clearly developed along lines parallel to those that Christmas fol-

lowed in widening its own scope. . . . The Christmas senti-ment of 'good-will to men' is certainly an echo of the convictions

and aspiration which the Jewish festival of Lights emphasizes. Widespread as the prejudice is that the ethics of Jesus transcend

Judaism, and that therefore Christmas virtually marks the advent

of a new epoch of love among men, it is based on misconstruction

or ignorance of Jewish life and literature contemporaneous with and antecedent to the rise of Christianity. The ethics symbolised

and antecedent to the rise of Christianity. The ethics symbolised by Christmas are Jewish. Their universalism is not an exotic in the garden of Judaism.' Signs are not wanting, we are told, that sooner or later the Jewish festival of Lights and Christmas will no longer fall on different days. "Even now, the hour which

moves all Christendom to joyous sentiments has found welcome in many a Jewish household. Its theological implications have been

forgotten in the sweeter melodies which it has dedicated to the

universal humanities. And many more of Jacob's family would be ready to combine their Hanukah and Christmas, and help create

for the common day a name and symbols of broader sweep than either now possesses, were it not for the remembrance that while the Jewish Hanukah has brought terror and pain to none in for-

mer centuries, and, alas! even now in darkest Europe Christmas has often been and is still, a day of unspeakable anguish and ter-

rible sufferings for Jews. Coming from their matins, where they had learned of the birth of the Babe of Bethlehem hailed by angels'

choirs chanting of goodwill to men, mobs time and again would invade the defenceless homes of the divine Babe's kinsfolk and visit

on them their fanatical wrath. In Russia the approach of Christmas fills with trepidation five millions of human hearts. Sad experi-

ence has taught them that no hour is fraught with graver peril for them than that which retells the poetry of a Jewish child's birth

in poverty and power. The Jew cannot rejoice, nor sing of good-will, when he knows that the day of his joy has been and is the day of his helpless brothers' trembing and anxiety and agony! In this country, as in England, the Jew rejoices that the Christmas

sentiment is speedily and beautifully progressing toward realization in action. And when he sees the lights leap into glory in his neighbors' homes he breathes forth a fervent prayer for their happiness. As far as in him lies he helps to make their joy more genuine. He gladly contributes his part to the happiness of his friends, and such as share with him the hospitality of his domestic hearth, but are not of his religious fraternity. For himself and his own, however, as yet he prefers to wait."

childhood

In this it has

Rabbi Emil G. Hirsch, of Chicago, in the Ladies' Home Journal (New York, December), thus sets forth what the Jew celebrates at Christmastide:—"It is not a secret among scholars that the celebration of the twenty-fifth of the midwinter month in the Jewish

### ARCHIE McGREGOR'S CHRISTMAS VISIT.

(Continued from Page 10.)

she said pitifully. "It was kind of him to send this money. I'll put it away, for it seems somehow to take his place. We don't need it but we do want our

boy."
Her tears fell freely over her furrow-

Her tears fell freely over her furrowed cheeks, and she ecemed to have suddenly grown oider as she sat there with
her son's gift lying unheeded in her lap.
Her husband rose feedly and went out
into the darkness. When he returned,
suppor was ready. They made a pretence at eating, while their loneliness
remained silent in each aching heart.

In a distant city Mrs. Archie Metiregor sat in her prety comfortable home,
boside a glowing grate unmindful of the
fast falling snow without. She held a
book in her hand, but was not reading.
She had been quietly watching her nusband for some time. He seemed perpiexed and restless. At length she
rose, and going to his side, asked with
tender solicitude.

"What is the matter, Archie. Is there

What is the matter, Archie. Is there

What is the matter, Archie. Is there anything troubling you.

He spoke in a low voice, yet his wife detected a quiver in it.

"Why didn't you tell me sooner, and we could have gone to see them? You have never invited me to visit your old home, and I have often wisned you would."

would."

'I know that Kate. You have made these four months of our married life so happy that I have grown selfish. To day one of the office boys asked permission to go home for Christmas. When I saw the joy on his face as I granted his request, a strange, inexplicable yearning came over me, bringing with it a mental picture of the old home, and tather and mother. I feel that they wont ther and mother. I feel that they wan me to-night, and I wish them to know

my wife," he said, with fond pride.
"I would like to know your parents,
Archie, I have no mother now, so you
must give me half of yours' she said,
sorrowfully.

He drew her closer to him, saying

eagerly.
"There's a train in half an hour, Kate

"There's a train in half an hour, Kate Could we go then?"

"What about our grand dinner tomorrow evening at Judge Dunmore's?"

"I'll send a m. e to the judge, explaining our absence. Will you go kate? Say you will humor me, dear." He looked at her pleadingly.

With her loving intuition, she understood his longing even better than he did himself, and answered unhesitatingly, "Of course I will, Archie. I'll get ready at once."

eady at once."
A few hours later as they were special home ing away towards the old home amor the northern hills Archie leaned toward his wife, saying tenderly, "I am taking my parents a precious gift this Christ

"I hope your mother will like me, was her wistful yet reserved answer.

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"And what about my father?" was the puzzled question.

"Oh, I do not fear winning his love, but mothers are different. It is hard for them to share their sons' loyalty and love with other women. I feet for your mother, Archie," she whispered, sortly, as she nestled closer to him.

Next morning, as the old couple sat alone with nothing but the memories of other Christmas days to cheer them, the wife said suddenly: "John, I hear beils. Who can be out so early this morning?" morning?

Her husband rose and looke through the window, then said hurried

ly.
"It's a sleigh from town. It has stopped here. Oh, wife, it is Archiel Les, Archie, and Kate, too."

he meet the travellers, while the mother stood in the doorway with a wondrous light shining in her eyes. Soon she was clasped in her son's strong arms while her husband with old-time chiv airy, was caring for ins daugnter, fo

his neart claimed her as such from the moment she put up her red lips for his welcoming kiss.

"I wanted you so, my-boy," the mother whispered, as she kissed her son.

A strange yearning took possession of the young wifes' heart as she saw the brown head pressed close beside the white one. Then her husband turned to her, and said, with tremulous tenderness and pride, "I have brought you a daughter, mother."

When Kate left the motherly arms around her, and the Kisses on her face,

around her, and the Risses on her face, the ache in her heart passed, and she feit that Arheie's mother was hers, too. "I guess your good things will not spoil now, wife," said the father, with

a merry ring in his voice.

"And you have your wish too, John We have much to be thankful for." Ther looking at her son, "We were just long-ing to see you, Archie. We wanted you Not more than I wanted to see you

"Not more than I wanted to see you.

I thought at first I could not get away, but I nad to, that's all. I wanted you to see your daughter, father," he added, blushing like a lover, as his mother led his wife away to lay aside her wraps.

"My heart called her that as soon as I saw her. She's a bonny woman, my boy. And your old father is well pleased and very happy."

As Archie sat in his own old chair, telling his father all about his busy life, his eyes with loving watchfulness saw his wife and his mother talking together, with nothing but love in each face, his heart was filled with a wondrous joy and contentment.

That night, as the young husband and wife sat together in the little spare room, Archie asked humorously, "Did you think I had taken leave of my senses, Kate, when I hurried you off so

\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* opens we will take a trip to the city to see them."

His abject in proposing a visit evidently did not have the desired effect, for she answered rather decidedly, "No, John, I shall not visit them. I'd be too old-fashioned for Archie's stylish city wife."

Failing to give her any comfort, he rose slowly, and said, "I think I'll go down to the postoffice for the paper, before the storm comes on."

He returned in a short time, for the little postoffice was only a tew rods down the road.

Opening the door he called cheerily, "Here's a letter from Archie."

His wife came forward eagerly and took it from his outstretched hand. He stamped the snow vigorously from his feet, closed the door, and sat down by the fire, while she prepared to read the letter aboud. As she tremulously opened it there fell from its folds live-crepte dollar bills. When she finished reading it, her husband said with slow unsteady voice.

"Sorry he cannot be with us. Business detains him. Kate and he sends love."

The wife's eyes filled with tears, and she said pittifuily. "It was kind of him to send this money. I'll put it away, titely did not have missed seeing your father any count of any the light on your mothers' size for any hand to have missed seeing your fathers' joy and the light on your mother's joy and the light on the world when he was a delighted when the light on your mother is acceptant. The wold at a light of the row is joy and the light on your mother is joy and the light on the wold have he was a delighted when the light on the wife, you and the light on the light of any hand he was a delighted when and have the things you like. I invited he returned in the proposition of the row is joy and the light on the light of any hand he are any hand he are any hand he are any hand he are a completed to come in the spring. "And to

The wonderful success of the Mormon colonies in the northwestern part of Chihauhua and in northwestern Fart of Chihauhua and in northeastern Sonora is little appreciated in Mexico, where they alone of all foreigners have accomplished their aim—colonization. They now number fully 4,000 souls, 3,500 in Chihuahua and 500 in Sonora. They are prosperous to a high degree, have beautiful homes, splendil school houses and an educational system, good farms and orchards, good cattle, horses and hogs, and in every way their settlements would pass muster with the thrifty farming settlements in the western part of the United States.

The Mormons in Mexico are an exam-

of the United States.

The Mormons in Mexico are an example of the best in a quiet, taw abiding people. It is exceedingly seldom that the authorities have any trouble with a Mormon, and they pay their taxes for the support of the Government better than the Mexicans themselves do. For thrift and industry they were begun a what can be done in building up the country materially and are thereby an example to all with whom they are in contact.

These Mormon colonies wer begun a little more than twenty years ago, when people of that faith began coming overland in wagons from Utah, Arizona and other parts of the United States to settle in Chihuahua.—Mexican Herald.

The cost of municipal government in New York was \$164,493,17 in 1905; in Philadelphia, with three-eights of New York's population, the cost was \$23,535,074, or less than one-fifth; Chicago, with half the population of New York, expended \$41,700,752, and Reston, \$28,000,000. The debt of New York in 1905 was \$647,805,295; that of Boston, \$99,191,856; of Philadelphia \$69,600,295; of Chicago, \$69,950. phia, \$69,600,295; of Chicago, \$69,950,

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Where Doctors Never Ask Fees. A Japanese doctor never thinks of asking a poor patient for a fee. There is a proverb among the medical frater-nity of Japan: "When the twin enemies, poverty and disease, invade

mies, poverty and disease, invade a home, then he who takes ought from that home, even though it be given him, is a robber."
"Often," says Dr. Matsumoto, "a doctor will not only give his time and his medicine freely to the sufferer, but he will also give him money to tide him over his dire necessities. Every physician has his own dispensary, and there are very few chemists' shops in the empire. When a rich man calls in a physician he does not expect to be presented with a bill for medical services. In fact,

no such thing as a doctor's bill is known in Japan, although nearly all the other modern apliances are in vogue there. The doctor never asks for his fee. The strict honesty of the people makes this unnecessary. When he has finished with a patient, a present is made to him of whatever sum the patient or his friends may deem to be just compensation. The doctor is supposed to smile, take his fee, bow, and thank his patron."

### FOR SANTA CLAUS'S PACK.

#### The Way They Make Toys By Wholesale In Germany.

to rough them out from the wood in their first shape; but at this stage the work is by very simple and yet ingenious means greatly facilitated.

The home worker, the head of the family, perhaps and skilled by experience in that sort of work, takes a small squared block of wood, cut out not lengthwise but across the grain, and upon one end of this block he draws the profile of, say, a horse. Then with a scroll saw he saws away from the block, down through its whole length, all the wood outside the lines as drawn on the end of it for a guide. So now he has a block of wood in the rough outlines of a horse very thick bodied.

Then from this block he splits off, down through it with the grain, as many sections as the block will pemit, three or four or maybe half a dozen, each one of these containing the makings of a horse, a little horse in blank, and then these blanks are taken in hand by the members of the family and each fashioned into its final completed form. In this way much labor is saved at the beginning; but there is another way of preparing the material that is far more advanced.

In this part of Germany there are wood turners who make a business of supplying to home toy makers what are

In this part of Germany there are wood turners who make a business of supplying to home toy makers what are called animal rings, these being rings of wood from each of which many animals can be cut. The ringmaker cuts from the end of a stick of round timber a disk of wood of a thickness equal to the height of the animals to be made from it, and then mounting the disk in a turning lathe he begins work on the body of wood at the disk's outer part around its rim, turning away the material in such shapes that when the ring is finally finished and cut apart it will show, and of course the same wherever cut, the outline of the animal thus fashionioned in it.

The turning of these rings is the work

The turning of the animal thus fashionioned in it.

The turning of these rings is the work
of specialists who attain in it great skill,
which indeed they need to have to follow it successfully, for a good part of
the results of this work can be seen only
when the ring his been finished and cut
aaprt. They must turn away the material not only from the outer side of the
various parts of the animal, but from
the inner sides as well, and they must do
this in such manner as not only to produce a lifelike shape when the ring is cut
but so as not to leave some parts of
the animal too thick or some too thin.

A good part of the result of his work
as he goes along he can't see until the
work is finished, but of the aid of long
experience and by the exercise of care
and skill and judgment, and with an artistic taste and a nice sense in the use of
his tools the ring turner turns out rings
that are well proportioned as well as
lifelike.

All specialists, the ring turners indi-

lifelike.

All specialists, the ring turners individually specialize on particular animals, one turning only cow rings or horse rings, another only sheep rings, still another only sheep rings, still another goat rings, and so on. There are rings for grazing animals, for all sorts of animals, for jumping animals, for all sorts of animals, each produced by the turner

goat rings, and so on. There are rings for grazing animals, for all sorts of animals, for jumping animals, for all sorts of animals, for jumping animals, for all sorts of animals, each produced by the turner who makes that animal his specialty.

When a family of animal makers that uses this material is about to etart on its winter work it buys its rings from the turner, ordering so many cow rings, so many stag or camel rings and so on down through the list of animals they are to make. At home the animals, which are made in various sizes, ranging from half an inch to as much as five inches in height, are chopped off from the rings and then the work of shaping and finishing the animals goes on.

The general outlining of the shape of the animal in the manner described has of course forwarded the work substantially, but still these chopped off sections are as yet only so many blanks, and now, with deft cuttings on these features and contours are produced, bringing the animal into a lifelike resemblance, the measure of this depending of offures on the skill of the carver and on the grade of animals produced. Many of the cheapest forms of animals are only roughly shaped out, while others are wrought to a high degree of naturalness.

The most expert member of the family

A great many of the toys that Santa Claus gives to children at Christimas time he gets in Germany, and many of the things that he brings at this search to children in homes here were made there in homes with children taking parts in the work of producing them.

In toy making Germany there are, to be gurey many toy factories in which toyed or ne sort and another are made completely, and then there are some sort sold another are made in the rough in factories and then hent out to be finished by workers in homes, as cut-vot clothes might be, and on the other hand there are toys that are roughed out by home workers and finished in factories; but there are still other toys of kinds long familiar that are yet, as for hundreds of years they have been, made entirely in homes, the whole family, old and young, being engaged in their production, each doing what he can, homes in which the art and custom of making these things have been handed down from generation to generation.

Among toys thus home made are, for instance, the animals to be found in Noah's arks, many of which are made by dwellers in the mountainous parts of Saxony. This is a region much like the Noah's arks, many of which are made by dwellers in the interest of the same and hills and valleys, tree clad, and the winter they all devote their time to toy making, year after year regularly, and one finally making always, year after year, toys of the same kind. So in family that makes the little worden animals to a great number. It might seem that even with their combined efforts utraing out animals to a great number of the family doing something at the work, it would take considerable time to begin with just or ough them out from the wool in the first shape; but at this stage the work is by very simple and yet ingent in their first shape; but at this stage the work is by very simple and yet ingent in the first shape; but at this stage the work is by very simple and yet ingent in the first shape; but at this stage the work is by very simple and yet ingent in the

special production, as for brooms or for plows.

The people who are engaged in toy making do just the same. They follow their accustomed pursuits, but the toy making districts and regions of Germany seem strange to us because the things they make there seem strange, as does the manner in which many of them are made, because they are not things of commonplace everyday utility, but toys. There is one place in Germany where the toy making inhabitants make all toy wooden rattles.

From those remote districts in which

From those remote districts in which toy making is followed as a home industry the finished toys are carried it to towns in which are located commissioners or agents who buy and ship them, and who may indeed have furnished a part if not all of the supplies from which some of them were made. The way in which these toys are brought in ir m the mountain homes in which they are made is almost as interesting as the manner of their making.

The family's finished production of toys may be gathered up and packed in a cart drawn by dogs, or it may be brought in a wagon drawn by a horse, or by a cow, or by a horse and s cost or it may be brought in a wagon drawn by a horse, or by a cow, or by a horse and s cost or it may be brought in a wagon drawn by a horse, or by a cow, or by a horse and s cost or it may be brought, a bulky load—though not quite so heavy as it looks, for the toys are light—in a great basket carried on the back of some member of the family. From those remote districts in which

he family.

In the towns where they are thus the family.

In the towns where they are thus gathered these home made toys are sorted and packed in whatever manner is appropriate to their several kinds, and then they are ready to be sent to trade centres or shipping points whence, with myriads of other toys of many kinds, factory made and otherwise, assembled from the various toy making parts of the country, they will find their way finally to gladden the hearts of children throughout the world.

reading notices than of pictures.

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The price which the successful bidder may charge for space is regulated by the Berlin authorities. All posters before they are put up must be approved by the police. Except in special cases, the advertising space is awarded according to the order of application. The city reserves the right to demand the posting of its notices free.

Killing Off Savage Sled Dear

Killing Off Savage Sled Dogs. Malamute dogs, deprived of sufficient food, may become so ferocious in Nome that the Northern camp has been com-pelled to establish a pound and to take up all dogs whose owners will not care for them.

for them.

Unless the dogs can be tamed they are shot. Scores of valuable sied dogs have already been killed this winter, and before spring it is helicard. before spring, it is believed, hundreds will have to be shot to make Nome safe for women and children.

A score or repre of women and chil-dren have been attacked by half-famished Malamutes, and it is almost unsafe for the grade of animals produced. Many of the cheapest forms of animals are only roughly shaped out, while others are wrought to a high degree of natural ness.

The most expert member of the family does the carving on the animals, all the rest. including the children, doing what work upon them they can. Thus the whole family is employed.

Some of the cheapest animals are mar-

### GOOD MORNING!

Did you have a cup of

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641 KING ST. EAST, Wishing you all a merry Christmas And a prosperous New Year— And turkey when you're hungry,

And commpagne when you're dry, And your shoes repaired when they need it— And to heaven when you die.

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### English As Japs Write It.

### A Quaint Package of Letters From Yokohama.

The Japanese certainly do try to learn the English language. They find the English language a pretty hard nut to crack, but that doesn't deter them. They keep right at it and crack it.

An American gentleman, agent at Yokohama for a transpacific steamship company, now on leave in New York, brings a quaint package of material illustrating the efforts of the English schooled Japanese to gain a half-Nelson on the language of Shakespeare.

A few months ago a young Japanese applied to the steamship agent for a job as clerk in the Yokohama steamship office. There being no vacancies, the agent civilly got rid of the applicant, and on the following day he received this explanatory letter from him:

Dear Sir: Many thanks for your sparing precious time during business hour on my visit yesterday.

I failed on that occasion, owing rather

gathered these home made toys are sorted and packed in whatever manner is appropriate to their several kinds, and then they are ready to be sent to trade centres or shipping points whence, with myriads of other toys of many kinds, factory made and otherwise, assembled from the various toy making parts of the country, they will find their way finally to gladden the hearts of children throughout the world.

ADVERTISING IN BERLIN.

No Billboards—Price of Space on Pillars Fixed by City.

Billboards for advertising purposes are prohibited in Berlin. Their place is taken by pillars or columns erected at street corners.

These columns, which are usually of wood and iron, are about twelve feet high and three feet in diameter. Built at the edge of the sidewalk, they form a conspicuous feature of street life in that city.

It is interesting to note, says the Circle, that the matter displayed on these columns is more in the nature of reading notices than of pictures.

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House and the during business hour on my visit yesterday.

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writer.

Hoping you would not kindly forget me through an artless fronties (front?).

Yours faithfrey.

Here is a letter from a Japanese shipping firm to the steamship company respecting—well, respecting whatever it means:

means:
Dear Sirs:—According to your favor of November 28, 12-10th, with reference to a discrepancy of 275 sacks of flour, we send you the invoice No. 31. which you have not. We beg you to return us the invoice when you will not be short of it—and to inform us what it will be intend by you in reference to this discrepancy's explanation.

The writer of the following letter had litr'y ambitions, and his application is addressed to the "Chief Editor" of a newspaper published in English in Yookohama:
Dearest Sir:—Let me, pray have some

newspaper published in English in Yokohama:

Dearest Sir:—Let me, pray have some honour write to you who have no knowledge with me. Well now I am lived in this town leisurely without having any work. From the boyhood I read several English books so industriously as I do not its away of the hand till night from morning. Of course my knowledge of the english might be tretty irregular and unexperient so that I learned it myself without training by any teacher. However, in order to fill up my aspiration (that I am desiring to translate to Japanese homeward intelligence to the english language, for a long time) I should be sertify to have some ridicutious from the reader—of my writing. Not only it; there are such proverb as the following:

"Blind serpent never feared all thing timidly." So I decided to try to do something having write to you this without ceremony and a better thought.

Bereis how a Japanese firm asked for the loans are urging the wild to the service of the care of

Dearest sir, I beg you to say than that I have to wish to publish my translation in the edge of your costly paper hereafter.

Had you are to listen to my writing on the above I shall work several kind

on the above I shall work several kind of the Japanese papers and others, for which ought to be liked by the foreign er, asking your excelence opinion. Sir, if mine would have been scarcely one interest in ten, I so more speak of as it is the slender part of me

One of the Japanese employees of the steamship office in Yokohama was summoned up-country by the illness of a brother. Here is the letter which he wrote to the agent upon his arrival

"My Honorable Mr. J.: I will never forget your kindness. When I was hastening to return to my home I felt that train was exceedingly slow. Certainly train was quick, but my thought rather sooner than its running. All things which caught my eye on the way were very beautiful and attractive in the past time, but now they seemed disagreeable, gloomy, clumsy and sorrowful.

Then in the future what appearance they will have to show me! All time on the way shome I could not avoid to think fragments of the following phrases: What is life? What is human being? What is ambition! Life is earnest or life is an empty dream. From dust to dust. What is the immortality of the soul!

Such uncontrolling thoughts came to occupy their places in my mind. Phan-tom after phantom. Imagination after imagination, all time. I found such an irregular conception of thinking and could not get a categorical thought. But for a moment I changed from business man to philosopher.

man to philosopher.

When arrived at my home I saw three doctors and many relations gathered around my broaher's bed. At a sight of such a deplorable scene I thought that my brother has at last gone, so I hastened to see him, but happily he was breathing, but could not perceive me well, and only heard my voice. In that moment I thought all was gone, my tear dried, mind confused, only I felt as if I became a neutral being.

But fortunately he came to correct his

became a neutral being.

But fortunately he came to correct his mind and to correct objects well, after about two hours by taking care of doctors. Then how great was our glad. It was beyond description. But after that he is staying in a very perilous point, whether he will die or live sink or swim so in a slight change of condition his fate is to be destined. Doctor said his destination can be known in the course of a few days, then I want to know probably tendency of condition of his sickness.

Will you please allow me to stay home.

one of the steamship company's maps:
Sir: Kindly, we wants to give your
Hanging Map to Hang to My office.
Sayama & Co.
Another firm asked for a shipper's
guide, as follows:
Gentlemen,—I beg to offered to grant
me your shipper's guide which you repareted every shipper's if you can, give
me and obliged,
T. Kayo.
The following poetic yet methodic letter was written to the steamship agent
by a Japanese clerk on his vacation.
My Dear Sir,—Just I have agrived
here Kamakura where I wish to stay till
the end of this week enjoying myself, in
swimming in the sea eyery morning and
evening, taleing the walks in the field,
the mountain side, the seashore, hearing
the music of the waves and birds, harmonying with the song of the wind which
sings with fire trees that tells us the
glory of Kamakura age about six hundred years ago, as if the After of the
grandeur of Rome.

Also my eyes will never tired of looking out of those green mountain, fields,
broad ocean, Gedlike Mount Fuji and
the beautiful motion of the sky in daylight & sunset. The wind from the sea
is more cool than Panker (pankah) in
the office even the day time.

I am getting very well feeling happy
occupying one room very neat and comfortable. I have made a table of lessons
which I wish to do as following:

Awake 5 a. m.
5—6 Swimming 6—7 walking 7—8
Breakfasta.
8—10 Study book keeping by the Book
you gave me that I am very glad & wish
to learn all finally.
10—12 play sing-song (not hymn).
12—2 tiffin (tiffin—luncheon).
2—4 Reading Chinese poem. English
Grammar by the book Mr. M.— given
me care full selected.
4—6 Bathing—Tea—and writing letter
& composing Japanese poem and press.
English translation also,
7—7.30 Dinner.
7.30—9.30 Swimming and walking,
making friends, also go to Enoghims.

7—7.30 Dinner.
7.30—9.30 Swimming and walking, making friends, also go to Enoshima.
P. S. Whenever you want me of the business which I refers, please telephone business which I refers, please telephone No. 2 Kamagura. I have sent you now by parcel post the Kamakura Time (?) but I am afraid do you fond of it or not. and excuse me only a little and this is my thanks for your present a good Book Karsine Book.

I am, dear sir, Yours obediently,

I am, dear sir,
Yours obediently,
Joseph.
A Japanese employee of the steamship
company was called to his wife's bedside
in Canton, China, and while there he sent
the following really tragic letter to the
agent's wife:
Dear Mrs. J——: I am arrived at
Hongkong 17th December and I have to
hasty home to see my wife. I am bad
luck wife was ill time when I am left
Hongkong to Japan. She have vomit
blood after that blood have been stop
then she have a bad cough and asthma
to very very ill and not one Doctor can
be able to quackery that sickness as my
wife have after I am home then I am
do all my best for 10 days I can not saft
her life very luckless my wife deceased
7 a. m. 28th December I am very corry
to lost my sweet and kindness wife and
spend all my money as I have and 3 poor
childrens so young my baby only 14
months old now without mother.

I am let my childrens to my mother
and my sister to look after. I hope my
sorry soon be over and have to make
money again soon. I send you that silver piece to by C. P. R. letter box and I
hope you received that kindly remember
my to all your family and your self kind
regards from
Your—
Santa Claus' Post-Office.

Santa Claus' Post-Office.

Here's Christmas coming round again l wish it were last year,
'Cause then we lived at grandma'e,
And now we're living here.

We used to write to Santa what To bring us in his pack,
And then we'd throw the note way up
The chimney big and black.

And then on Christmas, sure enough, From mother or from auntie, We got just what we'd asked for— But we knew it was from Santa.

But now we're in a city house, All small and queer and new, And there isn't any fireplace— But I know what I'll do:

I'll write my note to Santa Claus, And then, a little later, I'll just go in and lay it On the parlor radiator!

—By Charlotte Goldsmith Chase.

CHRISTMAS IN THREE LANDS.

Quaint Russian Customs.

At Christmas time in the Russian provinces, as at Hallowe'en in other countries, popular superstition holds that it is very easy to read the future. The girls read the future by breaking an egg in a read the future by breaking an egg in a glass of water and deducing their fate from the shape it takes, first leaving it before the shrine of some saint, or by pouring melted wax into cold water. The fimal test of fate is to put a ring of each guest into a large pan, covered with a cloth, being careful to place three bits of charcoal and small pieces of bread and sait at the psychic angle of the pan. The rings are all turned with a spoon while the girls sing songs. At the end of each song, says the Travel Magazine, a ring is pulled out and the song that has been sung is known to foretell the future of the owner of the ring.

In Grenland.

Preparations in Greenland for this joyous festival, which is looked forward to with the most enthusiastic anticipation, begin months before. All the gifts, which consist chiefly of clothing, are made by the women. Not only are clothes, cush as tunics, breeches and boots, used for gifts—all must be new for the occasion, so that every one, young and old, shall appear at his beat.

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#### EMBROIDERY VOGUE.

The rage for Oriental trimmings, which is said to have taken its rise in the beautiful embroideries that the late Lady Curzon, nee Leiter, collected for Queen Alexandra, is rather giving way to a preference for French and Italian embroideries.

eries.

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nity. Baskets of flowers done in silver and colors, Louis XV. trellises and bows, all the dainty Watteau designs redolent of piuk boudoirs and charming artificial ladie making elaborate courtesies to elaborate gentlemen making artificial bows—these are the modes of the moment in embroderies.

### An Encounter With Santa Claus.

Strange Ride of Simeon Hardack, a Bachelor Who Didn't Believe in Christmas. By CHARLES BATTELL LOOMIS

Re wasn't that Simeon Hardack didbeleve in Senta Claus. I doubt if had ever heard of him. In his boyhood he had lived among in practical people who thought fire stories a waste of time, if they are not downright ommoral, and that Claus or no Santa Claus, on histmas Day Simeon had been wont work just as hard as on any other by of the year. You may ask whether Mr. Hardack in not have eyes. Could he not see it show windows in the toy stores, here there was always sure to be me representation of the cheer. It is a well known fact that Santa Claus, among his other gifts, has hypnotic poor in the saint, old Santa did as he was bid, knowing that the power of the was bid, knowing that the power of the was bid, knowing that the power of the did not care to see the discomfiture of their kindly creator.

"You've been robbing toy shops, where do you expect to dispose of the goods? said Simeno in most insulting tones.

laugh.

"Is it robbery to take from one's own warehouse? These are my toys, made by my good wife and me, and I hope to make many children happy with them. What have you done this Christmas to make your fellow men happy?"

"Come, now, no cant," said Simeon, still levelling the pistol at the breast of the old saint.

Senseless idlers, and nurried of gway.

No. Simeon Hardack, bachelor of knew nothing of Santa Claus, and goes without saying that he did bt care for children either.

He knew that all people had to ben by being children. For his part had got through the painful nesisty as soon as possible, and at was just as dull and commonplace he was ten, or twenty, or thirty wars later.

he was ten, of them, of them,

be office and he intended to go back i work next morning because, this sing a workaday world, the only hing to do was to work and amass oney, for the night cometh when o man may work—unless he be a

urglar. Mr. Hardack had a well developed ar of burglars. He had never seen ne, and you may wonder how he ne, and you may wonder how he ad imagination enough to conceive I what he had not seen; but he had then read the accounts of their degree, had anown men who had suffired losses due to their depredating, and he was firmly convinced let there were burglars, and so sure int his open fireplace would form a especially attractive entrance for the property that he was always meaning to that he was always meaning to

But to do so would cost money ad Simeon was no spendthrift. Why a did not even utilize the fireplace s a good spot for a hearth fire. A bod fire when he could keep just bout as warm by wearing his over pat until he had finished reading his ing paper? And then to bed with overcoat taking the place of a

do not know much of the You do not know much of the abits of misers if you have not lought ere this that Mr. Hardack ust have stores of gold laid away a unexpected places in his room, I was not all gold, for some of it as silver, and some was in bills; at there were at least four places in the room that held enough to have covided him with a warm and cheerwided him with a warm and cheer-old age if he had been looking any such foolish luxury

And so this Christmas Eve Simeon lardack read his paper, shivering t his greatcoat, and then putting at his tallow candle he undressed

the dark and went to bed.

He had hardly covered himself with
is coat before the moon came out is coat before the moon came out and silvered his room and made him ish that it could be minted, which was really quite an exercise of impination on his part. He rather liking the moonlight because he got it is nothing, but he often wished that says were just a bit stronger so that he might save candles. How many people whom Santa Claus sits really believe in him: I am afraid that they are so few in number that the id saint would feel depressed if he were slid.

d sant would reel depressed it he weekled.

But happily for him he seldom comes to speaking contact with his beneficaries, and so he has come along year fter year with his packs of good things and has fondly supposed that his comig is looked for by the whole earth.

I don't suppose he could have picked it a less likely place to visit than the som of Simeon Harda-k. But no lought f anything save the bringing f happiless to all within the house the bringing of happiless to all within the house the sound to Santa Claus: and he stopped his sindeer on the sloping roof, allowing is sleigh to rest on the southerly slant, this the eight little fellows stamped

ie sleigh to rest on the southerly slant, thile the eight little fellows stamped and l'idgeted on the northern incline. hat is the usual practice on slanting tofs, as otherwise in his absence the eer might run away with the sleigh. There is no doubt but that Santa laus has a marvellous property of accommodating himself to small caimneys, ise his way would be barred in counties instances; but the house in which timeon lived had an ample chimney, and a Santa stepped into it he said to his sindeer, quite as if they understood very word—and maybe they did:

"This reminds me of old times, my ttle fellows. There are crowds of chil-

"This reminds me of old times, my title fellows. There are crowds of chil-ren living here, and the old folks came rom the country, and I dare say I'll find tree already pretty well loaded with ifts. Well, I'll give them some things are can't get in modern stores, for all y things are made by hand and warnned to last."

The reinders are little monthinle of

The reinder ate little mouthfuls of now and butted each other playfully, nd, with a happy smile on his red face, ld Santa descended.

ad, with a happy smile on his red face, Id Santa descended.

He stepped out upon the hearth and aw by the moonlight that the children ust ve in another room, for there was o one here but a man sound asleep.

No, not sound asleep, for as the somethat heavy saint alighted on the hearth timeon stirred and then sat up.

Simeon Hardack was a miser, but he as not a coward, and when he saw the untastically dressed man on his hearth-boue he reached for the pistol that he tarrys kept under his pillow and point-did directly at the corpulent body of he good old fellow.

"Stir one step," said Simeon, "and I'll low your head off."

But Santa Claus was no coward, ither, and, not knowing the meaning of talice or uncharitableness, he simply miled and said:

"It is one of the machine-made toys, do not make them because they are tally dangerous. Do you intend to give to your son!"

Simeon was surprised at such an ir-levent speech from the burglar and

on was surprised at such an ir-it speech from the burglar, and

And Simeon said: "Some of it is behind the wall paper over there."
"Good," said Santa Claus, "this is the night you will need it. Go and get it."
Simeon walked over to the wall, and taking down a cheap lithograph from a nail he pressed on the wall paper and it broke and let his hand into a cavity, from which he drew a handful of silver and gold and a roll of bills.
"You have done well," said Santa Claus. "All these years you have been saving up this money that you might go saving up this money that you might go with me to-night to add to the Christ-mas happiness of those whom I visit. I have no money, and there are many among those I visit who need money nore than toys. Is it not lucky that I found you?

lucky," said Simeon, under the hypnotic influe Santa Claus looked at him searchingly

tones. Santa Claus laughed as only he can

and he said:
"I suppose you know that I have three other hiding places for my money."
"I did not know it." said Santa Claus, rubbing his red cheeks delightfully, "but it pleases me. Only keep a little for yourself."
"Yes. I will keep enough but I must give the other away. When shall we start?"
"As soon as you have collected it." Simeon took down two other wretched chromos, and from behind them he took out hundreds of dollars.
"Good," said Santa Claus. "Now we must be going. It is a cold night. You

happy,"
"I have not been happy," echoed

"I have not been happy," echoed Simeon.

"I suppose you will regret this in the morning," said Santa Claus, when they were out on the roof. He gathered up the reins as he spoke.

"I will regret it in the morning," was the parrot-like response.

"That is because you did not get into the habit of doing it sooner. But you will be happy to-night."

Over the housetops campered the tiny reindeer, and if Simeon had not been under a hypnotic spell he would have wondered at the strange ride, but he thought of nothing but the getting rid of that which he had saved all these years. In those chimneys that were too small for his mortal form he sent down money by Santa Claus, but some of the larger ones he descended himself, and saw many happy children dreaming of the morrow. What a pity that the saint could not have influenced his entire life!

But his hypnotism did not outlast the night. Still, long before the night was ended Simeon had given away all his money, and at last Santa Claus left him near the Harlem River with just car fare home.

Christmas morning was dawning in

the east when Simeon Hardack, who made hundreds of children happy by lavish donations of money entered hiroom and rubbed his eyes. The firs thing that attracted his attention wer

the three holes in the wall paper.

He rushed to them and discovered that he had been robbed of their contents. He he had been robbed of their contents. He looked at his bed and there lay his pistol. The fog cleared from his brain. "It all comes back to me now. That burglar in the fancy ball costume must have drugged me after all, and got away with the money that I have been saving for so many years."

He rushed to the fourth hiding place. There was money there, but it was his smallest hoard.

A servant passed his open door on the way down to light the kitchen firet. "Merry Christmas!" she said.

"Merry Christmas!" she said.

"Merry nothing!" said Simeon Hardack, savagely. the old saint.

But Santa Claus gazed full in his eye and Simeon felt a strange compulsion on him to do as the other willed.

Santa Claus stood on the hearthstone and smiled at Simeon, the miser, and that hard man slowly let fall his arm, and at lest laid the pistol on the bed.

Still gazing intently at him, Santa said suggestively:

suggestively:
"Where is the money that you are
going to shower right and left among
you fellow men?"
And Simeon said: "Some of it is bedack, savagely.

But for all that his money made many
Merry Christmases that day.

MAINE'S CHRISTMAS TREE TRADE GROWS FAST

Twelve years ago a aprty of hunters, returning on a steam yacht from a caribou hunt in Newfoundland, called at Sargentyille, on the eastern shore Penobscot Bay, and took a ride land to visit some abandoned copper and lead mines in Blue Hill, Maine. The leaves had failen from deciduous trees, leaves had failen from deciduous trees, causing the dark evergreens to stand out in bold relief against the neutral background of browns and greys. Stretching back from the roadside and sweeping over hill and valley were tens of thousands of young firs in the full vigor of rampant growth. The owner of the yacht looked at them carefully and came to the conclusion they would make ideal. Christmas trees—much better than the cerubby, irregular pines that were then in use. He hired some men and horses and loaded the deck of the yacht with about 500 trees and took then to Boston as a speculation. When the cargo of trees were taken up in front of Fancuil Hall the marketnen fell over one another in their greed to get the new trees. They sold out the entire lot at an enormous profit, and clamored for more,

Simeon took down two other wretched chromos, and from behind them he took out hundreds of dollars.

"Good," said Santa Claus. "Now we must be going. It is a cold night. You will need to dress warmly."

While Simeon was dressing Santa Claus looked out of the window at the snow-covered roofs of the houses, glistening in the light of the Christmas moon.

### Christmas With the Kaiser

carefully in boxes and sent away to form wreaths and streamers for church decoration and for the adornment of stately city homes where Christmas is observed with pomp and splendor.

From the point of view of the millionate, tho makes and loses thousands of dellars on margins every day, the revenue which the Maine farmers derive from Christmas trees seems insignificant, but the sum total means a great deal to those who are not overburdened with money. Allowing seven and one-half cents for the average price on Christmas trees delivered at the station, and placing the number at 1,500,000, the revenue from trees alone will be \$112,500. Added to this is, say, \$10,000 for berries and trailing evergreens to be made into wreaths. This means 20,000 barrels of \$500, row 10,000 cloaks for the women or as many overcoats for the men. It means \$40,833 pairs of shoes, or 61,250 pairs of storm overshoes, or it means an amusal income of \$4,800, if put at interest in any of the Maine savings banks. To see the Kaiser at Christmas, writes Wolf von Schierbrand, in Lippincott's (December), is to see a man who has shed all the pretentions of a demigod; one who has stepped down from his pedestal to become a good plain burgher, overflowing with the milk of human-kindness. "Every Christmas Eve, when early dusk gathers in a northern clime, wrapped in an ample cape mantle, wholly unattended and not easily recognisible, it is his custom to stroll through his park around the Neues Palais, where the boughs are laden with feathery snow, and then through Potsdam. His pockets are full of gold and silver pieces, and like another Santa the park laborers and the white-haired gardeners in Sans-Souci; the crippled veteran and the sturdy beggar-each and every one receives his dole. Often he pays at Christmas debts of courtesy incurred during the year. To Baron van Lyncker, his marshall of the household, he sent a magnificent present (worth about 10,3 dols.), a chest of solid silver plate, in recognition of the extra and rather vexatious labors that official had had to perform during the year 1900, the year when the Crown Prince attained his majority To Dr. von Leuthold, his body physician, he handed a majority. To Dr. von Leutnoid, his body physician, he handed a paper kettle which can be used fine gold repeater, set in precious stones and bearing the motto surviver in modo, fortiter in re.' This had reference to a past is being introduced into the German difference in opinion between the doctor and his imperial patient. In the royal household the Christmas festivities are conducted on an elaborate scale, and yet, we are told, in the same spirit which makes the day dear to the heart of all the German people."

A paper kettle which can be used eight times, a Japanese invention, is being introduced into the German period in military to the first product of the product of the product of the paper kettle which can be used eight times, a Japanese invention, a paper kettle which can be used eight times, a Japanese invention, is being introduced into the German period in the same spirit which are part of the paper kettle which can be used eight times, a Japanese invention, a page which times a page which times which times whic

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firs was 700,000 trees a year. Last season more than 1,200,000 were sent away. This season's shipments will probably reach 1,500,000.

railroad station.

Meantime the smaller children of the family roam through the woods, pulling the trailing creepers of ground pine from among the fallen leaves, picking great

bunches of glossy wintergreen from the shddows of overhanging pines and gath-ering in the shining red fruit of the wild raisin ishrub, all of which will be placed carefully in boxes and sent away to form

wreaths and streamers for church dece

interest in any of the Maine savings

banks.

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CHRISTMAS IN NORWAY. In the far-off land of Norway, Where the winter lingers late, And long for the singing birds and flower The little children wast.

Through all the land the children in the golden fields remain Till their busy little hands have gleaned A generous sheaf of grain.

All the stalks by the reapers forgotten They glean to the very least, To save till the cold December For the bird's Christmas feast.

This season's shipments will productly reach 1,500,000.
Though the cutting, trimming, bundling and shipment of Christmas trees is a laborious task, the Maine farmers make the occasion are autumnal holiday, taking their families to the forest fringe and eating their middly meal around a blazing-fire, that roas-s'and sparkles in the midst of their labors. One man cuts the significant that roas-s'and sparkles in the midst of their labors. One man cuts the significant of their labors of the ground. A boy or strong girl; cuts away with a sharp hatchet the few dead limbs at the base; a woman and a floy or two women put the trees into bundles of twelve and tettlem firmly together with strong cords, and a large boy or a man drives the team of horse harnessed to a hayrack, which hauls the load to the wharf or railroad station. And then through the frost-locked country There happens a wonderful thing; The hirds flock north, south, east and west,

Of a sudden, the day before Christmas, The twittering crowds arrive, And the bitter, wintry air at once With their chirping is all alive. They perch upon roof and gable, On porch and fence and tree, They flutter about the windows, And peep in curiously.

And meet the eyes of the children, Who eagerly looked out, With cheeks that bloom like roses red And greet them with welcoming shout

On the joyous Christmas morning, In front of every door. A tall pole, crowned with clustering grain Is set the birds before.

And which are the happiest, truly
It would be hard to tell;
The birds who share in the Christmas
Or the children who love them well!

How sweet that they should remember, With faith so full and sure. That the children's bounty awaited them The whole wide country o'er!

thought that our little children Would like to know it, too. t seems to me so beautiful, So blessed a thing to do.

poles on one of its tracts.—London Daily Graphic.

Instruction on the construction and operation of the turbine engine has been added to the course of the Stuyesart High School, in New York

City f turbine engine has been in-tallec and is shown in operation beside an engine of the reciprocating type. The turbine is doing duty in generalizing electricity, as well as serving for demonstration purposes.

Celia Thazter

Glass Telegraph Poles.

The air was still; yet overhead the pines were softly singing; While glowed the moon, upon the Their silent shadows flinging. Glass Telegraph Poles.

At Grossalmerode, a town near Cassel, Germany, a factory has recently been established for the manufacture of glass telegraph and telephone poles.

The glass mass of which the poles are made is strengthened by interlacing and intertwining with strong wire threads. One of the principal advantages of these poles, it is said, would be their use in tropical countries, where wooden poles are soon destroyed by the ravages of insects and where climatical influences are ruinous to wood. The Imperial Post Department, which has control of the telegraph and telephone lines in Germany, has ordered the use of these glass poles on one of its tracts.—London Daily

Ah! we may say the legend old Was but an idle notion; A Cornish peasant's fancy wild, Transplanted o'er the ocean;

Yet on the first bright Christmas-eve, Around the lowly manger, The eoft-eyed brutes with angels gazed Upon the heavenly stranger.

THE KNEELING DEER.

A traveller through Canadian woods
Was hurrying benighted:
"Twas nearly midnight; and the moon
His lonely path lighted.

When suddenly a shadow passed, Along the footpath gliding: He paused and 'neath a low-hung bow Beheld an Indian hiding.

'Hush'' And he held his finger u While through the umbrage steali "Tis Christmas Eve! Me watch To see the wild deer kneeling."

We cannot know how far and deep Their mystic instinct reacheth: Nor what mute sense of Right and Love These poor dumb children teacheth.

But Love that can redeem and save, For evil, good returning. Can hold all creatures to its heart, The humblest never epurning.

Honor the voice that dares to speak, The cruel jest unheeding, For those who cannot speak themselves, A word of friendly pleading.

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### CHRISTMAS CHIMES

Dear are the sounds of the Christmas chimes
In the land of the ivied towers,
And they welcome the dearest of festival times
In this Western world of ours!

Bright on the holly and mistletoe bough
The English firelight falls,
And bright are the wreathed evergreens now,
That gladden our own home walls.

They are ringing to-night through the Norway firs,
And across the Swedish fells,
And the Cuban palm-tree dreamily stirs
To the sound of those Christmas bells!

They ring where the Indian Ganges rolls
Its flood through the rice-fields wide;
They swell the far hymns of the Laps and Poles,
To the praise of the Crucified.

The years come not back that have circled away
With the past of the Eastern land,
When He plucked the corn on the Sabbath day
And healed the withered hand;

But the bells shall join in a joyous chime For the One who walked the sea, And ring again for the better time Of the Christ that is to be!

### MRS. RUBBERINO ON XMAS

A NEIGHBOR EXPOSED—WAY TO TREAT HUSBANDS—A FRIEND WHO SENT A GIFT REBUKED.

she uses, and he said:
"That woman always makes me think of the Empress Messalina."
"When James says things like that to me about other woman he well knows that he's in for a good sitting down upon, and he got it then. I told him that my idea of empresses was that they were at least ladies, and that he was in a mighty shabby business maligning an empress who was no doubt a lady by comparing her with such a creature as the Gitbye woman. the Gitbye woman.

"Well, you know that Gitbye woman's husband is only a clerk in a bucket shoppy kind of a broker's office that nobody ever heard of, and he's head over heels in debt to all the tradesmen in the meighborhood—don't I see them sticking their bills in the Gitbyes' letter box every time I pass through the vestibule?—but she calls him a broker, and wears the flashiest clothes you ever saw in the flashiest clothes you ever saw in your born days, and goes around swishing and swirling and fizgigging like a comic valentine on a Christmas tree—

"Oh, yes, it was about her Christmas shopping that I wanted to tell you. I met her down town in one of the big department stores the other afternoon, where I ment stores the other afternoon, where I went to get some handkerchiefs for James' relatives. I always send them handkerchiefs, for Christmas, and they're mighty lucky to get even handkerchiefs, for they live in the country, and they never send us anything but some apples or a country cured ham or some ordinary, everyday, ungifty thing of that sort!

with the source of the street counter and I caught her right in the act of looking at some of those ten cent vials of cheap perfume—she meant them for gifts for her relatives out West, of course—but when she saw that I saw what she was buying she pretended to be amused over the very idea of any perfumes being sold for 10 cents, and she atuck the bottles back into the rack and began talking about the most expensive perfumes to the salesgirl.

"She picked out about a dozen bottles of extracts at \$3 a bottle, and then she selected about a gallon of different kinds of expensive toilet waters—I was standing by and chatting with her just to see what she would do and how far she would go with her airs—and then she picked over the most expensive French soaps and ordered four or five boxes of them, and then she ordered the whole batch of things to be sent up to her flat G. O. D.

"Then she told me that she wanted me to help her pick out a gift reading lamp and I went with her to the lamp department solely for the purpose of seeing how long she would stick with the farce, where the sum of the purpose of seeing how long she would stick with the farce, where the sum of the purpose of seeing how long she would stick with the farce, where the sum of the purpose of seeing how long she would stick with the farce.

"I told my husband about it when he came home, but men haven't got any more sense of humor than porcupines, and hee didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone of humor than porcupines, and hee didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone of humor than porcupines, and hee didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone of humor she what it was the didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone of humor she what the didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone of humor she what it was the didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone of humor she what it was the didn't see the fun of it at all and took that high and lofty tone o

C. O. D.

"Then she told me that she wanted me to help her pick out a gift reading lamp and I went with her to the lamp department solely for the purpose of seeing how long she would stick with the farce, and she picked out the loveliest dull silver and opal lamp, with beaded shade fringe, for \$135, and ordered it sent to her flat C. O. D., and would you believe it, the woman never cracked a smile?

"You'd actually have supposed that

THE

"Some folks would just shrivel up and blow away if they didn't put on lugs morning, noon and night," said Mrs. Rubberino to her caller. "You'd think, to hear her tell it and to see her act it, that that Gitbye woman, in the flat across the hall, belonged to some royal family or other.

"The very idea of my husband telling me that she reminded him of an empress! He saw her swishing through the hall the other evening, making a noise as if she had sandpaper hidden away all over her, and filling the place with the odor of some horrid musky perfume that she uses, and he said:

"That woman always makes me

she really fancied she was buying those things. Then I went with her and stood by while she bought a box of silk stockings. at \$4 a pair, for her dear little niece in Omaha," she told me, in her flourishy way, and—oh, I couldn't begin to tell you the things that she ordered sent C. O. D.

"Well, it was such a joke, my dear, that I just hurried up to my flat to be here when the things should arrive, I just wanted to be on hand when those C. C. D. things got there.

"I watched out of the front window till I saw the department store wagon along toward 5 in the evening, and then the two men on the wagon came a-staggering up with their arms weighted down with bundles. Then I ran to my flat front dor, that looks right out upon Mrs. Gittye's entrance door, and she came to the door when the men with the bundles rang the bell, and she said to the men as innocent as you please:

"What in the wide world are these things?"

"What in the wide world are these things?"
"And they told her, and she told them that she hadn't ordered any such arti-cles at all, and didn't deal at that de-

that she hadn't ordered any such articles at all, and didn't deal at that department store, anyhow, and that somebody was imposing upon the firm or trying to play a foolish joke upon her, and that the men would have to take the things back. The men went away grumbling with the bundles, and—my dear, I simply couldn't resist it—I opened my door wide before Mrs. Gitbye had closed hers, and I said to her:
"Dearest, did you find that the lamp didn't suit under the evening light, and did they send you the wrong stockings, and I suppose, of course, the blundering saleigirl got the perfumes all mixed up and didn't send you the right ones?"
"And you should have seen the expression of hatred on the woman's face then. Dear me, James couldn't have said that she looked like the Empress Messalina if he could rave seen her distorted features at that moment, for I dare say Messalina was too much of a lady ever to loss her temper like that.
"Wreteled buybody!" she hissed and

was too much of a lady eet to loss at temper like that.

"Wretched busybody!" she hissed, and she slammed the door with all her might, and gracious sakes alive! I had to lean up against the hat rack, I was laughing so hard.

"I told my husband about it when he

(John Morton in St. Nicholas.) When I was six my father said: "Nell, you are twice as old as Ned. Now think awhile, and then tell me How old your brother Ned must be." That was an easy sum to do! "Six is exactly three times two;

So, if I'm twice as old as he, Why little Ned must then be three."

The other day my father said:
"Nell, do you know how old is Ned?"
"Yes, sir, he's four, because, you see,
I am just twice as old as he!"
Then father laughed, "Nell, that's not so

He's five if you are eight, you know. When you were six, why, he was three. And three and two are five, you see!"

But how these things can both be true I don't quite understand, do you? Some time I shall, because I know That what my father says is so! \*

MYSTERY

that it was a pity it was so expensive, and that she considered that such things were only for rich people, and that it was a shame he wasn't making more money, with all his talent, and that some day she hoped—and then she's sigh some more, and she told me—yes, the shame-less creature actually toid me all about it—that she could see her husband's jaws tightening and she knew that he was saying to himself that she should have that locket, expensive or not expensive, and sure enough he got it for her, although it must have cost all of \$250, and he'd been having hard luck in his business—the janitor's wife had heard him talking about it with his wife, only a little while before, and she told me—and did you ever in your natural days hear of anything like a woman bragging, actually bragging to another woman, of gouging her husband like that!

"I'd have to want a picked out Christmas gift from my husband pretty bedly before I'd go to all the trouble in steering him up to the point of getting it for me, 'deed I would. The idea of dodging around about it and hinting and molly-coddling 'em and feeding them unusually good things to eat, like that Nailit woman down stairs does for her husband during the holidays, and wasting all that time and trouble!

"On December first, last year, I said to James at the breakfast table:

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"James, I want a set of broadtail furs for my Christmas gift from you, just the collarette and muif, you know; and I've selected, the set I want, and have had them put aside at Skinnz's, and they're to be called for on December the twentythird,' and I told him how much the set cost and invited him to look pretty and aminable about it.

"James, of course, is kinky and crotchety, like all men, and he put on the abused expression that I confidently expected to see him put on, and he talked about folks making Christmas giving a sordid, cut and dried affair, and asked me if it ever occurred to me that there were some men who'd prefer to pick out their own gifts for their wives and surprise them and all that sort of humbug.

"Of course I told him that the surprise feature of the Christmas business was a dead and buried institution a thousand years ago, and that it was only intended for children who still believed in Santa Claus, anyhow, but he looked grouchy and went out mumbling. I wasn't worried a bit, though: I knew perfectly well that he'd get my broadtail furs.

"I didn't even mention the gift again till the morning of December 23, and then before he left for the office I told him that he was to drop in at Skinnz's on his way home that evening and get my furs. Then he membled some more about the cold blooded deliberateness of 'the scheme,' as he called it, but I told him that I'd have the broadtail furs or no gift at all.

"He stopped and got them that evening, and brought them up himself, and tossed them on the couch, saying, 'Here's your furs,' trying to make out as if he wasn't; and I told him that I was going to get him socks and neckties for his Christmas gift, because he needed them, and asked him for the money to get them with; and he gave it to me, and there was no beating about the bush or frivolling around at all.

"I believe in doing things the straightout way, and that's why James and I get along so well together. H

"There, I guess I've fixed her. I'm sure she won't send me anything for Christmas this year, and I'll get even with her by sending her that pair of six dollar vases that I saw the other day, and maybe that won't cut her.

"The idea of her sending me a \$4.98 beaded pocketbook for Christmas last year when I had only sent her a dinky little Christmas card! Won't she just boil over this year, though, when she gets the vases I'll send her, knowing that she hasn't sent me a thing! I'm awful glad she came so that I could tell her I wasn't going to send her anything."—N. Y. Sun.

### CASTORIA The Kind You Have Always Bought

Nelson's Signalman.

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It was in the winter of 1846 that Nelson's signalman—the man who hoisted the famous "England expects," etc.—was discovered by one who had served as surgeon on board the Tonnant at Trafalgar. The signalman, John Roome, was selling watercress and red herrings in Blackfriars. He had deserted from the navy after the battle, and this had disqualified him for a pension, but representations were made to Capt. Pasco, signal Lieutenant on the Victory at Trafalgar, who used his influence on the old man's behalf. Capt. Pasco was at first unsuccessful; he was informed by the authorities that there were many more deserving candidates for Greenwich. Shortly afterward, however, room was found at Greenwich Hospital for old John. Had he lived in our time he would probably have received a princely salary for repeating the signal nightly at music halls.—From the London Chronicle.

He Tried It.

A young foreigner one day visited a physician and described a common malady that had befallen him. "The thing for you to do," the physician said, "is to drink hot water an hour before breakfast every morning." Write it down, doctor, so I won't forget it," said the patient. Accordingly the physician wrote the directions down, namely, that the young man was to drink hot water before breakfast every morning. The patient took his leave and in a week he returned. "Well, how are you feeling?" the physician asked. "Worse, doctor, worse, if anything," was the reply. "Ahem! Did you follow my advice and drink hot water an hour before breakfast?" Id id my best, sir," said the young man, "but I couldn't keep it up more than ten minutes at a stretch.

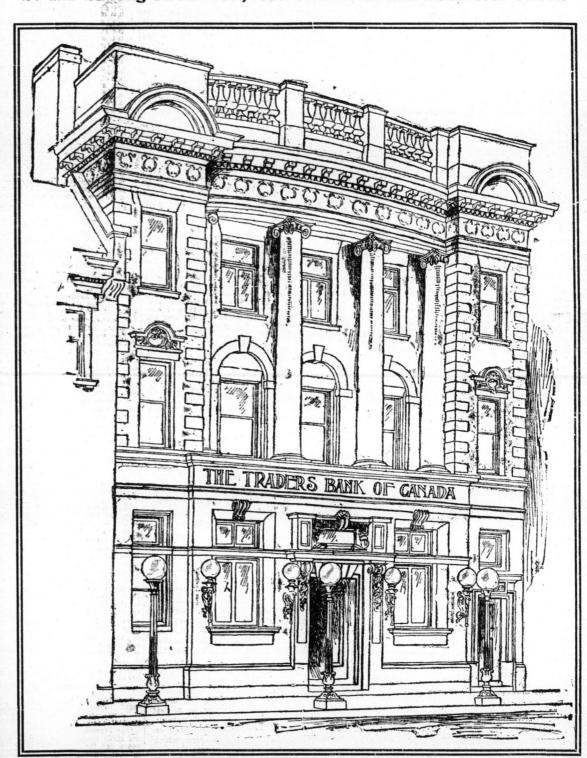
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1903	-	-	\$1,500,000	\$450,000	\$10,881,652	\$1,439,510	\$14,759,572
1904		•	\$2,000,000	\$700,000	\$13,311,296	\$1,868,900	\$18,573,533
1905	•	•	\$2,996,715	\$1,100,000	\$15,809,740	\$2,111,350	\$22,330,016
1906	•	•	\$3,000,000	\$1,250,000	\$20,490,872	\$2,310,125	\$27,973,445
1907	•	•	\$4,351,879	\$1,900,000	\$22,706,927	\$2,994,075	\$34,411,239
		1533 To 2007					

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### The Millionaire's Caller.

(By W. R. Rose, in the Cleveland Plain

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He was a tall old man with a slight stoop and thin gray hair. His garments were shiny with wear, the sleeves of his coat being fairly elippery in their threadbare state. But there was little trace of the infirmities of age in his strong features and the sharp glance of the gray eyes beneath the slanggy brows. Those sharp gray eyes turned toward the dingy old clock over the dingy old mantel. It was just noon. There was a door that opened into the counting room, and its upper half was glass. Through this transparent medium the old man could keep a watchful eye on his employees. It saved sudden incursions into the outer room. Those clerks and bookkeepers never knew when the sleepless eye of the grim old master was turned in their direction. There was no loitering or any other form of relaxation in that busy counting room.

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From the clock the old man's gaze turned to the door. The desks were deserted. It was the luncheon hour. He arose from his creaky swizel chair and crossing the room pulled down a shade that covered the glass. Then he turned back to his desk and producing a small parcel wrapped in a newspaper, opened it and disclosed an apple and a few crackers. He spread them out on the paper and fell to munching them. He was gnawing at the apple when a light rap at the counting-room door drew his attention. At first he was inclined to believe that his ears had deceived him. Then the rap came again—rat, tat, tat.

"Come in" he cried and there was

ceived him. Then the rap came again—rat, tat, tat,

"Come in," he cried, and there was nothing suggestive of hospitality in the peremptory tone. Come in."

A hand fumbled with the knob and then the door swung open. A child was standing on the threehold, a little girl with sunny curls and a dainty pink frock.

rock.
"How do you do?" said the astonishng vision. 'Are you pretty well? So
nn I, thank you.' And she made him
ittle bobbing curtsey and threw him
fascinating smile.

fascinating smile.
"'Where did you come from?' growled

wee bit further?"

"Come in if you want to," said the old man a little ungraciously.

She smiled as she slowly advanced.
"It always pays to be polite, she said.
"That's what mamma tells me. If I had said, can I come in, without any please, you might have said we don't want no little girls around here to hay—they're such a nuisance. An' besides, I was a little tired of stayin' out there all alone. 'Cause, you see, papa had to go to the custom house 'bout something pertickler, an' I'm most sure I heard a big rat under the desk brushin' his whiskers.'

"Who is your father?" the old man

"My papa? He's Mister Fenton, Mister Russell Fenton. Do you know him? He's a very nice man."

"Yes, I know him. And did he tell you to come in here and see me?"

"Mercy, no!" cried the child. "He didn't say nothin' about you. He just said I was to keep very quiet an' he would be back as soon as he could. An' I said, ain't you goin' to eat your lunch. would be back as soon as he could like I said, ain't you goin' to cat your lunch, papa? An' he said no, he didn't have time, an' I said it was a shame to waste such a nice lunch, an' he laughed an' said, 'You eat it,' but after I heard that at I didn't seem to feel hungry. She looked at him and her dark eyes eyarkled. "Please will you watch through the door real close just a minute." If the rat sees you looking he won't come out. Just a minute," and what come out. Just a minute," and she turned and trotted into the counting-room. In a moment she was back again with a long pasteboard box. "Here's the lunch." She looked at him and half closed her eyes. "Let you and me, eat it," she said.

"Eat it yourself," he muttered.
"I can't eat it all," she cried. "I'r not a pig. It's very nice. Mamma took extremely pains with it. Let's divide. What's yours?" He hesitated. Then he pushed his apple and crackers into view. She looked at the display gravely.

"My papa had it once," she said.
"Had what?"

"Dyspepsy. He couldn't eat hardly anythin', either."

anythin', either."
"I eat quite enough," the old man dryly remarked.

The child looked at him curiously.
"You're pretty thin," she said. "May be I'd be pretty thin, too, if I lived on apple an' crackers. An' now it's my turn. See this." And she whisked the cover off the box and showed the neatly packed contents. "Now," she said, as she drew out a sandwich, I'll trade you this for two crackers. I don't care for crackers, but it will seem more fair."

She held the sandwich toward him. He hesitated again. A frosty smile She held the sandwich toward him. He hesitated again. A frosty smile stole across his wrinkled face. He gravely extended the two crackers and took the proffered sandwich. Then he bit a good segment from it.

"Very good," he said.
"Mamma made em herself. Papa says she's a dabster at makin' sandwiches. But then I guess mammas always make things better than anybody else can. Don't you find it so?"
"I believe it's a fact that is generally admitted," he said.
The child looked at him with a quick largh.

The child looked at his laugh.

"That's just the way papa talks sometimes," she said, "an' I don't understand a word he says. But ain't we havin' a good time, jus' you an' me?"

"Why, yes," said the old man, "I think it must be a good time—although I'm afraid I'm a pretty poor judge."

The child regarded him ceritically.

"You do look pretty poor," she said.
"Have another sandwich. Oh, do. An'
mercy, here's some heceses an' a nice
pickle. Yes, you must. Papa says it
isn't polite to refuse a lady. That's
when mamma offers him the second cup
of coffee." The old man took the second
sandwich, but he frowned a little at
the cheese and crackers."

"Rather extravagant," he growled.

"That's just what papa says at mamma sometimes," cried the child. "An'
mamma says she guesses he'd have hard
work to find anybody who could make a
dollar go further than she can; We have
to be awful careful, you know. There's
clothes to buy, an' what we eat, an' the
rent. Why, mamma says she's slways
afraid to look the calendar in the ince
for fear rent day has come 'round again.
Where do you live!"

"I live in a house uptown," he answered.

"Can you swing a cet in it!"

"Can you swing a cat in it?"

"Can you swing a cat in it?"
"Swing a cat?"
"You can't in our rooms, you know. They're the teeniest things. We're on the fifth floor—but the janitor's a real nice man. He asked me to ask my papa if he'd trade me for two boys. An' papa said to tell him that he might do it, for the two boys and a couple of pounds of radium to boot. An' I told the janitor, an' he said he guessed papa wasn't very anxious to trade. An' I told papa what Mr. Ryan said, an' he pulled one of my curls an' said he wouldn't trade me for all John Ramsay's millions twice over. That's the man papa works for. Do you That's the man papa works for. Do you

know him!"
The old man had frowned and then

suddenly smiled.

"He's very rich, papa says, an' he lives

"Yes, I've met him, he replied.

all alone in a great big house, an' he
hasn't any little girl, an' he needs somebody to take care of him, an' all he
thinks about is money, money, money!
It's too bad to be so rich as that, isn't

it'"

The old man looked hard at the child loney is a pretty good thing, ain't

"I guess it is," the child replied. "But namma says it's only good for what you eat, an' the rent. Then it's good for helpin' those that need helpin', like lame Joe, an' when people is sick. An' it's good to have a little in the mank for

it's good to have a little in the oank for a rainy day—though I don't see what difference the rain makes. Ain't this sponge cake good?"
"Money is very useful, then?"
"Tis sometimes. When mamma's mamma died 'way out in Kansas mamma couldn't go to the funeral 'cause papa was just gettin' over a fever an' all our money was gone, expresent, an' we ow. money was gone, every cent. an' we owed the doctor and the rent. Mamma cried
and cried all day.

There was a little silence.

"And what would you do if you had
lots of money, child?"

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"I'd give most all of it to mamma and papa. But I'd keep a little myself." She smiled at him in her bewildering way 'Guess you don't know what a tot of things you can buy for 50 cents! An'then I'd keep some for a chair—the kind you wheel around—for lame Joe. He's a little boy that lives near our house an'he can't never walk any more. An'he sits on, the steps an' makes faces at us when we run by. An' mamma says it's too bad somebody who has the money to spare can't get him a chair like he needs, 'cause it would be such a happiness to him. An' mamma says maybe Mr. Ramsey would buy it, and papa Mr. Ramsey would buy it, and papa piness to him. An' mamma says mayb Mr. Ramsey would buy it, and pap laughed in such a funny way. Mr. Ran sey is the man he works for, you re

member.
"I remember," said the old man.
"An' mamma said she guessed she'd come down some day an' tell Mr. Ramsey about lame Joe, an' papa said real quick he guessed she'd better not. An' mamma said she was only joking, Funny kind of joking, wasn't it?"
"It sounds that way to me," said the old man, dryly.

old man, dryly.
"Yes, I think so, too. When a man's got as much money as Mr. Ramsey it wouldn't be any trouble at all for him to buy a chair for a little lame boy, would it?"

He did not answer her. "How old are you?" he presently ask-

light.

"Mercy! It's your birthdlay! Oh, I wish I had known it! Mamma could make you such a beautiful birthday cake. Wouldn't it have to be a big one! Just imagine, 70 candles! We think a lot of birthdays at our house. Do you get many presents?"

"Not one."

"She leaded at him with stayled even

"Why that's too bad. Did your folks

forget?"
"I haven't any folks."

"I navent any toks.

The pity on her face deepened.

"I'm so sorry for you," she said. Her little hand pushed the pasteboard box toward him. "You shall have the other piece of cake." Then her face brightened, "Couldn't you buy some presents for

He shook his head.
"No," he answered. "I don't believe I could."

Her glance fell on the half eaten apple, and the crackers.
"Perhaps you are too poor," she softly

"Yes," he answered, "I am too poor." Her little heart was touched. "Have you worked here long?" she ask-

Have you worked here long?" she asked.

"Nearly fifty years."

"Mercy, that's a long time!" Her quick giance travelled over his threadbare suit. "Maybe Mr. Ramsey would give you more wages."

He laughed again.
"He seems to think I'm worth only my board and clothes."
"Dear, dear! And he's so very rich, We went by his house once—papa an' mamma an' me—an' it looked so big an' dark. Mamma said she'd just like to have the care of it for a while. She'd let in the air an' sunshine, an' drive out the dust an' the gloom, an' she'd try to make life really worth hiving for the lonely old man. That's what mamma said. And papa said he guessed mamma could do it if anybody could. You know Mr. Kamsey. What do you think about it?"

He suddenly laughed.

He suddenly laughed.

"It might be an experiment worth trying," he said. Then he stared into the pasteboard box. "Why, look at this, he cried, "the lunch has all disappeared! I'm sure I ate more than half of it. Come now, how much do I owe you."

"Why," cried the child, "you don't owe me anything. I couldn't eat it all, an papa didn't have time. I hope you liked it."

for years," said the old man.

"I'll remember an' tell mamma that, She'll be real pleased. An' how she'n, lauga when I tell her you asked what you owed me."

"The old man put his hand deep in his pocket and drew out an ancient leather wallet. From this he extracted a bill and smoothed it on his knee.

"There is a iame boy whose name is Joe," he slowly said. "He needs a chair. Do you know anything about the price of these things?

The child's eyes sparkled as she stared at the bill.

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"Yes, yes!" she fliswered. "Mamma went an' found out. You can get the kind of chair doe wants for \$15. An' a really substantial chair, too."

"Irere's \$20," said the old man. "Get a good one, and tell Joe it's a present from you. What's your name?"

"Flair."

as she quickly drew a tiny purse from the pocket in her frock and tucked the bill into it. Then, when the fittle purse was restored to its place, she look

ed up at the old man.

"Now," she said, "if you please, I'm
goin' to give you a kiss. I always give
papa a kiss waen he's particularly nice."

The old man flushed a little.

The oid man fittshed a little,
"Just as you please," he said.
He stooped and she touched the wrinkled cheek with her lips,
"You're a very nice man," she said.
Then she hesitated. "But didn't you need that money yourself?"
He shook his head.
"I guess I can spare it," he answered, "Then came an interruption.
"Elsie," a voice called from the doorway.

ray.

1t's papa," cried the child.

"Well, Fenton."
"I trsut she hasn't bothered you, sir."
"We haven't bothered each other a
bit," cried the child.
"The old man shook his head.
"No," he answered, "not a bit." Then
he looked back to the man in the doorway. "Fenton." he said, "when your wife.

way. "Fenton," he said, "when your wife comes for the child tell her, please, that I want to have a little business talk with her. I'm thinking of opening up my

The eyes of the man in the doorway ouldn't conceal their
"I'll tell her, sir."
"And, Fenton!"

"You may leave the child here until the mother comes."—The Cleveland Plain

#### TRAVEL IN GERMANY.

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They do not run railroads in Germany. They have such meditative calm engines, unbusiness-like, mooning philosophically along like a university professor. You fall asleep. You almost dream you are in bed and being moved around on castors. It's all so rough and hitchy and faithful and so full of trying and hoping—a German railway train. It sometimes seems, says a writer in the Mount Tom Magazine, as if it must be building the track as it goes along, except that of course going so slow they might build a better one. A man in one way or another certainly gets more time for his money on a German railroad than he can anywhere else. And they never have any accidents or collisions. They are practically impossible with these slightly modified stationary engines. They have such a momentum of not going at all that any slight rush on the brakes removes all danger, but it is well to take out a life insurance policy (say for three months) in going from Nuremburg to Dreaden, on account of the restaurants.

#### How to Make a Time-Table.

For any distance under a hundred miles) Take twelve good solid hours and distribute the time along the way as well as you can, but you must get that twelve hours in in some way. Put in too many stations and any time lost by aving no excuse for stopping longer at a station, make up by having the train slow up thoughtfully anywhere. Stopping and thinking is the idea—with a German train. Any field will do. It's a train of thought. It's a reverie. You must sit still and catch its spirit.

How to Change Cars. Take twelve good solid hours and dis-

How to Change Cars.

Spread out your lunch on both seats in the compartment just as you enter a station. Have your mouth in the very act of making a delicious semicircle in sandwich, and your hand waiting with spoonful of jelly. When the train stops, laugh at people running with too many bundles, and presto! your guard is at the "How old are you?" he presently asked.

"I'm six. And how old are you?"
He laughed in his unaccustomed way. "I'm 70—to-day."
The child gave a little scream of delight.
"Mercy! It's your birthdlay! Oh, I wish I had known it! Manma could make you such a beautiful birthday scake. Wouldn't it have to be a big one! Just imagine. 70 candles! We think a lot of birthdays at our house. Do you get many presents?"
"Not one."
"She looked at him with startled eyes.
"Why that's too bad. Did your folks
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"Compartment with five amazed young compartment with five amaze ladies that you are there. Of course, you will not dare, with the five amazed you will not dare, with the five amazed young ladies, to take out your interrupted semicircle, but you are there. You have changed cars. The next time you want to take a bite out of a sandiwich in Germany ask the conductor. He will not know, but afterward when you are thinking it over you will feel brighter.

To Find Out About Trains and Routes
Ask the statues on the way to the
station, the fruit women, the boys, that
you meet on the street, but don't (except
as an amusement of course) ask a railroad official. They never know. There's
something about it. No one has ever
found out what it is, but they don't seem
to be interested pry much in railroads.
If you ask them what time a train is
due, it has gone. If it hasn't gone it's a
secret—one of the state secrets, of the
German Government, prabably. People
who have been seen standing around and
prying into what time their train goes
in a German station may be arrested.
At least they feel when they have asked
as if perhaps they ought to be.

To Start a Train To Find Out About Trains and Routes

To Start a Train
A volley of banging doors. Stationmaster pulling a bell by the tongue
three times. A go-ahead whistle from
the conductor. A "going, sir!" screech
from the engine. Indefinable motion.
Three more bells singing in the station.
"Gone! gone! gone!" Not that the train
is really gone. All Minneapolis could
climb on afterward, but it's a kind of
more hopeful waiting along. Gradually
you find that you are nearing the end
of the station.

To Reach Your Hotel.

Don't take a cab to go to one across

To Reach Your Hotel.

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To Reach Your Hotel.

Don't take a cab to go to one across the street, as I did when I got off the steamer at M.—. I paid the porter a mark to carry my trunk to the carriage, and never will I forget the proud, royal, stately stepping of those horses as they swept me another in the other current to many address in Great Britain or Canada from now until Dec.

"It was the best luncheon I have eaten or the property of the other currents one, nor the prefix a waiters I paid my fare and my tip for that fifteen-foot drive. I would have

given the world if they had laughed or looked intelligent. It was quite as funny—it seemed to me, as if I had come sweeping up in a wheelbarrow, but it was obvious that they were not going to let me look amused if they could help it, or intelligent, and so of course I looked as nearly as they did as I could offhand, and passed things over. Luckily it was dark and after dinner, and I went to bed, and the next morning took my breakfast in my room. What to do after that or how to get out of that hotel, how to get past all those waiters once mare without looking intelligent, or cutting across lots and smiling at them in spite of them, was beyond me. I do not know to this day how I did it.—Philadelphia Record.

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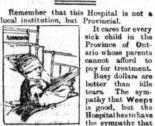
The llama will carry from 50 to 200 pounds, a man from 75 to 150 pounds; the donkey 100 to 200 pounds; and so 150 to 200 pounds; a horse from 200 to 250 pounds; the elephant from 350 to 500 pounds; the elephant from 1,800 to 2,500 pounds;

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days. Oh, Adam, lord of me, lift up thine eyes— I yet shall lead thee back to Paradise!

#### Italy's Happy Royal Family

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of Savoy was hailed with enthusiasm all over Italy in spite of the fact that another Prince had been hoped for. The King's one thought was about the Queen, and his solicitude for her showed more than anything else the deep affection in which he holds her.

The Italian court of to-day is essentially a domestic affair. In fact, to those who are fond of witnessing pageants or state ceremonies it is a disappointment that the King is so simple and unostentatious. The whole pleasure and joy of the King and Queen of Italy seem to centre about their children.

To protect their private life from newspaper publicity a strict censorship is kept to prevent any details about the domestic happenings at the Quirinal from reaching the public. The English nurses who have entire charge of the royal children are threatened with in stant dismissal should any stories of their doings be told to the outer world. In consequence except for a chance glimpse which the passerby may get of the little Princesses and their brother as they drive out into the country from the royal palace little is known of their home life. In order that they may reap the benefits of playing in the open air the King bought for them a small farm outside the Porta Pia, where they go and play like other little boys and guis.

Besides this there is the villa of Castel Porzano, and often in the spring and autumn the King and Queen, accompanied by the royal children and their autress, motor there to spend the weekend. The vina has the double advantage of shady woods and a sandy beach, where the little Princes promise of smady woods and a sandy beach, where the little Prince Humbert enjoys wading in the water which ripples on the snore.

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Among the members who bore the mame one attempted to poison her father at order to gain control of the duchy, but tailed and retired to Paris, where she but tailed and retired to Paris, where she died in 1344. Another, the daughter of Louis XI. of France and Margaret of Savoy, was canonized a saint. Probably the new Princess is named after the lat-

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\* \* Something attempted, something done, Has earned a night's repose. —From Life.

Eve's Promise. Forth from our Paradise we have been driven!

driven!
With stern and flaming sword before the gates
Implacable the awful Angel waits;
Those mighty walls cannot be scaled nor riven,
And unto us 'twill nevermore be given To wander in the summer-scented air, To dream through lilied hours without a care;

shriven. Bleak lies the world before our troubled gaze; And yet—we are together! Think

how bare, one of us left wandering lonely there, Eden itself had seemed, how long the

January Smart Set. Reaping began on a field of wheat at Blockley, in Worcestershire, at 9 o'clock in the morning, and was served as bread just sixty minutes after.

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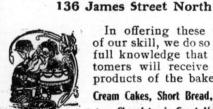
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Don't leave the cost mark on your resents.

Don't let money dominate your Christ-

mas giving.

Don't let Christmas giving deteriorate

into a trade.

Don't try to pay debts or return obligations in your Christmas giving.

Don't embarrass yourself by giving more than you can afford.

Don't give trashy things. Many an attic could tell strange stories about Christmas presents.

Don't make presents which your friends will not know what to do with, and which would merely encumber the home.

home.

Don't give because others expect you to. Give because you love to. If you cannot send your heart with the gift, keep the gift

Don't give too bulky articles to people

Don't give too bulky articles to people who live in small quarters, unless you know that they need the particular things you send them.

Don't wait until the last minute to buy your presents, and then, for lack of time to make proper selections, give your better judgment condenns.

Don't decide to abstain from giving just because you cannot afford expensive presents. The thoughtfulness of your gift, the interest you take in those to whom your give, are the principal things. The intrinsic value of your gift counts very little.—Success Magazine.

Out of an average annual loss to the world's shipping of 2,172 vessels, 94 are completely missing and never heard of again.

An ounce of boost is worth a pound of obituary.

# CHRISTMAS TRAMP.



Betty, stuffing the turkey before the buttery window, watched the tramp until a turn in the road hid him from view. He plodded slowly along, and with a dejected droop of the shoulders which the girl resented. He had had a good meal; she had even made a cup of hot coffee for him! The overcoat her father had given him was whole and warm. 'If he fares as well everywhere as he did here he'll do pretty well," she decided.

She caught her breath quickly. "If it isn't beginning to snow! It'll be dark now in no time. I wonder if he's got down past the Hortons?" The Hortons were the last neighbors on the Windsor

"You weren't proud of me this after-noon, when I sent that poor tramp away," interrupted Betty, embarassed in her

turn.

"You wouldn't have done it but for Ad. Landor putting in his oar."

"Yes, I should. But I wish now I had kept him. Not that I want him a bit more than I did then, but if he should freeze to death in the snow." she added with a little shiver, as the wind moaned in the chimney.

"Well, I'd give something myself, if we hadn't sent him away," said the farmer gravely.

isn't too much to say, while we're on the subject, that I'm proud of you. I don't think you'll so far forget what is due to your family and yourself as to marry a nobody—"

through, child. It's early yet; you'll have time to go to—Cedar street—before church, and get warm. Then we can save time by going straight home afterward."

"But that won't give us a minute!"
protested Betty, ready to cry with disappointment, for she knew from his tone that her father intended her to go in alone. "I'd rather wait till afterward."
"I wouldn't," said Mr. Lawrence, curtly. "I want to get home."
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little shadow," the sight was like a blow in the face. It shocked and staggered him, yet filled him with an unreasoning anger. Why had she married this nobody, when she might have had Addison—or, no; he would not specify Addison Landor. That young man had fallen a good many points in his estimation since last night. But for his specious advice that poor tramp! But she could have had her pick of the best men in the township.

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Even her joy at sight of himself en-raged him. Life could not hold much for her if the sight of her commonplace old father could so stir her! Her stick of a husband—but he was following Bet-ty up the stirs.

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"I was watching for you—I knew you'd come to-day!" exclaimed the little new mother, holding out the baby.

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The baby's grandfather turned hastily away muttering something about being "too cold to take him." Betty meanwhile watching every move with an eagle eye. "Oh. I'd forgotten that you must be most frozen. Come out into the kitchen where it's warmer," she said.

"Yes, let's!" supplemented Betty, leading the way. But at the connecting door she stopped and drew back. "Who's that out there with Frank?" she whispered. "Oh, I forgot!" Celia confessed again, looking up with a little gleeful laugh at her father, as she slipped her free hand under his arm. "The sight of you has put everything else out of my head!

"That's a poor fellow who came stumbling to the door in the storm last night, begging a night's lodging. Frank didn't know what to do about it—I'm weak yet, you see. But we couldn't turn him away in the storm. Frank got him some supper, and he slept on the lounge.

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away in the storm. Frank got him some supper, and he slept on the lounge.

"You see," she explained, half apologetically to the others' silence, "we couldn't help thinking "The least of these. My brethren,' and it would have been doing what those others did that first Christmas night to turn him away—so we couldn't."

Betty, her face crimson, threw wide the door. There was no mistake; it was their tramp, sitting there by the window, in the Christmas sunshine. Mr. Lawrence, too, recognized him with a thrill. "Father," Betty began and would have denounced herself then and there, had not her father, with an imperative gesture, stopped her.

There was a queer little break in the old man's voice as he said, laying a broad hand upon Celia's head:

"You're a good girl, Celia!" and he added, simply: "And I guess you've got a good husband, too."

# Christmas Idyll

(By Bertha M. Clay)

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It has a territory of 7,714 acres.

It has 35 public aprks, of a total area

tries, but probably there is not a single industry in Canada that is not represent-ed in Montreal.

The growth of Montreal as a manufacof 615 acres.

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The city is recognized as the head-quarters of the famous national sports of Canada, and people come from far and near to participate in the sleighing, tobogganing, ski-ing, snowsheeing, and other-sports in full swing here in the winter season.

Its ancient and historic buildings and churches and the opportunities afforded for many delightful trips into the romantic region by which it is surrounded, attract many thousands of tourists to the city every year.

600 cabmen

Cowboys Not Extinct, After All.

Despite the predictions about his passing, with which sentimental writers have been favoring the public of late years, the Western cowboy is not on the verge of extinction. When owners of large herds of cattle were permitted to fence vast areas of pasture land, which they had leased, the number of cowboys was greatly reduced. Since all the cattle were within fence and within easy reach of the ranch house, there was no need of bold horsemen to ride among the herds and "cut out" cattle, for all those herded belonged to one owner. Now, however, under the rulings of the Department of the Interior, the wire fences must be removed and all ranges will again be free. Cattle will wander from one watering-place to another and graze over different areas so that there will Cowboys Not Extinct, After All. mantic region by which it is surrounded, attract many thousands of tourists to the city every year.

Montreal is not only the national port of the Dominion, and the terminus and headquarters for all the great railways of the country; it is also the chief manufacturing city of Canada. It is here that the greatest locomotive and car building slops are located; here that a great proportion of the iron and steel bridges and structural works that are being dotted all over the Dominion are manufactured; here that the big rubber manufactured; here that the country's entire white lead industry is to be found. The city is also the centre of the country is the boot and shoe industry; and the centre of the manufacture of the manufacture of the manufacture of the manufacture. must be removed and all ranges will again be free. Cattle will wander from one watering-place to another and graze over different areas, so that there will again be need of concerted movements among cattle men for the "round-ups," in which animals bearing their respective owners' brands will be separated. No difficulty is anticipated in securing men experienced in the handling of cattle, as well as the necessary number of inexperienced youths who desire the excitement of a wild, open-air life; but cattle men are somewhat concerned as to the outlook for good cow ponies. Ranch men and stock owners have kept only the small supply needed for themselves, and for a time it is likely to be hard to find many horses which have been broken to the work of cattle-herding.—From Leslie's Weekly. stretware and jewelry. It also has an interview works for the manufacture of interview works for the manufacture of interview and engines, reduced by the street of the st

It is quite natural for a man to look downcast when he is on his uppers. Tommy—"Say, Pop." Tommy—Food for thought is hard on an empty stomach.

A CHRISTMAS IDYLL.

(By Bertha M. Clay)

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cousins. As they will be too late to be of use at Hurstlees—there are children here!"

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Curtis grasped the humor of the situation, and went in quest of the marked tour part Alice a little more attention; tron. The fact of Armitage being a indeed, I should like to see you marnephe wof General Wild's set all scruples at rest, for two of the general's daughters were pupils at the Grange school. Rooms were prepared, and within half an hour Armitage was maken the within half an hour Armitage was maken the grange of discretion. I wish you to spend school. Rooms were prepared, and within half an hour Armitage was maken the grange of discretion. I wish you to spend christmas with us, when this matter were full of Miss Fane. Then he sigred, and muttered:

"George Wild."

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"I certainly am in a dreadful pickle!"
When he went down to the drawing room Miss Fane wasc waiting to be ceive him, and he discovered that both Curtis and his wife had minutely detailed his story. This saved further explanations, and they were soon laughing and talking like old friends.

"This must be a great disappointment."

"I obeyed willingly enough," Armitage reflected, "up to a certain point. I cannot marry Alice Wild since I have seen Miss Fane. Oh! why did I drift into that idiotic engagement? I had no belief in love until now!"

Next morning he rose early. He had had a dreadful dream. He drew the window curtain.

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"On the other hand, it is a delightful surprise," Miss Fane."

She flushed before his ardent gaze, and thought what a fine big fellow he was.

"Oh, I think you are disposed to talk nonsense now," she said, bluntly "But I haven't thanked you for the bolly yet."

"No; hadn't we better begin the decorations? And as I shall be obliged in the stay here for a day or two there are "This must be a great disappointment to you, Mr. Armitage?" she said.
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"Poor little cousins!" laughed the governess. "Mabel and Bertha Wild are pupils of mine, and I am sure that I have heard them speak of you, Mr. Armitage."

His face grew hot. "She knows all about it," he thought, savagely.

"I haven't seen my cousins for years," he assured her, "and was obeying a command from the general when this unfortunate accident befell me."

As the girls were waiting in an agony of suspense in another room, Armitage hastened matters by introducing himself as the departy of Father Christmas, and was soon upon excellent terms with them. For a full hour they were busy with the holly and the evergreens, and the metriment was fast and furious. The final treat was a plate supper, including mine-rie, and then to bed to dream of the delights of a real christmas.

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Described while reading it. He flung tupon the table, snatched it up again, not read:

"My Dear Gerald.—I must insist that you pay Alice a little more attention; noteed, I schould like to see you marked at no distant date. You have look, I should imagine, reached the ige of discretion. I wish you to spend thristmas with us, when this matter that you will be a most inxious, too, and is writing. Your affectionate uncle,

"George Wild."

week. I am going to spend my Christmas her—unless you prefer other—unless you prefer other—un

moved to a place of safety."

The sky was now clear and blue, but the dazzling sunshine gave no warmth. An ideal Christmas day everybody said, and the bells were telling the old sweet story. Armitage seemed to be living in a new and beautiful world. He listened to the preacher's voice like a man in a dream; he heard the singing of the choir, and himself joined in the adoration. Once or twice he glanced at the girl beside him, and the magnetism of his eyes compelled her to meet his gaze, each time with a flush and a smile. Armitage knew that he was hopelessly in love.

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love.
"I haven't sent my wire yet," he said, when the service was over.
Miss Fane directed him to a telegraph office, and watted in the church porch while he despatched the message. When he came back she was talking to two girls and a tall young man. The young fellow was named Harry Infield, and the girls were his sisters. They blushed in true

Their brother was professing to teach Miss Fane some sort of grotesque figure skating, and in the end succeded in hurting her ankle. She had to be taken back to the Grange in a cab, and there was general confusion and dismay. Armitage had spoken sharply to Harry Infield, and the latter demanded to know by what right he interfered. When he answered "Every right!" the young fellow's face became almost livid, and he responded savagely: "We shall see about that!"
This passage of arms was overheard

This passage of arms was overheard by Miss Fane, and while her face red-dened, a look of distress crept into her dark eyes.

dark eyes.

In the evening she was helped down

"Good heavens! What do you mean,

"Good heavens! What do you mean, Miss Fane?" he cried.
"I am only a girl, but I can understand. You are beginning to care for me in a way, and you are trying to make me care for you. I have heard that it is a common form of amusement among sailors. But I consider it cowardly in the extreme!"

the extreme!"

She spoke with spirit, but there were tears of anger and mortification in her

founded; then he knelt at her feet.

Please go away, she pleaded, or I shall break down. What would Madame Bell say if she knew of your conduct and of mine? And she is sure to hear something about it. The matron has told me not half an hour since that I away to the strong discretals. am not acting discreetly.'

told me not half an hour since that I am not acting discreetly."

"Miss Fane—Lesley, darling, can't you see that I am madly in love with you?" Armitage said: "I have known you just two days, and yet you are dearer to me than anything else in the wide world."

She covered her face with her hands. "I cannot—I will not listen. How dare you say such things—you, an engaged man! I did not know it until this morning. Harry Infield told me—his sisters are friendly with Miss Alice Wild, to whom you have been engaged for years." She turned upon him wrathfully. "Now, the best thing you can do is to go. Surely you must be satisfied with the ruin you have wrought!"

Gerald Armitage was staggered. He paced to and fro, his arms folded across his chest.

"I could thrash that young Infield puppy," he thought. "And yet he may have believed himself justified in exposing me."

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He came to a halt again, and said determinedly: "The engagement was none of my making, Miss Fane, and you may understand how much I care for Alice Wild, when I assure you that I haven't seen her for three years. I hardly know Wen all pa's toys and candy cost Just twenty cents or sol

how the affair came about. It was, I think, auggested by the general to my mater as being a good idea, and I offered no opposition. Until now all women were pretty much alike to me."

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There was a short silence. "Are you aware that you are intruding in this house—that you are intruding in this house—that you are presuming upon the absence of its mistress, and insulting me?" the girl said, tearfully.

"I'm doing nothing of the kind, Lesley," he retorted. "I love you—I worship you, and want you to be my wife. To-morrow I will explain the situation to my uncle and cousin; and in any event, I cannot marry Alice now."

"Miss Wild has a voice in the matter, Manlike, you utterly ignore that. Your coolness is blood-curding. You would throw off the lady who has been engaged to you for years, just to suit the fancy of a moment? How do you know that she is not as fond of you as —"

"As you are," he supplemented.
"I said nothing of the kind; in fact, I doubt you very much now."

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"You appear to believe every evil thing of me imaginable. Young Infield has been poisoning your mind against me because he fancies himself in love with you."

Miss Fane's face grew hot again. "That overgrown boy!" she exclaimed, scornfully; whereat Armitage laughed, albeit he felt rather dismal.

"Well," he said at last, "I will say good-right, and I promise not to speak to you again until I can do so as a free man. My conduct does look bad from the point of view of one who doesn't know the real facts. And when I come back, Lesly—you don't mind me calling you Lesley, do you?"

"You seem to do as you please with out asking my permission!"

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"My uncle!" he explained to Miss Fane, and he saw her face pale and her eyes dilate. This nerved him. He nodded reasssuringly to her and went

"So!" roared the frate general, "this

out.

"So!" roared the frate general, "this is the specimen of honorable gentleman you are! I suppose that the other young woman is in there." He indicated the door of the sitting-room with his stick. "Broken-down motor-car—storms—snowdrifts—yes! I've had the whole story from a gentleman, sir, and you haven't the grace to look ashamed."

"A gentleman!" sneered Armitage; "aboy named Infield. I can see his monkey-face peeping through yonder doorway now. No, I am not ashamed. My engagement to Alice was a cut-and-dried affair of your manufacture, and you can go hang, sir! If Alice—"

But the general flung a note in his face. "This is from my daughter, sir, and when you have read it I shall know how to act."

With these words, and a threatening

In the evening she was helped down stairs to a couch in the sitting room, and Armitage arranged her pillows and drew the couch nearer to the fire.

"Now what shall I do to amuse you?" he said. "I can play the violin, and sing after a fashion. Most sailors can sing, you know."

"I would rather be quiet, thank you, Mr. Armitage."

"Would you rather be alone?" he asked, quickly.

"Yes, I would rather be alone."

"But this must be my last evening here. I can make no more excuses." He spoke almost despairingly.

"You oughtn't to have made any at all. You are not acting as an English gentleman should."

"Good heavens! What do you mean,

"Alice Wild."

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"Alice Wild."
Gerald nearly shouted "Hurrah!"
He ran back to the sitting room, and read the precious letter aloud; then he handed it to Miss Fane so that she could read it for herself.

"Are you satisfied now, darling!" he nearly "Hurrah!"

asked.

Her eyes grew misty, and her face softened. "You may kiss me," she whispered, turning rosy red. "I have been unjust towards you, Gerald, but it was only because I had lost my heart to you."

you."

He dived into his pocket and produced the engagement ring he had bought for Alice Wild.

"The last of my Christmas presents, proof of the truth and sacredness of a real Christmas Idyll!"

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I'm gind we did not live here then.
That long, long time ago,
For all pa got ou Ghristmas Day,
Gost twenty cents or so.
The says that Santa never brought
A magic lantern there,
When he was just a little boy,
Nor soldier things to wear.

He never had a "nelephant"
That when you pull its trunk
Would make a squeaky nick.
As if to chow its spunk.
They had no hook and lader trucks.
Nor engines long say.
And all the sleds they ever had
Their fathers made, you know.

### Slaves of Chicago's Europe Leave as Christmas Nears.

(By Elias Tobenkin.)

The approach of winter, with the nearing echoes of Christmas bells and the far off odor of "peace on earth, good will to men," witnesses a huge exodus of imnigrants from the slum and factory districts of Chiengo and suburbs. Hundreds of foreigners, carrying with them tens of thousands of dollars, throng the ticket offices in their neighborhood, pay for their passage, and, like a herd of elephants, are conducted by a semi-Americanized individual, known as the agent, to Polk street station, and soon find themselves speeding toward their native countries.

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Most of these immigrants leave this country never to return again. With them the departure from America is a solemn event, for in nearly every case they left behind them five or six of their best years in return for a few hundred best years in return for a few hundred dollars. Of the remaining some have vague presentiments that they might have to come back here and "earn some more," while a few go home only for a few months to visit their families, and will again be seen in European Chicago early in April.

Many Forced to Stay Here.

The number of these immigrants who cannot bring themselves to settle down and make this country their home about equals the number of those who forswear allegiance to their native country for-ever. The types, however, are different. Those who remain here are more elastic

Those who remain here are more elastic in their mental makeup.

They can adapt themselves more or less to the life in this country. Not a few who cannot adapt themselves stay here, nevertheless, because their families are already here or because most of their relatives live here, and they would be more alone in their native village than they are "back of the yards," in South Chicago, or in Kensington.

Those who return to their native countries do so not out of preference for the politics of their native land to that of the United States—they don't know about either—but because America has, in most cases, proven a severe and grouchy stepmother to these "ignorant foreigners."

#### All Look Alike to Boss.

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Most of these came here too old to learn the language. And even had they wanted and been able to learn it, there was no way of getting at it. The everlasting boarding house with its reeky, filthy atmosphere, both physical and mental, stifles all hope as well as protest. "Times are different," said an agent back of the yards, attempting to account for this exodus of immigrants. "Years ago America offered opportunities to every immigrant, to-day it offers opportunities to a select few. The great mass of the common laborer type are no better off here than in their native country. In fact, many are worse off.

"In Europe they earn less, but can live on less. At the same time they live better. They work less and are considered more than they are here. To the foreman in the mill or in the packing plant who does not understand the foreigner they all look alike. He calls them all 'Jack,' or 'John,' or 'Hey, there.'

Each is a Man at Home.

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"If he is less considerate he will simply call them 'Polack' or something similar. At home in his native town each of these men is a man, a father of a family, and a member of a community, and is entitled to a voice in the affairs of his village, which to him are as important and plain as are our elections and politics to an enlightened American. "Inmigrants who came over here years ago could expect to buy their own home and become proprietors, so to speak, for themselves. To-day they are constantly chasing from the factory or mill to the woods in northern Wisconsin or Michigan, and from the woods again to the mill or factory. This job hunting is all the more painful and distressing to these people because their vision is usually confined to a certain territory. Those who began working in the stockyards will seldom have the initiative to get nor will they be pushed into some other kind of work. The rest of the city is a sealed book to them.

Kept Down by Countrymen.

tle down in their native village "awaiting death" as they express it.

Strikes Drive Many Home.

Many also fall into this nomadic life because of disturbances or quarrels with their foremen. After a strike some half a dozen men whom the foreman refuses to take back will go to Europe for six months or a year. Then they come back and fall into line, looking for a job as fresh arrivals. The foreman will hardly recognize them, as to him most foreigners look alike in the beginning, and he gives them work. Strikes Drive Many Home.

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Bitter disappointment for the past and a gleam of hope for the future shone in the eyes of a party of immigrants who were waiting for a car on Ashland avenue to go to the Polk street depot. The affair was not without its serious, even tragic, side. It was on a Sunday afternoon. Twenty-five men were to leave that day. Most of them have been here over four years and have made friends and acquaintances.

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By noon they had their baggage near the ticket offce. A moving van appeared and was loaded with their trunks, bags and bundles of various shapes and sizes. Then the parting began. Over 100 men, women and children gathered on the sidewalk. Most of those who were departing for home looked cheerfully and yet regretfully upon their fellow countrymen they left behind. In the eyes of a few women who still wore their European shawls and kerchiefs on their heads, tears glistened. The chartered car approached and in a few moments the twenty odd men were hustled into it, many before they had time to shake hands with their friends.

"You see," an immigrant began in reply to an inquiry, "life is unnatural here, and after a certain period it becomes unbearable for men of even the strongest constitution. Some will not be able to explain it all, but they feel it. For six years I have lived here, or rather I have worked here. The work was hard and life was miserable. I slept in a bed which never was allowed to get cold in all those years.

Same Beds for Two Shifts.

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"There are generally two shifts of men boarding in one house, and when those working in the day time leave their beds in the morning the boarders who return after a night's work tumble into the same bed. Our food, well, it would sicken any one were we not drilled into the belief that once in America one has to put up with everything Each

ed into the belief that once in America one has to put up with everything. Each one orders something. One wants pork, another sausage, a third something else, and so on. The landlady gets all these things, put a check with the number or initials of the boarder on it, and boils it in one pot. But this is not near as bad as the atmosphere, the air here. "Over there," the man. who was a Saul among his fellows, said, waving his arm as if to indicate the location. "over there, the air is at least good. Here we are stifling in the summer from heat and freezing in the winter from cold. There is not a house in the block where I lived which has not from ten to twelve boarders in a space which is not enough for one-fifth that number.

Cannot Stand Winter's Cold.

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"But bad as is the summer heat, it is nothing to the tortures of the winter cold. Few if any people in my neighborhood are able to buy a new stove. The second hand stoves which they do get and the soft coal which they burn in them supply the house with plenty of smoke and scant heat. We simply become denaturalized here. There are some who have had a good education in their native country. These suffer still more. They suffer as actual slaves and as thinkers and sympathizers with the suffering of others.

"Why do they flock home for the win-

"Why do they flock home for the win-ter? Well, they are men. They have families there, and during the Christmas task. families there, and during the Christmasholiday will enjoy life more in one hour
in their native village than any one of
these twenty-five men has done in the
four or six years he has spent here.
There are here also old men, who,
strange or foolish as it may sound, are
longing for the big brick stove which
occupied a quarter or more of his little
hut.

and secluded than any medieval ghetto-ever has been. It is only under such con-ditions of isolation and seclusion from American life, within an American city, that such views are gained by the im-migrants. Those who are fortunate en-ough to land in parts of the city which do not fall under the head of Europ-can Chicago usually sink their identity in the great mass of Americans.

Partial View of Many.

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"Thousands of immigrants," said a Pollish-American, who had given much thought to slum problems, "see and come if in contact only with one side of American life, with that side which looks upon them as so much material to be used in the production of beef or steel; aris. In other words they are looked upon more as cattle; accordingly many of them look upon the American industrial system much the same as cattle look at their butcher.

"We talk about restriction of immigration in one part of the country and of importation of immigrants for contract labor in other parts of the country. But sowhere do we think of providing for them institutions to enlighten them, channels for such training which would enable them to see the country in its true and proper light, and make them better citizens, if they ever become citizens, and a better and more enlightened element in the community as long as they are among us."—Chicago Tribune.

#### CHRISTMAS.

Christmas doth come but once a year, To some brings saduess, others cheer; Sadness to those poor souls in need Who children have and wives to feed.

It tells of one on Christmas morn Of David's line, in Bethlehem born (Matt. 1); Foretold by prophet, sage and sire, Who song His praises on their lyre.

Twas He whom wise men sought and found And shepherds from the hills around; A Saviour born in David's town Angels proclaimed—from heaven sent down

'Twas form one church Himself he gave And shed His blood for it to save (Ephe 5-25) 5-25)
From vengeance of eternal fire, (Jude 1),
Which God hath spoken in His ire. (Psals

When Herod heard a king was born He feigned much love, with secret scorn; Connived a plan, young babes to slay, Wishing this child slain by the way.

His parents, warned by angels, fled From Canaan into Egypt led. Till Herod died-gave up the ghost By judgment through the angelic host.

He then to Nazareth was led, Was by kind parents nursed and fed, Till at the age of thirty years, Went on God's errand, it appears. He to the House of Israel went, To save lost sheep was His intent. (Matt 15-24.) His miraeles and acts did crave For love He got a cross and grave.

For love rie bot.

He rase a victor o'er the grave,
By resurrection power to save
As David said, at God's right hand
Till this world bows at His command.

—J. L.

#### CHRISTMAS TREE.

It is not the cost of the Christmas tree decorations that will give delight to the children. In fact, the work of their own hands and the hangings that they can pick from the tree and eat will furnish more fun than all the fineries that are kept from year to year, and accmumuated by a full pocketbook from the art treasures of the manufacturer.

facturer.

A sparkling tree always appeals to the childish heart, and is easy to accomplish. Take the tree into the yard and make a saturated solution, in a big nail of water and alum. Then with a and make a saturated solution, in a big pail, of water and alum. Then with a big brush or broom, sprinkle the tree thoroughly with the liquid. Let the tree emain until dry and it will look as Jack Frost had applied himself to the

task.

Strings of popcorn and of cranberries, strung by the children, can be used to decorate the tree. Then the children can bring into practice their kidergarten teachings and make chains of red, silver and gilt paper with which to decorate the boughs. Frosted snowballs of assorted sixtes some alarge as a large as a ate the boughs. Frosted snowballs of assorted sizes, some as large as a big plnu and others the size of a huge apple, can be made with cotton batting and sprinkled with diamond dust. A bent wire should be inserted in the top of each. Lady apples and gingerbread men and animals are always a delight to the children, and even the growups seldom refuse their share of the toothsome morsal. These cases he have to sit in the sorted and the sit of the country of the service of the sorted and the state of the toothsome morsal. These cases have the sit of the sorted and the sorte

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"In short, sugar is, after meat, bread and butter, easily our next most important and necessary food. You can put the matter to a test very easily. Just leave off the pie, pudding or other desserts at your lunch or midday dimer. You'll be astonished to find how quickly overlibed to find how quick

often refuse to serve desserts of any sort. They know their business. The more sugar and sweets a man takes at a meal, the less alcohol he wants. Conversely, nearly every drinking man will tell you that he has lost his taste for sweets. The more candy a nation consumes, the less alcohol.

Of the List. W'en Santy Claus come knockin', Won't fin' dis li'l one; He can't hang up his stockin', Kaze ba

Frank L. Stanton, in the Atlanta Con

A few short weeks. They seem to know! I ney stand like Bruin brought to bay, And when they snarl and frettin grow, Oh, ladies, let them have their way. (it's Christmas drawing near.)

The bachelor. He loves them all, (At least as many as he may); But if he makes a glumpy cell, Oh, ladies, let him have his way. (It's Christmas drawing near.)

The married man. Preoccupied,
His air, with scarce a word to say;
And if he swears when slippers hide,
Oh, ladies, let him have his way,
(It's Christmas drawing near.)
—New York Evening Sun

A PHYSICIAN CHAMPIONS CANDY.

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"At its worst, candy is not half so dangerous as hash, soup out of a stock pot, bread pudding, or any other of the secred mysteries wrought out of stale and decaying odds and ends, which are worshipped by many model house-keepers," says Dr. Woods Hutchinson, in the Christmas Woman's Home Companion. "The substitution of starch for butter or cream, to give body to the cheaper creams and pastes, while very disagreeable, is absolutely harmless, and like the use of rancid butter, or even cheaper fats, such as suet and lard, will promptly reveal itself to the unblunted palate. In fact, candy is peculiarly produced from many adulterations and dangers by the very delicacy and purity of the flavor demanded of it.

"At one time arsenic was said to be used to give the green color to the cheaper grades of candy, but it was never common, and has passed out of use entirely since the introduction of aniline dyes.

"To sum up, candy when eaten in moderate amounts and toward the close, or shortly after a meal is a harmless and often beneficial addition to our diet. "While a liking for it is perfectly natural and wholesome, an excessive craving is generally a sign of disease. These young ladies who are said to live chiefly upon candy and pickles do not owe their pallor to the candy they eat, but to some definite morbid condition, most generally based upon a lack of proper exercise in the open air or of sufficient sleep. This should be corrected by proper bygienic or medical means and then their normal appetite for more substantial foods will return. Failing this, it is perfectly dide to try to cut off their supply of candy. They had better eat that than nothing, which will be their choice, until their normal condition is restored."

Signs of the Times.

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Does your wife rush out to meet you when you're coming home at night? It's near Christmas.

Do her eyes now heam upon you with an old remembered light?

It's near Christmas.

Does she have your slippers warming in the ingle of the fire?

Does she sat and gaze upon you as it she could never tire?

Does abs telephone you daily till the taffy chokes the wire?

R's near Christmas.

obes your helpmate leave you sleeping and steal softly out at dawn?
It's near Christmas.
Noes she have the kettle singing ere the night has quite withdrawn?
It's near Christmas.
Noes ehe beam her approbation on just everything you do?
Noes she put cream in your coffee and two lumps of sugar, too?
Noes she cuddle up and smuggle up and say nice things to you?
It's near Christmas.

There are Christmas bargain waiting in the yawning shops in town?
It's near Christmas.
There's a little bit o' woman who would like a brand new gown;
It's near Christmas.
And that is why she cuddles you and snuggles up to you;
It's a channe she has to do it just to get what is her due!
Loosen up and make her happy, make had Christmas dreams come true!
It's near Christmas.
—Houston Post.

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Honoring Santa Claus.

Santa Claus was born in Patavia, in Asia Minor. That was not his real name. He was an abbot, and named St. Nicholas. He afterward became Archbishop of Myra. At the latter place he died and was duly buried. In May, 1087 his remains were carried by some pious Italians to Bari, on the Adriatic coast. They are now at rest in a splendid church which bears his name. The people round about make a pilgrimage to ple round about make a pilgrimage to his shrine every year. No one seeking food on that occasion is refused by the priests, while accommodation is given to priests, while accommodation is given to as many pilgrims as the edifice will hold. On St. Nicholas day, December 6, a great celebration takes place in his honor. Early in the morning the populace take his image from the priests and carry it through the town. At night the city is grandly illuminated.

Contented.

Most every day a little boy
Comes criving past our house,
With the nicest little popy—
Just the color of a mouse!
A groom is always close behind
So he won't get hurt, you see;
And I used to wish that pony
With the cart belonged to me.

I used to watch him from our door
And wish that I could own
And wish that I could own
A pony, and a little cost,
And itrive out all alona
And once, when I kneit down at night,
I prayed the Lord that He
Would fix it so that pony
And its cart belonged to me.

But yesterday I saw him where He lives, and now I know Why he never goes out walking, 'Cause his legs are withered so Last night when I was kneeling With my head on mother's knee, I was glad he had his pony And the cart instead of me.

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING.

Once on a time a woman at Christmas made up her mind to be sensible and give her friends only useful presents. She found it a much harder task than if she had bought a for of thoughtless things and distributed the control of the co

(Montreal Witness.)

Docks are not usually the sort of place in which to escape from the strenuous life. But the port of Montreal has one corner in which this may be done—a corner that acts as balm to the spirits, when, languishing under the ardent sum mer sun, they tire of the jostling crowds of the city, and the rattle and roar of its traffic. That corner is at the upper and, where the locks of the canal gradually lower the lazy river boats into the great basin of the harbor, there to meet the ocean steamships.

Very pleasant it is to sit here on a snubbing post, basking in the sun, and watching the slow procession of rivercraft coming and going through the mouth of a system of canals that stretches far up the Ottawa River in one direction, and right away to the great lakes in the other. As likely as not, if you are a companionable soul, some old river pilot or bargeman will goin you at the snubbing post, and not only name every boat and barge that passes, but tell you who owns her, what the is laden with, and where she is going. He will point out the difference between the Canadian barges and the American ones—the Canadian ones with their solid indestructibility and immense capacity, and the American ones of lighter build, more trim appearance and flimsy fantail rudders. He will point out the great wheat-carriers that bring the grain down from the great lakes to the ocean liners. He will give the life history and name the successive captains of spectral-looking side-wheelers that one did duty as fash onable passenger boats, and are now serving as freight carriers, "and probably earning just as much." He will orticize the build of American pleasure type of the grain down from the great lakes to the ocean liners. He will give the life history and name the successive captains of spectral-looking side-wheelers that once did duty as fash onable passenger boats, and are now serving as freight carriers, "and probably earning just as much." He will orticize the build of American pleasure the people, by gum! When the the people, by gum! When they's got the money they know how to spend it. Just fancy now, starting from somewhere, say, down on the Maine coast, and ruising up the Gulf of St. Lawrence, up the St. Lawrence River, and half across the continent on the great lakes, stopping when you feel like it, and sailing away when you don't, with fishing lines to earth. across the continent on the great lakes, stopping when you feel like it, and sailing away when you don't, with fishing lines to catch your own breakfast, and a banjo to play in the starlit evenings, when the water is lapping against the sides of your anchored craft, and everything is hushed and peaceful.

"Ain't that life for you!" says the old river man. "Ain't that enjoyment! Gosh! if only—but there."

And on a sudden he becomes quiet,

And on a sudden he becomes quiet, puffs hard at his pipe, and stares with unseeing eyes at some harbor dredge down in the Windmill Point basin. Yes, o, had his dreams in his youth.

But sometimes even the old river man is non-plussed. He was non-plussed only this week, when, in the midst of a scathing criticism of some repairs that are being carried out on the floor of one of the canal basins, he caught sight of a chubby little steamboat, lying at her moorings in the shadow of the latest sky-scraping elevator.

"Work's that?"
"Some kind of a tug-boat, isn't it?"
"You're right," he replied, and added,
with a gentle touch of irony, "I thought
it was some kind of a tug-boat myself.
But wot I mean is, wots that name on
her stern? Do I see the word "Glaggow" there?"
"You it way "Reaumont Glaggow"."

gow" there?"
"Yes. it says 'Beaumont, Glasgow'."
"Well," he exclaimed, "wotever's going
to have the cheek to come across the Atlantic next? Let's go over and look at

iantic next? Let's go over and look at her."

We went, and we learned that this beat, scarcely bigger than a harbor tug, had sailed across the ocean under her own steam, and was now on her way up through the canal to Lake Superior, having been bought by one of the shipping firms there. She took thirty-one days to cross and couldn't be opened up once during the whole of that time, as the sea washed her low deck continually. As her coal bunkers only had capacity for thirty tons, and as she burned three tons aday, she had to take a circuitous route, so as to coal at the Western Isles. Altogether she coaled five times on her journey to Montreal.

Little surprises like this are a feature of this portion of the harbor, but after all it is the ordinary men on the ordinary boats who make the place so interesting. You learn that to be a captain on a barge isn't half a bad thing, and if the captain is a good sort there are worse things than being even a deck hand. A barge takes a crew of four—the captain and the look, and two deck hands. The captain igets a certain allowance, and feeds and pays the crew himself.

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feeds and pays the crew himself. For cook he usually takes his wife, who shares with him the little cabin aft, while the deck hands sleep for ard. If the cooking is fair to middling, and the food passably good, well then it is all right to be a deck hand, but when the captain tries to make a profit out of his provision allowance, then life on a canal boat is not the idylic thing it looks to be. Of course, the captain brings his children with him and it is quite a common sight to see several little tots playing about all over the barge, while their mothers doing the washing or some such domestic duty. Why don't they fall overbeard? Nobody seems to know, and the river man himself confesses that it is a mystery to him. "I never heard of a child falling off a canal barge in my life," he declares. On the craft that ply up and down the canuals there is very little to do while the actual journey is in progress. The barges, towed in long strings by tugs, make the voyage in a dignified leisurely way, and the crews doze in the sun, play accordeons or mouth organs, or chat with other crews. Around them the scenes are constantly changing and the days pass like a peaceful dream.

Oftentimes the captain has a little farm of his own somewhere along the river, and perhaps he leaves his wife at home and brings one or more of his grown-up daughters with him. That, of course complicates matters considerably, and adds much to the attractiveness of life on the canal. For whether it be that the river breezes agree with their complexions, or that the canal folk are a superior sort of people, certain it is that the river men declare they never have seen such downright good-looking girls as the girls they have become acquainted with on their voyages, and many a romantic little story will they tell about the hearts and the loves of the deckhands and the captaire' daughters. There are other stories, too, for the river men develop an inexhaustible captaity for story-telling. You break in upon all sout men "The captain always did spruce hi

**RIVER BOATS MEET** 

"Bonte sante!' said the captain, and took a drink.

Then he put the glass down, smacked his lips once or twice, and burst out laughing.

"What's the matter?' asked his

friend.

riend.
"That's a good joke,' said the captain.
"What is?'
"Why, serving out water from a gin bottle

"His friend tasted the gin, and said words to the effect that he was aston-"'Oh. come now!

"Oh, come now! Come now!' said the captain, who didn't intend to let on that he had recognized his own handiwork. Don't pretend any more. It's a good joke, and the joke's on me all right."
"Do you mean to say, 'said the other, 'that I did that on purpose?'
"'Why, of course,' said the captain. That's where the joke comes in."
"It's a lie,' roared the other, and the argument got so hot that at last they fell to blows, and the end of it was that the captain went home with two black eyes and opinions about snuggling that would do,credit to any exciseman."
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would do credit to any exciseman."

Both these stories were told on one of the barges this week, when some of the river men had gathered to smoke their pipes together. There was another one, too, about a pet bear that one of the captains took with him one season on his boat—a bear that is said to belong now to a farmer somewhere near Grease's Point. The various adventures of that hear kent the company varying.

Chirstian, the latter filling subterranged on the brain. When these were in a seemes winding for miles and miles the ekeltons of the brain cells are supplied with extra nutriment, and thought is quickened. It is probable that the brain cells themselves are affected by tea or coffee, so that communication between them becomes more rapid, more complete, and more permanent than under ordinary circumstances. But it must not be forgotten that these substances tend to keep up mental action when it is not needed. Thus, by tea-drinking, sleep, which to be the tred brain, is prevented. These beverages lessen the sense of fatigue and give a sense of well-being and of power, and actually add to the power of endurance. Tea is liable to abuse and may then bring about most disastrous results.

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MRS. LOUISE M. TAFT
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### THE CAMPAGNA.

### Vast Burial Place of Dead Cities and of Men.

A Rome cable says: The Roman Campagna is a huge burial place of deed ancient cities the children of the great mother of nations, Rome.

A vast undulating plain, for the most part a wilderness without a human habitation, here and there covered with meadows and grassy slopes where cattle and sheep pasture or with grain waving in the wind; a pestilential region where swamps and marshes are left to stagnate in the sun and generate miasmas, and yet, rich and varied with every kind of beauty—such is the Campagna. Everywhere cities, towns, temples, villas and the generations of the dead lie buried under one's feet.

Caere, which was alternately the enemy and the ally of Rome, is obliterated save for its necropolis. Veii, Rome's powerful rivall has vanished except for traces of its old walls and of its nine gates, and until recently its very site had been forgotten. Gabii has all but disappeared. The hills on which stood Fidenae are bare and desolate, its walls have disappeared, not one stone remains on one other and tombs are the sole evidences of its existence. Not a trace remains above ground of Antemnae, the eity of many towers, whose daughters, ravished by the followers of Romdus, became the mothers of the Roman race. Sutrium and the sax belonging to early Latium have all areas as belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the sax belonging to early Latium have all and the

salubrious hills were rendered uninhabitable.

The Goths despoiled and ravaged the whole Campagna, and it is easy to imagine what damage was done. The barbaric eruptions were followed by earthquakes, inundations, famine and pestilence. The Popes and Anti-Popes fighting for supremacy with the German Emperors or disputing with each other for their succession had ny time to help.

Later came Robert Guiscard and the Normans, and in 1527 the Constable of Bourbon, whose ravages were worse than those of Geneseric and Totila. Fortresses were made out of tombs and monuments, everything rotted and crumbled away, and as a result of the desolation of fields and gardens and the annihilation of agriculture malaria stalked in the footsteps of ruin, rendered the Campagna uninhabitable, and made it what it now is, a desolate wilderness, a huge cemeter.

has been stated that she did not favor agriculture, the old rule was fatal to agriculture and the reclaiming of land. This statement may be true; still, the improvements effected by the Italian Government since 1870 in the Campagna of Rome have hardly altered its condition and this district is no better drained or ecitivated or peopled to-day than it was under papal rule, while high taxation. practically unknown under the church, handicaps all efforts at improvement.

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The land of the Campagna is of a deep rich loam which repays well the least toil of the farmer, and yet although it is sufficiently extensive to afford pasturage for millions of cattle and grain fields for a continent, only a small portion of it is under cultivation. It is divided into large farms owned by a few wealthy proprietors, generally noble families, who lease them on fixed rents to farmers known as Mercanti di Camnagna, men of large fortune, who almost form a corporate body and exercise a monopoly.

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The Mercapti find it more profitable to use the land for pasture and prefer to breed horses and raise cattle instead of reclaiming the land and cultivating it. The Italian tax laws make this the more

The Italian tax laws make this the more profitable course.

An attemept was made to remedy the evil by means of a special law which the Government expected to have very beneficial results. Every owner of land in the Campagna was obliged by this law to put his land under cultivation within a specified term under the penalty not of confiscation but of expropriation by the Government.

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The law was disobeyed wholesale and the Government had to start expropriating the land. Many owners were only too willing to find a good purchaser for their barren property. They had the law on their side, the value of the land had to be appraised favorably to the owners, and the result was that the Government suddenly realized that gradually all the Campagna was being bought by the State at a very high price, while the owners were making money hand over fist. The law is now in abeyance, and the Campagna is still in its original condition, unreclaimed and barren.

It is significant to note that the church, which is held accountable for the malaria in the Campagna, has done more on a small scale than the Government. The Trappist Fathers have reclaimed several thousand acres of land in a district, which was considered the most pestilential in the Campagna, the Tre Fontane, where St. Paul was beheaded. By dint of hard toil and the planting of eucalyptus trees they have succeeded in combating malaria more effectively than by the laws and free distribution of quinine undertaken by the Government.

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Everything drags on in the old run in the Campagna, improvements are spoken of, discussed and sometimes attempted,

of, discussed and sometimes attempted, but all to no avail.

Half hearted attempts at drainage have failed, and the rain water stagnates and breeds malaria as of yore. A new theory has been found to account for the malaria and one learns that mosquitoes and not mephitic vapors propagate it, but all the mosquito netting that has been put up and all the quinine that has been distributed have not prevented the permanent invasions of fever.

If mortality has decreased, the population of the Campagna is not increasing; hence the condition of the land is the same, and every year there are fresh graves to attest that the malaria still

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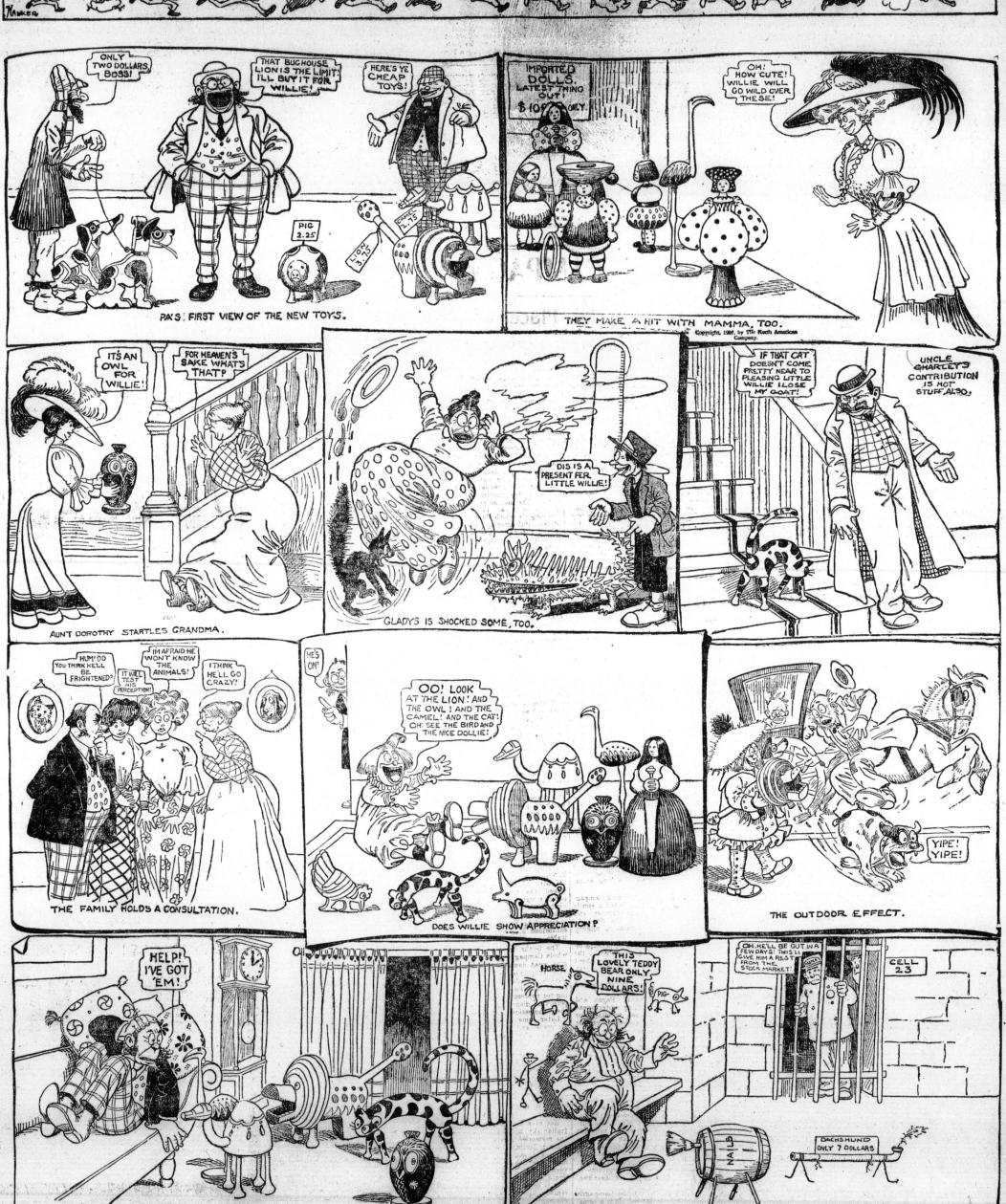
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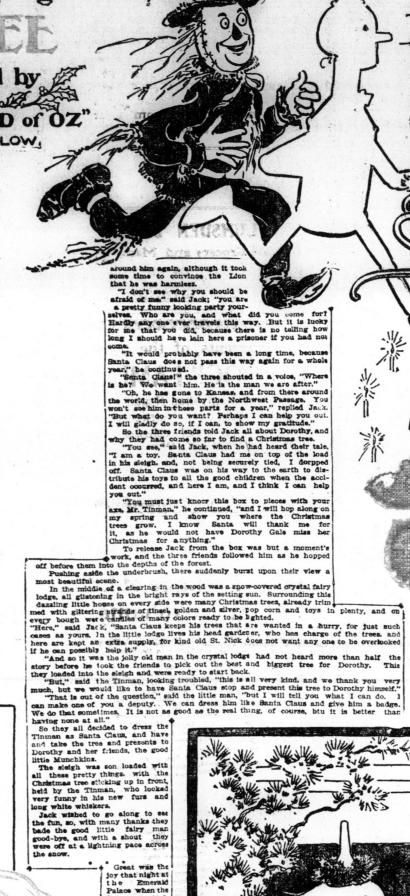
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Great was the joy that night at the Emerald Palace when the Scarcerow took Dotty's little hands in his, and, led her to the great hall whera stood the wonderful Christ



lighted with the tale that Dorothy told them of Santa Claus, and this time of merry making that comes every year. They put their heads together and planned to give their beloved little friend a happy Christmas, such as she would have in her home in Kansas as she had described to them through her tears.

"Tes," said the Scarecrow, "we must give little Dotty a Merry Christmas tree, with candy, gandles, and golden balls."

"We will take the Lion." said the Tinman, "and go to the Enchanted Forest. It will be edd, indeed, if we do not find just what we want there."

When the good fairy brought down the frost upon the wicked poppies, and covered the ground with snow, they bitched the Lion to a little red sleigh and away they dashed across the frozen fields.

With the merry peal of sleigh bells, on they flow! Away—away—like the wind, faster than the flercest express train.

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A thousand, two thousand miles they went in a twinkling, until at last they entered the shade of the Inchanted Forest, where grow the strangest trees that ever were dreamed of.

But, search as they would, no Christ mas trees such as Dorothy had described came to view, and they were becoming discouraged when from the roadside came a voice:

"Let me out! Snap up the cover sad let me out."

Of course the Lion came to a stand at this, and they soon discovered that the voice came from a gaudy box by the wayside.

"Come, come," said the voice, impatiently, "push back the latch and let me out! Why do you stand there and leave a fellow in distress?"

"There right in front," continued the voice, as they approached; "push it back."

The Timman was the first to find the little wire latch on the front of the box, and snapped the catch.

No sooner had he done so than the lid of the box flew open with a beng and out sprang the most frightful creature you could imagine. So termble was he, with his glistening teeth, bushy whiskers and glassy eyes, that the Soarcesow and Timman jumped back in fright, while the Lion flew for the cover of the forest, dragging the sleigh behind him.

"Come back, don't be frightened," said the creature. I am only Jack-in-the-box, and cannot hurt any one."

True enough, he was only a harmless toy, and with his gessile voice, he soon persuaded the friends to gather

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### FOOTBALL HAS THE CALL OF SPORTS IN HAMILTON.

Prospects of Hockey-None Too Good-Negotiations Still Going on for Eastern League Ball-Good Season of Basketball.

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Of all the sports of the year Rugby In Ottawa they can always depend on football has been the most successful in Hamilton. True, owing to the unpreparedness with which the seniors went into the opening contest the seniorrcham. Pionship, which had come to Hamilton four years in succession, was lost, but the team had the supremersatisfaction the team had the supremersatisfaction.

factory, from the spectator's standpoint, as the snap-back was. There may be some ground for this feeling, but, taken as a whole, the football of 1907 was not rough. It was hard and strenuous and the sort that will tend to develop sturdy manhood, but any brutality that may have crept in was the result not of the rules, but of the way in which they were enforced by the officials. Had the referces of the big union conferred together and set their faces resolutely against tackling a man after he has kicked and against jumping on a man who is "held" here would have been no cause for complaint. A uniform system for referees and an understanding among a body of competent men, carefully select ed, is one of the greatest needs of the It is a great joy indeed to note the

brilliantipalyers who are coming on. The Dominion champion intermediates will furnish the senior Tigers with a lot of first class material. It looks at this time as if probably half of this year's senior players might be seen no more in wellow and black. They have done the yellow and black. They have done much for the game throughout Canada, and more for Hamilton, and the four consecutive championships won by practically the same team will-long be a record to be talked about. It will-always he said, too, that the Tigers-never played a mean trick or pulled off a dirty play. They have demonstrated that gentlemen a mean-trick or pulled off a dirty play. They have demonstrated that gentlemen can play Rugby and still be gentlemen. With such a crowd of intermediates, followed by such a bunch of juniors as Manager Guy Long's team was, Hamilton need have no fear about the future. Then there are the City League teams and the Highfield boys coming along. Highfield is developing a fine line of players. The games that the lads played this fall were delightful to watch. The little fellows knew all the wrinkles of the game and played them with the greatest coolness, showing head, foot and hand work that cannot be picked up by a player going into the game when a few years older. The Highfield boys, in the ordinary course, will become stars in the football teams of the colleges to which they will go when through with their work here, but some of them will doubtless find their way into the Tigers. Wherever they may play, they may be depended upon to uphold the honor of their city and school.

Winter sport prospects are not as good as was the football outlook three months ago. Ottawa has recently had added to her already good equip-

good as was the football outlook three months ago. Ottawa has recently had added to her already good equipment for ice sports a magnificent hockey rink, with a seating capacity of 8,000, in which the view from every point is perfect. When in Ottawa last month some of the Hamilton Football followers approached Mr. Day, the proprietor, and asked him if he would undertake to build a somewhat similar rink in Hamilton if guaranteed financial backing.

"Financial backing," he replied. "Ill build the rink without any financial as

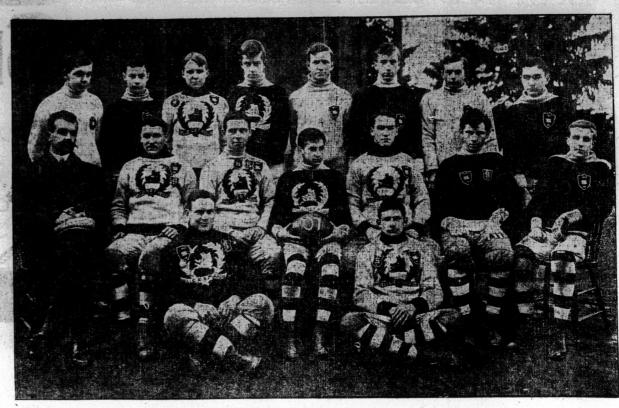
Financial backing," he replied, "I'll build the rink without any financial assistance at all if you will guarantee ice."

has often been discussed and it looks good. The possibilities certainly are great. Should the field be lost to sport the loss would be almost irreparable.

Three Remarkable Brothers.

The Kilbirnie branch of the Craufurd four years in succession, was lost, but the team had the supreme, satisfaction of defeating the champions on their own field, and the Intermediates upheld the histor of their city by winning not only the championship of the new Inter-Provincial Union, but also the championship family gave to the service of the country three remarkable brothers, sons of

#### HIGHFIELD SCHOOL SENIOR TEAM--1907



Top row: S. Hope, D. Spott, S. Bankier, B. Tinling, C. Sutherland, E. Wheeland, G. Fraser, M. Walker. Second.row: Mr. Collinson, C. Gibson, K. MacDougail, G. Ferrie (captain), K. Murray, R. Higgins, W. Whiting. Lower row: R. Ferguson, J. Kennedy.

#### TIGER SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM-1907



DR. W. G. THOMPSON.



Reading from left to right-Marriott, Moore, Isbister, Wigle, Grey, C. aig, Pfeiffer, Murray, Ballard, Barron, Tope, Climie, Simpson, Hall, Lyon.

#### HIGHFIELD SCHOOL JUNIOR TEAM-1907



lop row: H. Hay, G. Evel, S. Nicholson, R. McKay, H. Colquhoun, W. F. Clarke, G. Lynch-Staunton, M. Young, E. Wallace. second row: Mr. Collinson, M. Vallace, I. Merrick, H. Washington (captain), G. Tinling, R. Fitch, C. Martin, Mr. Townsend. Lower Row: H. Wardrope, A. Crear, H. Thomson.

and hence was called the Church of the Madonna di Pedigrotta. The pagan tes-tivities were continued in Christian

The church has always been a favorite goal for pilgrimages not only by the common people but in former times by Kings and Queens as well. Victorious Generals used to go there to offer their thanks to the Madonna; thus Don John of Austria went there in 1871 after the battle of Lepanto.

At the beginning of the seventeenth contrny the annual festival assumed an official character. Except that the Madonna had supplanted Parthenope the celebrations were identical with the original ones initiated by the Calcidians of Cuma. In 1674 a military review was added.

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At the present time the glory of the Parata is a thing of the past and/the feast has entirely lest its official character. The feast of the Pedigrotta, however, still is dear to every Neapolitan. It is a day when, following the ancient custom, the people leave their homes and enter heart and soul into the festivities about them. The streets are crowded with merry, rolleking humanity. The main feature of the feast consists in the singing of songs composed for the occasion. It is a musical tourisment, A song presented here which catches the popular fancy becomes the song of the year.

PAGAN FEAST IN NAPLES.

Musical Tournament Held Yearly at

the Pedigrotta.

The great Neapolitan festival known s Pedigrotta which takes place

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It is safe to say that the popular music of the Neopolitans is more original than that of any other part of Italy, but among these people unfortunately, the simple melody is rarely found to-day. The public is too ready to accept as typical the modern productions and these have gradually superseded the plainer, but more effective native songs. In a beautiful collection of songs published several years ago by the well-known musician Chilesotto is shown how closely wown is the popular melody with the basis of Italian music. This is still further recognized in the Neapolitan comic opera of the eighteenth century, as well as in typical motifs ecattered here and there in the works of famous composers.

composers.

It is known that Bellini possessed a collection of Sicilian and Neapolitan songs and melodies which he was in the custom of humming and playing continually in solitude. It is certain that several of them were modified and transformed and in totally different shape appeared in his own compositions.

Unfortunately no trace of this collection could be found after Bellini's death. Among them surely existed some of the old original Pedigrotta songs which have now been lost or forgotten.

The celebrated Salvator Rosa, painter, poet and musician, composed a song

The great Neapolitan festival known as Pedigrotta which takes place in Naples on September the 8th is nearly like all Italian feasts of pagan origin. It dates back to the founding of the city of Parthenope, so called after the siren who in grief at the escape of Ulysses drowned herself. The Calcidians of Cuma resised on the hill of Pesilipo where the body of the siren was cast ashore a temple to the goddess of chastity and plenty, which served the dual purpose of a place of worship and a landmark for mariners. The feast of this goddess was celebrated at harvest time, when the people flocked cut of town to the sacred spot laden with offerings of fruit, flowers and golden ears of corn, while the youths followed playing pacons of praise on the lyre and the flute.

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This feast lasted until the Roman epoch. Another town sprang up beside Parthenope and was called Neapolis, new town. After the end of the Samuite war the feast was gradually forgotten.

Subsequently the Pro-Consui Cocceius Nerva built a tunnel between the town of Neapolis and Pozzuoli, the former Parthenope, thus affording communication by land-between the two places, and under the old temple of Parthenope a delubrum was dedicated to Mithras in which was creoted also an altar to Prapus. Here the festivals and pilgrimages formerly held at Posilipo were renewed. The songs known as canzonette, pre-The cetebrated Salvator Rosa, paint-er, poet and musician, composed a song on purpose for Pedigrotta, and so did such musicians as Puccini. Pergolesl, the author of the "Stabat Mater," and many others.

The youths of to-day have fersaken the ancient lyre and flute and substitut-ed for it the remposine the artitlement.

bus. Here the festivals and pilgrimages formorly held at Possilipo were renewed. The songs known as canzonette, prevalent in Naples to-day, preserve the characteristic choruses and melodies of their Calcidian prototypes.

With the establishment of Christianity the old temples were demolished and on their rulns rose the Church of Santo Maria ell' Idra, Saints Maria of the Hydra, probably an allusion to Mithras' bull. The worshippers who came to this Christian shrine grew so numerous that a larger church had to be built near by. It was at the foot of the tunnel or grotto constructed by the Pro-Consul

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Under the prohibition law, as the power of the extremists applies it in Char

#### CHARLOTTETOWN, P.E.I.

There is no real judge in a liquor trial in Charlottetown-for the stipendiary magistrate who tries a liquor case is required by the law to act as prosecutor and as plaintiff. So a fair trial is impos-sible under this sort of "prohibi-tion."

Wives, in Charlottetown, have been compelled to appear against their husbands.

People with private grudges to sate have used the "prohibition law to get private revenge, and get that revenge

Faise swearing, in liquor case has become so common as to b to-day a jest among the people.

The citizens of Charlottetown have long since refused to appear as prosecutors in liquor cases and imported informers have be

Has this stopped liquor selling? Has this advanced the cause of temperance Charlottetown? It has done no such thing. Last year, in this quiet little co nity, 193 men were arrested for drunkenness on the streets. The trade in arden spirits is steadily on the increase in this city, and all through the island.

The leading Church of England clergyman of Charlottetown openly declares that the law is tyrannical, absurd and futile. Men of the highest standing there ince it publicly. Its only defenders are the fanatics who prefer to force people to drink grossly by stealth, instead of openly in moderation

When any community has well-regulated bars, it drinks in moderation of mild beverages. When the law becomes sumptuary and oppressive, the drink evil grows and people use adulterated liquors and in greater quantity.

Prohibition in Prince Edward Island is tyrannical, is grossly useless,-since the drink evil, as an evil, is actually increasing,—and serves no other purpose than to transfer the liquor traffic from the grip of the law to the caprice and greed of the

If the fanatics have their way with your community, you can expect tyranny perjury, cowardice to grow there. You cannot expect, in reason, the drink habito lessen; for wherever prohibition has had a fair test, it has lessened the prope USE of liquor and increased its ABUSE.

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As Miss Martin passed in at the side entrance that led to the choir loft she overheard a murmur from a group of people, "That is she—our first soprano that I told you about. I can hardly wait for you to hear her glorious voice."

A slight flush mounted her fair face and a feeling that she deserved the words of praise swelled in her heart. Had she not struggled up through many trials to her present high place in the musical world? Now that success was hers she should enjoy it to the full. She unrolled her music and softly trilled a bar or two—not because she needed further preparation, but from very joy of being able to warble like the birds. Just then Mr. Niles, the pastor, came into the ante-room behind the great or gan.

"Miss Martin." he began, then hesi-

into the ante-room behind the great organ.

"Miss Martin," he began, then hesitated. "I want to ask a great favor of you. A few of us are going this afternoon to the woman's ward of the penitentiary to hold a Christmas service with the inmates. Could you, would you go with us and sing for them?"

Her face faded. "Oh, Mr. Niles, how dreadful!" she exclaimed, with a shiver. "What is dreadful!"

"The whole idea. The penitentiary—ugh! and this day of all days to visit such a ghastly place, but I will consider it."

The organ was pealing and its deep tones were reverberated among the huge pipes. The service moved on smoothly—the authem, Scripture lesson, hymn and prayer; and then her solo—the event of the morning to others than the singer. The audience sat through it as if spell-bound and many were in tears when the last note died slowly away. It was over at last and she passed out, only pausing to say to Mr. Niles, "I will go with you. You can count on me for this afternoon."

noon."

So it came about that she was one of
the little group that filed into the penitentiary hall that afternoon, and stood
facing the rows of women sitting there

ways leading to the grated cells four tiers high. At the front of the hall

On all four sides wound iron stairways leading to the grated cells four tiers high. At the front of the hall stood a white pulpit, a small organ and several chairs. Doors were locked and windows barred, inside was misery and wretchedness, outside the blessed freedom of God's pure air and—Christmas. On the front row sat a woman not more than thirty-five years old, but with a seamed and hardened face. She stared with sullen glittering eyes at Mr. Niles as he read and prayed. Many heads bowed, and sounds of stiffed sobbing came from different parts of the room as the sweet story of the first Christmas was read, but this woman sat like a statue with compressed lips. Presntly Miss Martin sang. Those walls had never echoed to sounds more sweet, for her heart was in the messago as she sang of Jesus' birth, his love and pity. The black eyes did not leave her face, but gave no sign of feeling. At the request that those who wished to be prayed for should make it known, many hands were raised and yearning faces were uplifted, as if pleading for help. But the woman on the front seat did not move nor take her steady gaze from the beautiful girlish face by the organ. She sang again—a message of peace on earth, good will to men, and as she finished the black eyes dimmed suddenly, and the set lips whispered, "Oh, sing again!" She began at once, without an accompaniment, the Gospel hymn, "Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling."

"Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling." Every sentence thrilled with entreaty sahe sang, "Come home, come home! Ye who are weary, come home!"

As she finished the hardened face sud-denly melted, and a broken voice sobbed

denly melted, afid a broken voice solbed out. "Hesp me! oh, help me! I do want to be good." On the stone floor they knelt, and there, with deep penitence and earnest prayer, at last one sinful soul found forgiveness.

"It was the singing that did it," the poor woman said, holding fast to the firm white hand that did not shrink from the contact. "I could have resisted all the rest, but not that—to-day—Christ's birthday—and mine." The voice sank to a whisper, but the hard face glowed with the light of Christmas.

Miss Martin and Mr. Niles walked through the heavy gates together, hearing the clang that shut them out and those others in.

those others in.

Then the pastor began, "I want to thank you..." But she interrunted him thank you—" But she interrupted him.
"Let me thank you instead," she said
tremulously. "It has been an experience
I could not afford to do without. I am
ready to say now with the spirit and
with the understanding also,

'With my voice I'll gladly sing, For the glory of my King!'" E!izabeth Price,

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angle was the presence or their directions and husbands, and 21 grandchildren, all living within calling distance of the parental homestead happy and prosperously settled on farms of their own, it certainly is rather unique for so large a family to have clung so close together during all those 50 years.

After a most elaborate supper had been enjoyed and the wedding cake cut by the bride of 50 years ago, the toast list was taken charge of by the Rev. Mr. Smithers, of Freelton, and the various toasts responded to by the Rev. Mr. Morris, of Carlisle; Dr. McQueen, of Freelton; Mr. Bogle, of Millgrove; Mr. Albert Eaton, of Carlisle; Mr. Charles Raspberry, of Kibride; Mr. W. O. Sealey and others, and many and hearty were the congratulations received by the bride and groom, upon the many unique and happy features of the day.

Among the letters of regret that were

ures of the day.

Among the letters of regret that were read was one from ex-Mayor Morden, of Hamilton, who is one of the two only living persons who attended the original wedding, which was quite a large one. The brother of the groom, Mr. Albert Eaton, is the other living witness to the original event, but Mr. Birge Gunby claims to have attended and captained the charivari on the night following.

Many beautiful and costly presents testified to the esteem in which the happy couple are held by their friends and neighbors, among them being two Morris chairs, gold clocks, gold ornaments, gold headed cane and gold headed umbrella, gold brocehes, stick pins, etc., too numerous to mention.

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Among the letters of regret that were

years hence.

A Christmas Fairy-Tale

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I know the tale I tell will seem. "The baseless fabric of a dream;" I tell of one who, Christmas-time, Displayed a spirit so sublime, With unfeigned gratitude she took zz. Three pin balls and a needle book; Four doilles, and a hairpin case, And two small trays received with grace, She recognized, without a tear, The 'crocheted doily sent last year To a dear, absent-minded friend, Who back again the gift did send, Who back again the gift did send, Without a frown, this angel took Two copies of the self-same book; Accepted, with a happy face, Three hatpin bottles trimmed with lace; She had no scornful thought or hard For a much-travelled Christmas card; And, greatest miracle of all; As she received her last pin ball Not even in her heart did say, "They will be good to give away." —A. G. Davis, in Harper's Bazaar.



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### The Future of Canada---What is it To Be

One of the most notable articles which has appeared of recent years in reference to the future of Canada, appears in the current issue of Quaeri's Quarterly," the magazine of Queen's University, Kingston. It is from the pen of Mr. John S. Ewart, K. C., of Ottawa, is entitled "A Perplexed Imperialist," and is a reply to the now famous article published in the London Daily Mail by Professor Stephen Leacock, of McGill.

Mr. Ewart dismisses Mr. Leacock's

Daily Mail by Florescotter, of McGill.

Mr. Ewart dismisses Mr. Leacock's "pleasantries" as mere personalities and then proceeds to discuss the question of Canadian independence in these words:

"Let us consider Independence a little." Professor Leacock ays: "Not thus our path," for "we could not survive a deade." Why should we die so soon, he does not say. And inasanth as in he does not say. And inascalch as in the world there are, and always have been, very many nations with popula-tions less than six millions of an intellitions less than six millions of an intelligent sort of people, the reason is not very apparent. Let us think of two points: (1) To what extent are we already independent? and (2) Is it pessible (unless somebody very soon "smites the poor donkey") to keep us away from complete independence?

Political independence is in the freedom of one state from subordination to another. Canadian political history is the relation of our rise from complete subordination to almost complete independence. Does anyone regret the elevation?

Does anyone yearn for the days

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Does anyone yearn for the days when our affairs were managed from Downing street? when our taxes were imposed by Imperial officials? when the net profit of post office facilities (exceeding sometimes £15,000 a year) were remitted to London? were remitted to London?

For more than half our colonial life

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For more than half our colonial lifetime our trade and commerce and manufacturers were regulated and thwarted
by Imperial legislation. Does anyone
propose that our freedom from such subordination should be surrendered?
Until 1849 our tariffs respected the
traditional right of the British manufacturer to exploit the colonial markets. Since that date, and more particularly since 1879, we have had more
regard for the Canadian than the British manufacturer, and our fiscal independence is now established and admitted. Is the loss of our former subordination deplored?

Not so long ago all commercial treaties were made for us—without even
consultation with us. Now, no treaties
bind Canada unless she assents to
them; and Canada negotiates for tariff
concessions as she pleases. Is independence in that respect regretted?

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Formerly our Governor ordered out our militia, and did with them as he thought right. Now the militia are un-

our militia, and did with them as he thought right. Now the militia are under our own control—although it is not always easy to convince Governors or British Gireers who happen to be in our service of that fact. Ought we to return to military subordination?

Until 1842 the administration of our Government was largely in the hands of our Governors and their appointees; and since then we have had occasional tiffs with their Excellencies upon that point. Upon the whole, however, they have ceased to try to govern us, and now our own men administer the affairs of our country. Is administrative independence to be given up?

There survive, no doubt, theories of the subordination of our Parliament to the Parliament of the United Kingdom; of the subordination of our executive to Downing street; of the supremory of the war Office and the Foreign Office, and so on; but our independence is so well advanced that although, in a technical sense, we are not a nation, yet Canada has today (thank heaven and our own afforts) many more of the characteristics of a nation than of a colony. Are we resulty sorry for it?

Are We Independent?

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If independence means that we are untrammeled by devotion and control; that we can do as we like; that our freedom is so far advanced and so well recognized that we have only to declare it in order to make it a legal as well as an actual fact, then we are to day independent. We have already in that condition survived the decade.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Chamber-lein have accustomed us to assale of

Canada as a nation. In some respects we still fall short; but Professor Leaceock is right in his refusal to be called a "Colonial," and he might well join with Imperialists such as Mr. Baltour and Lord Milner in attributing to Canada that independence, that freedom from subordination, which are the principal characteristics of nationhood. That we still tolerate a merely nominal subserviency, seems to be sufficient to blind the eyes of the professor to the fact that Canada is to-day mistress of her own destinies and can exercise that greatest right of independence—the the right to do as she pleases.

Our independence then is almost complete. We have made it so, and probably no Canadian regrets what we have done. Professor Leaceock at all events does not. Already is our virtual independence recognized; already are we given the name of a nation; already we meet in conference with our "sister nations" on a footing of complete equality—arguing and bargaining for our respective interests. Does anyone wish that instead of Imperial Conferences, at which the Canadian Prime Minister should be the chief personage, we should return to the time of Governor Sir Francis Bond Head, Governor Lord Dufferin? Does any Canadian propose to repudiate the language of the British Prime Minister at the recent conference:

"We found ourselves, gentlemen, upon freedom and independence."

found ourselves. "We found ourselves, gentlemen, upon freedom and independence—that is the essence of the Imperial connection—freedom of action on the part of the individual states, freedom in their relations with each other, and with the Mother Country."

uatde cunfw shr enrif shr emfemce Lord Elgin said that he concurred in:
"The principle which the Prime Minister laid down, that is to say the freedom and independence of the different governments which are parts of the emptre."

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And Mr. Asquith (Unancesior or the xxhequer, says:

"The special feature of the British mpire has been that it has combined, and succeeded in combining in a degree anknown in any other combination in istory, a loyal and affectionate attachment between the centre and the parts of the sunire, and between the various

ment between the centre and the parts of the empire, and between the various parts themselves, with complete practical independence."

Shall Subjection Remain?

Are Canadians ashamed of this special feature of the British empire?"

of all peoples on the face of the earth, are they the only ones who insist upon eternal independence upon somebody else?

Canada's independence being virtually complete, the only other question is whether the form and appearance of subjection shall remain to all eternity? Shortly we shall have a population larger than that of the British less; shall' we nevertheless continue to ask London whether we may rearrange our provincial subsidies? Already we think we know more than anybody else about our own affairs; shall we forever submit proposed legislation to Downing street "Down and where? Net "Orleand na!" When and where? Net er than that of the British Isles; shall' we nevertheless continue to ask London whether we may rearrange our provincial subsidies? Already we think we know more than anybody else about our own affairs; shall we forever esubmit proposed legislation to Downing street approval before making it law? Shall we eternally pretend that Downing street may veto it at any time within two years of its enactment? Shall we never, never, never rise to the dignity of acknowledged nationhood? Shall we through all succeeding ages be a some-body's colony, or somebody's "Dominion over the seas"—be something subordinate? Canada's history is the assortion of her right to independence. She has thrown off end repudiated all real interference with her will. Shell she forever be content to wear the halter, even though well assured that no one dare touch it? She would look better, I think, without the

touch it? She would dook better, I trank, without it.

The effect of declared independence would mean (unless some sensible arrangement were made to avert it) some slight inconvenience or expense through the loss of the British Consular Service; but that loss would be richly requited by the loss of the British Diplomatic Service—from Oswald to Alverstone. We should have the same service of the British Army and Navy as heretofore, namely none. We should be relieved from contribution to British wars, which in the past have cost us heavily. We should gain in self respect. We should be free from the colonial status which "impairs the mental vigor and narrows the outlers." And we should

realize more clearly our defenceless, and take some serious steps to improve our fighting condition.

Our neglect in this respect has been due to our fancled security. Does not the British navy defend us? Every new and then we were made aware that the British navy did nothing of the saft, but our disinclination to spend mency, soon sent us back to the British navy idea. Were we legally independent, we should have to face instead of dodging it; we should have to formulate our policy and live up to it; and our policy might be (who can tell) that in exchange for the use of the British navy now and then, we should agree to some scheme of mutual defence. I say nothing as to what we should do with our independence. The present point is: Shall we do as we wish?

The British Empire is lacking in the most essential characteristics of an empire—not only is there no central control of its forces, but these is no agreement among the "sister nations" as to what is to be done in case of war. Canada will never put her forces beyond her own control. If they are to be used in Imperial wars, it will be because she so decrees. Canada is to day independent (that is, she may do as she likes) with reference to British wars. Does anyone wish it otherwise? Her obligations must come, if at all, by agreement—by alliance between sister

Her obligations must come, if at all, by agreement—by alliance between sister nations. Canada's independence (her right to do as she likes) in this respect, o, must be recognized. But Professor Leacock would say:

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"If this be our policy and plan, let us complete our teaching to our children. Let us inscribe it upon the walls of our schools, let us write it in brass upon our temples that for the navy which made us and defends us, we pay not a single penny, we spare not a solitary man. Let us add to it, also, that the lesson may bear fruit, this 'shelter theory' of Canada now rempant in one' day; that Canada by some reason of its remoteness from European sin and its proximity to American republicansm, is sheltered from that flail of war with which God tribulates the other people of the world, sheltered I know not how, but sheltered somehow so that we may forget the lean, eager patriotism and sacrifice of a people bred for war, and ply in peace the little craft of gain and greed."

The Navy and Canada.

What a curious jumble! Where does the professor get the idea that the Brit-ish navy "made us." Our growth has ish navy "made us." Our growth has been rapid in proportion to the extent to which we have ousted Downing street,

landers, and siding again with the Americans against the British Columbia sealers.

"Defend us!" When and where? Not in the time of peace. And not in any war that we were in the slightest degree responsible for.

We have never had a war, although we have fought several (including two in Canada) which the United Kingdom got itself into. We have had indeed various quarrels with the United States but the British navy never helped us in one of them—British diplomacy always settled them for us, and usually by the easy process of concession of our rights.

"We pay not a single penny," for the British navy! Certainly not. Why should we? We get no abuse for failure to subscribe to the British army. Spending our money upon our our own war preparations seems to escape condemnation, when applied to land-defence. Why is it reprehensible in connection with war ships?

hensible in connection with war ships?

Some forty years ago Australia be-came anxious (with much reason) about naval defence. European pow-ers were establishing themselves in the neighboring islands might they not seek to divide up Australia as they succeeded afterwards in dividing New Guines? Australia, toe poor to pro-vide for her own defence, in 1887 made a definite agreement with the United

cement of what has been called criptions to the British navy. It payment for contracted defence in no sense of subscription—the were provided and the money paid.

there have never been wanting foolish people to deride Canada of her meanness.

The proceedings for the late colonial conference have changed the situation. Australia, realizing her mistake, has given notice of intention to continue her remittances; Cape Colony and Natal are ceasing payments; the New Zealand's arrangement falls with Australia's. This could easily have been foreseen; but what is somewhat surprising is that the admirality itself acknowledged conversion to the Canadian idea. Instead of the appeals to the colonies for contributions (of the conferences of 1897 and 1902) we have now the complete acceptance by the admirality of the only true and practicable principle, that colonial money available for colonial defence shall be spent by the colonies themselves.

Most of ns have felt little hurt at the jibes of the last ten years. They will now probably cease. Canada, through Sir Charles Tupper, broke up the original Imperial Federation League (1884-1893) because of its insistence upon colonial subscriptions to the British navy. Canada has had to stand alone as against the admirality and all the other colonies. She has never swerved. Behind Sir Wilfrid Laurier were both political parties. In this and various other contests in which the great principle of colonial self-government has been recently attacked. Sir Wilfrid has grandly guarded Canadian rights.

The Monroe Doctrine.

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Professor Leacock sugests that Candada rought to forego its geographical advantages (its remoteness from sin and its proximity to American republicanism," is his mode of expressing the ides), and the advantage which may be derived from the Monroe doctrine, and should become imperialistic—"aye, for the very danger of it."

For the same reason, I suppose, the United Kingdom should throw off, as far as possible, its island security; and build tunnels and bridges (it can be) to connect it with the continent—"aye, for the very danger of it." With what envy ought John Bull to regard the geographical situation of Germany—"for the very danger of it." With what envy ought John Bull to regard the geographical situation of Germany—"for the very danger of it." With what envy ought John Bull to regard the United States should refuse to permit "Sheltered by the Monroe Doctrine."

By one-half of the Monroe Doctrine."

"Sheltered by the Monroe Doctrine. The danger of it." but for the safety of it. The professor will never persuade for dangers.

FINE SIDEWALK

The Monroe Doctrine and party because of the United Kingdom does not disdain help from Japan, why should we be humiliated if, for geometric to some the united States should refuse to permit to sow in interests (not for ours) the United States should refuse to permit to sow in interests (not for ours) the United States should refuse to permit to some interest of the World.

It is a doctrine, extremely beneficial to Canada to spend much time in looking for dangers.

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And why, in considering our international arrangements should we ignore the formal prov

Doctrine.

And why, in considering our international arrangements should we ignore the fact that were we assailed by European or Asiatic, we should have an ally close at hand. If there is anything derosity of the state of interests of the state of interests. gatory in concurrence of interests, or anything shameful in mutual help in

to the defence of their common inter-cets in the East, or to arrange with France and Spain to maintain the present situation in the Mediterranean. Discussing Canada's future, why must we omit international interests and con-siderations? We know that our territory

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anything shameful in mutual help in support of them?

Every month some British publicist discusses the European situation, argues as to the likelihood of support or antagonism, and proposes foreign policy based upon the known or assumed attitude of other powers. England has not thought it reprehensible to enter into a treaty with Japan with a view to the defence of their common interests in the East, or to arrange with France and Spain to maintain the present situation in the Mediterranean.

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Miss Kitty Cheatham emerged from the pile of silken cushions which had the pile of silken cusmons which had been serving her as a variegated back-ground at the sunny end of a huge di-van, eat bolt upright and turned one of the most serious gazes in the repertoire of her big blue eyes full upon her visi-

tor.
"And so," she said, "you want me to talk about children."
"Why, if you don't mind, it would be

"What do you mean by children?" in-terrupted Miss Cheatham.

terrupted Miss Cheatham.

"Oh, I suppose any one under——"
"Ah I thought so."
A shadow of scorn crept into the gaze and then a twinkle of amusement.

"Haven't you heard yet that some persons never were children no matter what they were 'under,' and that lots and lots of others will always be children whatever they may be over? Age has nothing at all to do with it."

"What has?" asked the visitor, meek-ly.

Another kaleidoscopic change was effected in the gaze. It was now one of

Another kateloscopic change was effected in the gaze. It was now one of pity.

"What has? Why, temperament, of course, and being one of the elect."

Having delivered herself of this explanation, Miss Cheatham again availed herself of the sustaining power of the cushions. She clasped her hands about her left knee and gazed searchingly into space, while silence reigned for nearly a second. Then she sighed of contentedly. She bethought her that in dealing with the average mind illustration is more effective than analysis, and told about an old lady of 75 who seemed to her the very incarnation of childhood—a truly lovely old lady with a smooth pink face and baby blue eyes, an old lody who always had a beautiful time wherever she went and only played at being a grand-mother because she was really a fairy godmother.

to 12.

"I remember one little girl of 10 who was one of the members of a 'Hansel und Gretel' box party given last winter by a wealthy old bachelor.

"Isn't that wonderful, my dear? he asked, turning to his beruffled and beplumed young guest during the famous witch seem.

witch seene.

"The little maid yawned, hesitated a moment, and then murmured, "Well, I think there's a trifle too much blue light on the stage, don't you! I like "Sigefried' better than this opera."

"The six-year-old son of one of our Metropolitan singers on being asked how he liked America replied condescendingly: 'Oh, this is a very nice country, but I miss the numble cottage and hatched roof.'"

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The blue eyes were now pathetic, and their owner sighed. Then some dimples came into play, and the soft voiced sage crooned reflectively: "There was a little girl and she had a little curl'— By the way, did you know that Longfellow wrote that for his own little girl!"

The visitor didn't.
"Nearly all the best children's poems and songs have been written for particular little people—Kipling's, you know, and Riley's and Eugene Field's and Tennyson's. Tennyson's, of course, were in many instances composed at the special request of Queen Victoria. He got pounds and pounds for the Minnie and Winnie one."
"Well," commented the visitor, "I suppose it's so difficult to amuse royal

pose it's so difficult to amuse royal children that when one succeeds in ac-complishing it he deserves a substantial

complishing it be deserves a substantial reward."

At this point a minutive forefinger that was even more impressive than if it had been twice as big was brought into active play. The person at whom it was pointed felt immediately that she was the very essence of ignorance and stupidity, even though the blue eyes opposite were momentarily indulgent. "My dear, you are altogether mistaken. Royal children are brought up so much more simply than those that we are accustomed to seeing every day, they have so much less variety in their lives and so many more rules and regulations to observe that often the merest trifles delight them.

In part it was the delight which some of King Edward's nieces took in two or three little animal songs that I sang for them that suggested to me the idea.

of giving recitals especially for

dren.

"Princess Alice of Albany, Princess
Ema of Battenberg, now the Queen of
Spain, and Princess Beatrice of SaxeCobourg were tremendously interested
several years ago in hearing how the
camel got his hump. They all wore
short frocks then, of the plainest possible cut and material, and thread
gloves.

sible cut and materia, gloves.

"Last July when I sang for the parish church in Whitechapel Princess Beatrice came down and opened the fete, It was the first time she had done anything of the kind, and she conflids to me afterward when we were having supper with the rector and Miss Minnie Cochrane, one of the ladies in waiting, and other notables that she was nervous.

"I hope I did it properly," she said quite as apprehensively as a high school

other notables that she was nervous.

"I hope I did it properly," she said quite as apprehensively as a high school girl might have spoken of reading her gradmation essay.

"Princess Alexander of Teck, and she did me the honor of preciding over my matinee of songs for children at the ford House (the Duke of Sutherland's historic town house) for the benefit of the Deptor Fund of the Children's Guild. Her two-year-old baby is patron of one of the cots.

"A large proportion of the children in the ancience were highnesses and lords and ladies and honorables. One of the little princes shouted right outload in the midst of my practising song:

"Why, that's just what my mother makes me do!"

"No, it wouldn't do for me to tell you which one—it would be a clear case of less majeste.

"The gun boy was there too. What! didn't I tell you shout the gun boy? He is only a viscount, but he is very intimate with little pr—"

The bell sounded a long imperative buzz, and Miss Cheatham sprang up hastily.

"I didn't realize it was so late!" she evaluined "It must he was a second

"I didn't realize it was so late!" she exclaimed. "It must be my accompan-

It wasn't the accompanist, however; it was a tall, thin dark man, who in-sisted on interviewing his hostess in the hall. She locked half annoyed and half amrent and only played at being a granu-other because she was really a fairy odmother. "Also I know," pursued the blue-eyed hilosopher, "two or three full-fledged paiety women whose ages range from 9 that he was going to die and go to bea-ven.

"Among the pictures in his room was one of the Madonna and Child, of which he was specially fond.
"Muvver,' he said one night at bedeen in the was very very sick, and I fink.
I'm goin' wite up t' heaven, an' do you spose that 'i I took my gun the little Jesus would be fightened!"

Jesus would be fightened?"
"If people would only postpone religious instruction until..."
Then the bell rang again. This time it was the accompeniet, and the visitod reluctantly took her departure.

Miss Cheatham followed her to the elevator.

"Wait just a minute," she said. "I forgot to tell you about the darling Dickens kiddies. All the Dickens childrens are such treasures! This one came running in the house on day, crying:

"Oh. mamma, mamma, there's such at dear little black bride in the street."

"After careful questioning it was learned that the boy had seen a mun. "Good-by; I could have told you about lots more children if it wasn't my practice hour."—N. Y. Sun.

All Things Have Their Uses.

"Do you think you will give any must-cales this winter?"
"Yes," answered Mr. Cumrox. "I like them. They give me a chance to keep still, instead of inviting criticisms of my grammar from mother and the girls."— Weshington Star. Washington Star.

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DR. BRYCE'S REPORT ON INDIAN SCHOOLS.

Editor,-About the 15th inst. there appeared, in a large number of our pop-ular and well-read journals, an article You will confer a favor on Schools. many who are greatly interested in the education of our Indian people by giving space to the following o servations:

The printing of the existing paper currency is an interesting process. The notes are struck off two at a time, on handmade paper, which, upon being cut, gives three rough edges and one smooth one to each piece of paper, a distinguishing feature of a Bank of England note. The paper is manufactured at the bank's own mill, and the production is intrusted entirely to one family. The ink used in printing the notes is made from the charred stem of the Rhenish vine, which is believed to produce the richest black of any ink to be world. Each strip of paper has to be strictly accounted for, the whole process being under effective supervision. Wealthiest Room in the World. This report was made very prominent by such headlines as "Health of the Pu-pits Very Unsatisfactory," "Indian Chil-dred Dying Rapidly," "Killing Off In-dians," etc., etc. It is just possible that such startling expressions that cannot such startling expressions that cannot be substantiated by the facts in ques

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Wealthiest Room in the World.

The bank can boast of possessing the wealthiest room in the world, in the shape of a kind of vault, surrounded from floor to ceiling by iron safes, containing rows upon rows of gold coin in bags of \$10,000 each, and pile upon pile of bank notes. The amount of specie contained in this room is not less than £80,000,000 (over \$400,000,000).

Not the least interesting feature in connection with the bank is the fact that the whole system from beginning to end is under constant police espionage, in addition to military protection, and the electric arrangements are so complete that communication with all parts of the building can be effected at a moment's notice.

Mr. M. Cumming's Red Ink Announcement in This Issue.

Mr. M. Cummings, the live grocer, has a fine advertisement with red ink illustration in this issue.

Mr. M. Cummings in his popular store, corner of James and Barton streets. A new from has been enlarged to display his Christmas groceries. This year Mr. Cumings is particularly well equipped to serve the citizens promptly, having a first class delivery system, and his margin of profit to the customer is very fine. His stock, which is now quite complete, consists of the finest Scotch, Irish and Canadiam whiskeys, sherry and port wines, nuts, candies, range was made in many cases from house to school, but to-day it is more took by the facts in question.

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beautiful farms, thriving towns and prosperous cities.

(Signed) T. Fe Brandon, Man., Nov. 23, 1907 The Little Feller's Stockin' Christmas Eve, and moon-ht and the Christmas air is

Oh, it's Christmas Eve, and moonlight and the Christmas air is
chill,
And the frosty Christmas holly shines
and sparkles on the hill,
And the Christmas sleigh-bells jingle,
and the Christmas laughter
rings.

and the Christmas laughter rings,
As the last stray shoppers hurry, takin' home the Christmas things,
And up yonder in the attic there's a
little trundle bed
Where there's Christmas dreams adancin' through a sleepy curly
head;
And it's "Merry Christmas," Mary,
once agin fer me and you,
With "little feller's stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.

'Tisn't silk, that little stockin', and it isn't much fer show,
And the darns are pretty plenty round about the heel and toe.
And its color kinder faded, and it's sorter worn and old,
But it really is surprisin' what a lot of love 'twill hold;
And the little hand that hung it by the chimbly there along
Has a grip upon our heartstrings that is mighty firm and strong;
So old Santy don't forget it, though it isn't fine and new,
That plain little worsted stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.

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And the crops may fail, and leave us with our plans all gone ter smash,

And the mortgage may hang heavy, and the bills use up the cash,

But whenever comes the season, jest so long's we've got a dime,

There'll be somethin' in that stockin'—won't there, Mary'—every time.

And if, in amongst our sunshine, there's a shower er two of rain,

Why, we'll face it bravely smilin', and we'll try not ter complain

Long as Christmas comes and finds us here together, me and you,

With the little feller's stockin' hangin' up beside the flue.

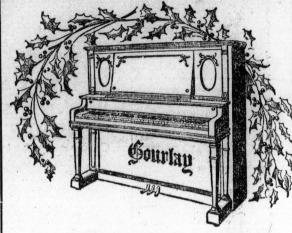
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BY THEODOSIA GARRISON

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And merry grunts and roars and growle

than the gentleman to whom she had said her prayers dutifully every morning and whom she confused in her mind with the Sunday school superintendent, who had a black beard and a highly superior dignity.

Christmas Eve in Wildwood Hollow.

(Pauline Francis Camp in January St. Nicholas.)

And scores of pretty presents filled the animate with giee.

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Sir Reynard smiled a foxy smile, and scarce his joy could husb.

When presented with a fine, new comb, to match his handsome "bruch".

Old Bruin's wife gave him a box, to hidd

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match his handsome "brush."

Mass Peacock, hooks for all her "eyes," and the bar received a ball.

The monkey had an interesting book of "Junger Telmons, and Mr. Alligator had a brand new set of Mr. Alligator had a brand new set of Mr. Alligator had a brand new set of memory in the bar received a ball.

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Was shielding them, protecting them, won from herself.

For a wonder there was little talk of Christmas at the table that raight. Father and mother were going to a thench was coping to a dark and hannah was to but Saruh to bed and wait up in moth the ratill on the hearth rug. She targht to bed and wait up in moth with the rail on the hearth rug. She targht to bed and wait up in moth the rail on the hearth rug. She targht to bed and wait up in moth with the rail on the hearth rug. She targht to be and and wait up in moth the rail on the hearth rug. She targht to be and and wait up in moth the rail on the hearth rug. She targht the party, it appeared, and Hannah was to but Saruh to be d and wait up in moth with the rail on the hearth rug. She targht the first room until they came back. "And she'll tell you how Santa Claus comes to little girls in Ireland, "her mother were going to a them." The monkey had an interesting book of "Junger Tales."

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be out, and when her father asked what the matter was some one would turn to him and say "Hawen't you heard?" and then the blight would fail on them.

Sarah had been to the theatre once. She tried to think of it when she lay at last in her little white bed; tried to think of the fairies Hannah had told her about that danced like white light on the bog the had successfully manoeuvred to keep Christmas from the conversation, much to the bonest handmaid's surprises, but the effort was hopeless. Oh, if it only hadn't been true. If it only were not true. Suddenly an inspiration seized her. Not to doubt Emerson's word (that possibility never remotely occurred to her), but to clutch the thin hope that he might have been misteken. That he, even he, might have been misled by false reports, and there was a way to find out, a certain way. She made her way cautiously from her



bed to the threshold. Yes, Hannah was asleep in the chair by the fire and here on her desk were her pencil and the letter paper with a little boy holding a bouquet at the top. She carried them with sublime caution past Hannah's very back, tiptoed through the chilly hall to the stairs and down them to the library, her night gown crumpled up in one cold hand.

hand.

There was a low light in the library, but for all that she was horribly afraid and lonesome, and the room seemed strangely unfamiliar and desolate. She sozzed a little to herself as she wrote her letter, a pathetic little figure in the shadowy room. She realized when after infinite labor it was finished that it scarcely expressed the heart breaking desire she felt.

DEFR SANTA GLATIS

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DEER SANTA CLAUS
PLESE IF YOU ARE
NOT DED PLESE TARE THIS.
She forgot the signature; the address
was unnecessary, seeing that a letter on
the hearth is meant always and only for



one person. If in the morning the letter had disappared it meant hope and comfort and joy. It dissised her to think what it would mean.

She laid the letter carefully on the very centre of the hearth rug, as she had laid her first communication a week before, and made the fearsome journey upstairs again. It was a night of dreams. Sarah woke when the dawn was breaking, and her first conscious thought was that this, at last, this was the day before Christmas. Then came realization like a bleck wave, and somehow it seemed worst than yesterday.

Her mother was asleep when Sarah crept through her room and down to the library again—every one in the house was asleep. All the world was cold and grey and eerie.

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It did not surprise her to find her letter still on the hearth rug. She had expected to find it there, but it destroyed the little hope that had sprung in her heart last night—the tuy hope that Emerson had been mistaken.

The day that followed was a terrible thing to Sarah. Everywhere was an atmosphere of excitement, of hilarity. Ap-

O Christmas bells! through coming years, We hear in your glad sending The message still of peace, good will,— All jarring discords blending.

parently the theatre had not been darkened the night before.

In the dining room she heard her mother singing as she hung holly wreaths in the window. In the kitchen amid a fine odor of baking things, Hannah was chaffing the butcher boy; their talk was all of sweethearts and Christman gifts. Before her father went to his office he had held Sarah on his knee, and graphically described the packing of Santa Claus' pack. When she had hidden her face on his shoulder and trembled he translated the grip of her little fingers as signifying cestatic joy. Oh, it was terrible, terrible, that in all the house, in all the world, apparently, only she and Emerson knew the truth. Conflict was raging in her heart. She yearned for sympathy, for consolation, for warmth and cuddling, but she shrank from inflicting the thrust that would give her all. A very sickness of soul fell upon her when she thought of speech. She brought out her paper dolls and sat staring at them listlessly. Presently her mother came in and she began to play with them almost furiously.

"That's right, Chicabhiddy," her mother said. "I shouldn't wonder if Santa Claus knew what a good little girl my daughter is and intends to bring her a doll, a link honnet and a blue bonnet too."

Sarah laid her hand on her mother's dress. "Would you care, very much, if he didn't"—she faitered—"if he didn't confe'!"

"I'd cry my eyes out, "said her mother. "Oh!" gasped Sarah, "Oh!"
Her mother laughed tenderly. "Don't worry, Housy," she said, and dropped a quick kise on Sarah's blond curls as she went on her busy way.

She was very busy indeed that day. Early in the aftermoon she explained to Sarah very gravely that she had letters to write, and that Sarah must on no account disturch her. It was also intimated that Hannah would eagerly accept Sarah's help at seeding raisins. Sarah

Sarah very gravely that she had letters to write, and that sarah must on no account disturb her. It was also intimated that Hannah would eagerly accept Sarah's help at seeding raisins. Sarah seeded raisins obediently for an hour or more, but the joy of this, which at any other time would have thrilled her, failed to stir her to-day.

While Sarah's mother was joyfully making a small pink bonnet to match a blue one and packing thems delicately in a miniature trunk that contained the warforbe of the new doll, Sarah herself was gitting, a little nervous heap, on the hearth rug beside beside the library fire. Her thoughts had gone to to-morrow morning. How terrible it would be! In this very room that every other Christmas morning contained the very joy of joys, the tree itself, the burden of wide eyed doll babies and new, delightfally smelling books, would be nothing, nothing but the old commonplace chairs and tables and an empty white stocking gaping horribly from the mantelpiece! Sarah's heart broke as she pictured it. The amazement, the consternation, the questioning, and, finally, the acceptance of this hideous thing. Beyond that to-morrow all eeemed chaos. Her tender soul ached with an almost the children in all the world to-morrow all the children in all the world to-morrow Her tender soul ached with an almost physical pain when she thought of all the children in all the world to-morrow morning. And to-day—how happy they probably were to-day! How happy she herself would have been to-day if she hadn's known!

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She fell askeep presently before the fire and when she awoke it was to find herself in the midst of laughing grown-ups—her father and mother and the two very old aunts who came to spend every Christmas with Sarah. And evidently the news of the disasfeer had not reached the far-away town whence they came any more than it had ponetrated that place known vaguely as "The Office," where father spent his days, the talk was all of to-morrow's joy. Sarah was handed form one hap to another while the conversation went merrily on, a conversation made obviously for Sarah's benefit, and with awful knowledge biting at her heart, she smitch politely, as was expected of her. Presently, however, her lack to take fire, as it were, from the surrounding enthusiasm armused comment—will a surrounder which is the same of the surrounding enthusiasm armused comment—will a surrounder which is the surrounding enthusiasm armused comment—will a surrounder which is the surrounding enthusiasm armused comment—will a surrounder which is the surrounding enthusiasm armused comment—will a surrounder.

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"Why, dearie, aren't you glad that Christmas is almost here? Just think of that stocking to-morrow, Sarah!"

"When to-morrow comes!"

"When you wake up in the morning."

Oh, that morning —that terrible to-morrow!

"When you wake up in the morning."
Oh, that morning—that terrible tomorrow!

Just then Sarah was having her little dinner, and her spoon dropped softtle dinner, and her spoon dropped softthe dinner, and her spoon done
her head winding way down her
round face.

Instantly all was amazement and conabernation. To all queries Sarah shook
her head, while she wept silently against
her father's shoulder. Never had it ecemed so impossible to tell as now, when
sympathy enfolded her like a garment.
Presently the very old aumt dominated the situation. "The truth is that
we've talked Christmae until the child
is so excited and nerrous that she is
hysterical. If you take my advice you'll
put her quietly to bed. Nonsense, Robert, she isn't at all feverish and she
isn't coming down with anything. Leave
her to me.

According Sarah was tucked into bed,
her brow bathed with cologne and something warm and comforting placed at
her feet. But, oh, even more soothing
than these was the consciousness that
she was spared that awful ordeal of
hanging the white stocking that was
never, never to be filled. Presently, after a deep sob or two, the tense little
body relaxed. She was so tired! Sleep

came to her mercifully, as it sometimes to souls in the grip of

sometimes to souls in the grip of tra edy itself.

And when she awoke it was Christin Day. The first, gray light of mornin filled the room. Last year there he been only a second between her awake ing and that cestatic rush down stai to the library. To day she only cower down in bed again. She was not wivid miserable, as she had been yesterds She seemed only crushed and sipar less.

down in bod again. She was not vividly miserable, as she had been pesterday. She seemed only crushed and siparitless. Presently she heard a sound in the next room—her father's voice and her mother's hushed laughter.

Well, in a little, little while now they would know, too!

She wondered how long it would take for her mother to cry her eyes out. She trembled a little as they came bilthely into her room, and down stairs in the library was the gaping stocking and emptiness.

Merry Christmas, Sarah! Merry Christmas, little girl! What, awake and not downstaire, Sarah! Why Sarah!"

The moment had come. They must be told, and from her own lips after all. She faced them valiantly. "There is nothing downstairs at all. Please dan't be sorry—but—there isn't anything there," she failtered. "There is nothing downstairs at all. Please dan't be sorry—but—there isn't anything there,"

They stared at her anxiously for a moment. Was it really more than simple nervousness that ailed her last night. Suddenly her futher smiled. "Why she's been dreaming. Bless her," he said. "Come along, little girl, and we'll see if Santa Claus has forgotten the best child in coven States."

He cuddled her on his shoulder and went joyously down stairs. Her mother and the two old aunte came behind in a very gala of Christmas mirth and enjoyment. And in a moment, just a moment, they would be at the library door. Her father put her down upon the three-hold. "There!" he cried.

She closed her eyes for a moment. The picture of the empty room had impressed itself so vividly on her brain that she seemed to be actually beholding it now. How still every one was. Of course now they knew. What was there to do but to be still!

She opened her eyes, miserably, and instantly her heart ecemed to leap hot to be still.

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The library was transfigured. It was
green and red with holly and hung with
evergreems. Everything was there—
books, packages, games. A blue eved
doll in a blue bounet smiled from her
seat on the top of a tiny trunk. A knobby, distorted white stocking hung from
the mantelpicce, and in the centre of all,
beautiful, fruitful, with a pastebourd
angel balancing itself on one leg on the
very tiptop, was the tree itself. Outside
the window the world was white with
snow and gold with sun, and somewhere
bells were clashing gloriously. Earnh's
soul expanded and bloescened like a
flower. Her little body quivered with
the pure, blessed rapture of relief. "Oh!"
she sobbed, "He isn't dead! He isn't
dead!"

But when she had been questioned and
petted and her elders had exclaimed and
pitted and wondered over the untaken
letter and when each and every one had
yearned in his secret heart to do instant
execution on the cheering Emerson, despite the fact that Sarah dwelt only on
the fact that that oracle had "ocen mistaken," her mother put a last question
to the radiant Sarah. "But, dearest, why
didn't you tell mother? Why did you
keep it all to your self for one whole
day?"

"You were so happy," said Sarah. Over
Sarah's head her father made a cryptic
sign to the two aunts and Sarah's mother
that meant, "Hadn't we better tell
her?" He was slightly amazed at the
flerce negation that presented itself.
"Another year," said his wife to him
later. "She'll be bigger and harder in
another year. This Christmas shan't be
spoiled for her at any rate."

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Sarah sat at the foot of her tree, with the blue eyed doll in her arms. She was so happy that her joy seemed to held in it something of the exation of the in-apired and that mysterious thing that is the secret heart of a little child sang in her breast the rapturons song her life sould never say. could never say.

The Bells of Yule. (By Austin Debon.)
The bells of Yule ring lond and clear Across the threshold of the year;
The quiet moon is rising slow Beyons the margin of the snow;
The white glint sparkies far and near

How long have those old sounds been dear! How long have we from routh to sear Re-heard their rippling carols flow,— The bells of Yule:

Old days return; old dreams appear;
Old conflicts rise of Hope and Fear;
And yet, with all, 'tis good to know
Despite Life's change of kiss and blow,
We still thank God to hear once mere
The bells of Yule!
—Pall Mall Magazine.

POOR MRS. SANTA CLAUS. It must keep Mrs. Santa Claus Busy all the time, Working on toys, because They are so very fine!

And such a lot of different ways
The dollies all are dressed
In lilacs, reds and blues and greys—
But I like pink the best.

And then each toy she has to pack By Christmas Eve, you know, All tightly in the great big sack, With Santa Claus to go.

Ob dear, it seems an awful thing
To have so much to do—
I really think her head must ring,
I pity her—don't you?

To show how these evil days are determined: As has been seen, in December of the present year the moon is full on the 19th. The number of days preceding this is 18, which multiplied by 31 is 538. Here 5 is repeated, which makes Dec. 5 a particularly unfortunate day, while the 5th is unlucky without any special emphasis.

It sometimes occurs that a certain date is indicated as both fortunate and unfortunate. In such cases it is said that the day is both good and the reverse, but that in love and pecuniary affairs the ill luck is pretty certain to predominate and that on such days ventures in either one or the other are apt to go wrong.

To determine a lucky marriage day by

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To determine a lucky marriage day by this system the number of days from the full of the moon to the end of the month is deducted from the number of days in the month. The remainder thus obtained is then multiplied by the age of the one betrothed.

In making this reckoning the count-ing is done in this way: Suppose the young woman is 23. If seven months have passed since her birthday she should be counted as 24, but if less than six months since her last birthday at the time of the reckoning the count is that she is 23.

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To illustrate: Suppose that a young woman of 20 wishes to determine which day in December of this year would be lucky for her marriage, and that to months have passed since her last birth-day. Deducting the number of days from the full of the moon, December 19,

Who has not observed that there are days—worse luck, many of them! — when everything goes wrong? Again, who cannot recall days when all things go just as they should?

Donnetta Ragno; who fives in Mulberry Bend, knews all about lucky and unlucky days and employs many odd, unreasonable methods to adjust her life accordingly. She is also frankly and demonstratively afraind of the evil eye, of meeting a cross-eyed person, and of many other things which to her indicate danger which has not yet risen above the horizon of her life. She avoids whit she cannot she devoutly crosses her self and implores protection from a higher power.

At the far swing of the social pendium members of the Colony Club will not kiss through a veil or do other seemingly harmless things which are supposed to epen the door to dangers they do not see, any more than would pendium the statement of this assection is this little incident:

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A few friends were drinking tea together in one of the tea rooms of the chibhouse when one of the number asked the woman sitting beside her if she had heard of the postponement of the sarriage of a certain young woman.

"It cannot be possible," exclaimed she was addressed, "that Muriel has broken her engagement. Why, the wedding invitations are out; I have seen them. I chanced to be ordering some stationery when she and her mother were looking at the proofs and she showed them to me."

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in Saint Peter's, the 18th November, 1907, the fifth year of our pontificate.—Pius, PP. X.

THE LATE KING OF SWEDEN.

CHRISTMAS CHEER.

A handsome sofa pillow can be made by using discarded hair ribbons. If soiled, clean with gasoline if they are not wash ribbons. Arrange them in harmonizing strips, joining them together to fit your pillow. Finish with cord to correspond with one of the strips, and you have a pretty pillow at a small cost. By featherstitching each joining in bright colors an Oriental effect is given and produces a pillow much richer looking.

A ribbon roll round which ribbons are wound, and thus kept smooth and tidy, and at the same time out of the way, may be made of a large pasteboard tube covered with a layer of scented wadding, and then with a piece of silk some longer than the tube, the ends hemmed and drawn together with baby ribbon, giving the appearance of a small bolster. Around this the ribbons are wound, and each pinned separately at the ends.

Take a big stretch of deep cream colored blanket material of firm consistency so that its lies as sflat as a rug. Em-

kets justifies the work upon them. They pat and rub the vivid hued animals with absorbed interest or crows of glee.

"The blanket has saved me no end of efforts," says a mother. It always delights baby and keeps her busy for an hour at a time when I can get a deal of mending done while she is patting and scolding her embroidered pets."

Meats hard to digest are: Sausage, salt ments, pork, goose, heart, brain, liver, veal, duck, lamb. Meats easy to digest are: Venison, sweet bread, turkey, chicken, partridge, beef, mutton.

Fish hard to digest are: Eels, salmon, salt fish, lobsters, crabs. Easy to digest are: Trout, pike, oysters.

Vegetables hard to digest are: Cabbage, celery. Easy to digest are: Potatoes, lettuee, beets.

Fruits hard to digest are: Pickles, pineapple, cherries, plums, pears. Easy to digest are: Grapes, oranges, peaches, strawberries.

Set a wash bowl of water under the bed, put a few drops of carbolic acid and cut a raw onion into the water. It will draw impurities to it. Change it every ten hours.

Do not throw away collars worn at the edge. They make excellent bandages, if First soak out the starch and then tear first soak out

Pitching It Strong.

Neither of the partners had arrived, and the clerks that morning were indulging in their usual bout of gossip.

"Did I tell you, chaps, that I was leaving?" drawled the languid swell of the staff, whose incompetence was as paipable as the splendor of his attire. "Heard you'd got the sack," replied the spectacled cashier, gruffly.

"I answered an advertisement yesterday for what looks like a first-class job," resumed the overdressed one, ignoring the remark. "I've pitched rather a strong yarn, but you've got to do that if you want to keep up with the times."

Just then the senior partner entered and all wrote intently.

Within five minutes the "old man," who had been opening letters, called the last speaker into his room, and the following dialogue became plainly audible to those outside:
"Have you been in our service seven years?"

"No. sir; only 15 months."



MOST REMARKABLE ROYAL PHOTOGRAPH EVER TAKEN; FIVE QUEENS AND THREE KINGS AT WINDSOR At the king's luncheon party on Sunday, November II, all the royal personages then visiting in England were photographed together. In the party, reading from left to right, are Queen Victoria, of Spain; King Edward, of England; Empress Victoria and Emperor William II, of Germany; Queen Alexandra, of England; Queen Ameile, of Portugal; King Alfonso, of Spain, and Queen Maud, of Norway.



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Full line of Handkerchiefs, Silk, Embroidery, Lace and

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chases

Special line of Purses at manufacturers' prices to clear; also special line of Men's Hats to clear. \*

When you envy the rapid success of another, try to find one the price he paid

When you meet a man, study his good rather than his bad qualities. Man is an

when you meet a man, shar, when you find an employee who is a machine, look farther and you will discover an employer who is a crank.

When you lave learned to keep you mouth shut at the proper time, you have acquired enough capital to embark in almost any business.

When you begin to think every other man's business is superior to your own, you will soon realize that your own business is superior to your own, you will soon realize that your own business is superior to gournelf.

When you have the humbinged," a good look at any of our populous penitentiaries will restore your mental balance.—Spare Moments.

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When you hear it said, "Don't put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day," remember this does not apply to contracting debts, writing "mad" letters, er discharging employees.

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### POTTERY THE THING NOW

### Many Novelties, Odd in Design and in Coloring.

New York women are buying pottery among which are the cockatoo and par-rot. ray of pottery in the stores is larger than it has ever been. Fine china and porcelains are for the moment passed by and the crowd showers adjectives and dollars on pottery one-quarter the price

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This is as true of the rich as of the well to do, and simply because pottery is in fashion. In some homes Dresden and Sevres brice-brac has been shoved aside to make room for queer-looking vases and ornaments of substantial pottery, and for no better reason than that the latter are novelties.

In one big downtown wholesale concern, where more than two hundred samples of imported china, porcelains and pottery are displayed the space occupied by pottery just now is as large again as it was two years ago, and the same is true of the department stores. Unusually attractive designs as well as comparatively low prices have a good deal to do with the increased vogue of pottery.

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pottery.

Perhaps the most popular examples of pottery come from Germany and Austria. The purchaser who is puzzled at the array and doubtful what to ask for may mention Teplitz ware or Dux ware, half a dozen different factories being reeted in the one and nearly as many for the other. There are many examples of both, but roughly speaking they may be divided into the dull finish and the

or both our roughly speaking they may be divided into the dull finish and the glaze finish, the latter perhaps in the dead just now when shoppers have Christmas presents in mind, because it has more novelties.

As to designs, animals and fruit lead in small places as well as large, not flat drawings, but animals in miniature and whole fruits applied on the vase, or urn, or basket, or tray, or whatever the piece happens to be. A vase of the dull finish is mottled cream and gold is decorated with a berry design painted in heliotrope. An obloing piece about 12 by 7 inches and 8 inches high intended for a fernery or fruit dish, and of glaze finish in a shaded green design, has a or a fernery or fruit dish, and of glaze inish in a shaded green design, has a order composed entirely of small round erries massed together to form a thick

border composed entirely of small round berries massed together to form a thick rope or roll.

A tall vase in rustic green finish is decorated with a trailing cluster of pink roses and green leaves, which looks as if it had tumbled out of the vase and been caught at the rim. Another vase has a cluster of red grapes of natural size and color resting on, the side of it. Still others have clusters of cherries or plums and green leaves of natural size and color applied to a rustic surface.

A variation of the Teplitz ware is finished to look like old ivory, and in this there are animal pieces like the antiques of India and Egypt and baskets of many sizes decorated with fruits. It is the latter perhaps which particularly arrest the woman shopper's attention.

The design in most of them is a high square shape and the weave is a duplicate of a common basket weave done in old ivory. The large clusters of purple grapes hanging on the sides look natural enough to pick and eat.

Apropos of the fruit designs some of the most pleasing are seen in Italian ware of high glaze finish. For example, one represents three small fancy baskets with upright handles suspended from one bar which is run through the handles. The piece is about 12 inches long and 9 or 10 inches high. The decorations, on a shaded green and brown leaf surface, are clusters of large pink and white cherries.

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looking baskets of the same ware and
similarly decorated, are now used for
the dining table when filled with fruit.
There are other designs in the form of
jardineres and ferneries also for the
rable.

Some of the best of the inexpensive animal pieces come from the Dux factories. One variety, which includes groups of hounds, of Arabian steeds, of elephants and other animals, in twos and threes and single figures, is finished in soft, dull tint, a cross between a cream and gray. These are remarkably attractive and cost only a fox dollars.

In Rudolstadt ware are animal novelties suitable for use as well as ornament. There is for example a card tray or pin tray of white and gold, at one side of which sit two miniature cats in gray and white, their heads close together. On me of the best of the inexpensive

white, their heads close together. On the edge of a shallow, round flower vase are perched a couple of doves. A trio of chickens ornaments another style

A novelty in pottery and also in china is plaques in wood finish ornamented with figures and scenes from the nursery rlymes and from history, and also with sporting and hunting scenes. Other vari-eties combine a wood and a regulation chiese finish and also a plain percelain

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Patina is the name given to a soft gray pottery touched up with green traceries and small segments of dull red in a conventional pattern, which suggests the Orient and which is shown in vases of antique shape, big and little. Although this ware in appearance suggests the rare and costly, a vase eight inches high costs only \$\fo\$ or \$\fo\$4.

A Swedish pottery called Rorstrand, which is one of the newest in this market, is a study in quiet grays and ecrus, and creams on a pearl white, a pure white or a cream white ground, the very best of the designs consisting simply of conventionalized leaf studies. This ware costs more than some of the others mentioned.

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America has put on the market a pot-tery which attracts because of the odd shapes of the jars, urns and vases and the variegated greens which are its dis-tinguishing mark. It can be had only in green, and it is sold at prices a little in advance of some of the European pot-

teries.

Another variety of American pottery shows marine views in impressionist style, deep old red being used a good deal in conjunction with greens and yellows. Small tea sets, tall jars, short jars, umbrelal holders, candlesticks, loving cups, punch and salad bowls and jardinieres and palm pots are all to be had in plain tints touched up with a red or yellow ship traversing a pale green ocean. The afternoon tea sets in this ware are particularly attractive.

#### COWS NEED CONSTITUTIONAL VIGOR.

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This is the element that produces endurance under great strain of any sort—in the race horse under the strain of terrific speed, in the milch cow under the strain of enormous production. Under the strain of a severe climate it is called hardiness. The presence or absence of this element is especially manifest in the growth and development of the young of the different breeds. Of the one they live and grow without special care or attention: of the other they perish easily if they do not have the best of care. The difference is simply in constitutional vigor or vital force born in the calves of thes one and not in the calves of the other. The difference continues throughout the lives of these animals. It may not be manifested so conspicuously in after-life, yet it affects all their relations to their food, care and productions. In what does it consist? Is it in possessing what is sometimes called the nervous temperament? Not infrequently we find the offspring of breeds that lay especial claim to this temperament, especially lacking in the ability to live and rapidly develop without special care. It is a secret force hidden in the race, in the breed and in the animal. Perhaps it may be properly called the vital temperament. The bulls of the Holstein-Friesian breed possess this vital force or temperament more strongly than those of any other improved dairy breed. The breeders in Holland and Friesland have always avoided in and-in breeding. In proof that this breed has maintained a high standard of vital force we point to its use in almost every climate, including that of Northern Russia nearly up to the Arctic Circle. It scalves are raised without difficulty. Taken from their dams at three days old, and reasonably fed on skim milk and a little oil meal, they grow like weeds. Given plenty of food, no matter if most of it is roughage, they develop rapidly. The

somely rea on skim misk and a fittle oil meal, they grow like weeds. Given plenty of food, no matter if most of it is roughage, they develop rapidly. The heifers usually drop their calves at about two years old, and henceforward are profitable to their owners.

### The Daily Fashion Hint.



Suit of tobacco-brown velvet. Collar and cuffs are trimmed with silk soutache braid color of the velvet. Velvet suits with long coats are among the prettiest costumes of the season.

### ONE OF NATURE'S WONDERS

### This, Sure Enough, Is' the Cocoanut Tree.

"A wonder for sure is the cocoanut tree," said a man familiar with the tree, its fruit and its manufactured products. "Its native home is India, from which originally its seed was carried by ocean currents to islands of the sea and to nore or less distant mainlands, whence by yet other currents or perhaps by the hands of man it was carried on still further until the cocoanut tree had come to be found in tropical and subtropical climes all around the globe.

"The cocoanut thrives best in lands along the margin of the cea; it likes the sait water. Plant a cocoanut back of a fence or a stone wall and it will grow up straight until it has come to the highly the state of the feach that the nuts drop from the tree at night.

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and in distant isolated salt water surrounded islands or cays the cocoanut may be their only source of supply of fresh water. The occoanut tree is practically hollow inside, and through this porous interior, almost as freely as it could be pumped up through a pumplog, it draws up water for its own sustenance and growth, and from this it fills with distilled water the fruit on the tree, for the milk so-called in the cocoanut is practically drinking water, with very little other matter. And so in some places the cocoanut supplies all the fresh water obtainable as it may as well the food—surely a wonderful and beneficent tree.

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"Coming back to the general subject, we find that the manufactured products of this wonderful tree are now in common use throughout the civilized world. To bring it right close it may be that when you go home to-night you will wipe the mud off your shoes on a doormat made of its fibre, and if you should take a nap before dinner you will lie down, it may be, on a lounge whose stuffing contains more or less of the same material.

"The oil with which you dress your

same material.

"The oil with which you dress your salad may be cocoanut oil, and for dessert you may have cocoanut pie. In the kitchen you might find scrubbing brushes made of cocoanut fibre, and likewise brooms. The uses of the cocoanut are various.

various.

"For many years, in fact since 'way back, coconnuts have been imported in some numbers, and they were to be found for sale in grocery stores and elsewhere, as they still are, and children used to buy them and take them home and bore a hole through the eyes and pour the milk out into a teacup and drink that, and then father to break the cacanut we a hatchet, and then they'd cat the w. a hatchet, and then they'd eat the meat, as children still do.

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The number of the cocoanuts imported for such and other retail demands is considerable, but still it isn't a drop in the bucket to the number now imported for manufacturing uses.

"Without stopping to look up the figures exactly, I should say that there are now imported to New York about thirty million cocoanuts annually, some of these from wild or natural growth trees, and some from planted and cultivated trees, for the cocoanut is now cultivated; and it might be mentioned in passing that a cocoanut plantation is called a cocoanut walk.

"Of this enormous importation of cocoanuts, by far the greater proportion goes the manufacturers, and the greater share of this to the manufacturers of prepared cocoanut for domestic and other cocking uses. Formerly the housewife who wanted to use cocoanut for pies or cakes or puddings used to grate it hered! Now the yest majority of all

wife who wanted to use cocoanut for pies or cakes or puddings used to grate it herself. Now the vast majority of all users of cocoanut buy the manufactured product all ready prepared for use, and the manufacture of this is a trade in which many people find employment. "Cocoanuts to be used in making prepared cocoanut are put, a lot of them together, into iron crates, in which they are subjected to a steam bath. This swells the outside shell a little, and at the same time contracts the meat within and tends to separate it or make it easier to separate from the shell. "From the steam bath the nuts go to the man who opens them; sometimes in

"From the steam bath the nuts go to the man who opens them; sometimes in the steam bath the shells of the nuts, or some of them, may crack, which facilitates by so much the work of the opener. "Father used to crack the cocoanut with a hatchet. The professional coconnut opener uses an implement that is much like a solid steel oyster knife, having at one end the henvy iron handle and at the other end the blade. With the heavy end of this the opener taps the cocoanut and cracks the shell and takes it off, or if any or all of it still adhere to the meat he pries it off with the knife end of the implement, leaving the round globe of cocoanut meat unbroken, but still covered with its familiar brown outer skin.

"In these days there are men who work regularly at cocoanut opening just as they might at any other employment, though one somewhat unusual feature of the cocoanut openings' work is that they begin it at 2 a, m.; this so that sufficient stock may be prepared daily in advance for the other workers to begin on. An expert cocoanut opener can open 2,000 nuts a day.

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"The shells removed, other workers take the whole nut meats and spoke-shave off that brown outer skin, and then the white round globe of ecocanut meat is put into a machine and quartered. In these quarter sections the meat is increased for the rejection of puts and

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#### WATT-KNOTT.

They Had What-Not Chat Over the Telephone.

"Are you there?"
"Yee."
"Who are you, please?"
"What is your name, please?"
"Watt's my name is Watt."
"Yes; what is your name?"
"I say my name is Watt."
"Oh, well: I'm coming to see you."
"All right; are you Jones?"
"No; I'm Knott."
"Who are you, then, please?"
"I'm Knott."

"Who are you, then, please?"
"Tm Knott."
"Will you tell me your name, please?"
"Will Knott."
"Why won't you!"

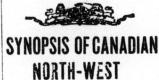
"I say my name is William Knott."
"Oh, I beg your pardon."
"Then you will be in if I come round,
Watt?"

Watt:"
"Certainly, Knott."
Then they were cut off by the exchange, and Knott wants to know if Watt will be in or not.

#### Fifty Miles by Wireless Telephone.

Another wireless telephonic feat has just been accomplished by the Amalgamated Radio Telegraph Company, of Berlin, Germany. Perfect communication was obtained over 50 miles on land between the company's lawpratory, near Berlin, and a small station at Jutenbog. This feat is regarded as all the more remarkable, since the whole city, with its multitude of disquieting influences, intervened. It is said that this long-distance communication without wires was achieved by using the underfed and continuous waves generated by the continuous waves generated by the Poulsen system, and that questions and answers were exchanged without inter-

Germany ships 29,000,000 feathers to England in the course of a year for millinery purposes.



**Homestead Regulations** 

in emery mas been granted it will be summarity cancelled.

An application for cancellation must be
made in person. The applicant must be eliber for homestead entry, and only one application for cancellation will be received
from an individual unti! that application has
been disposed of.

Where as our cancellation proceedings, the
applicant for cancellation will be entitled to
prior right of entry.

Applicant for cancellation must state in
what particular the homesteader is in default.

the vicinity of his homestead. Joint owner-ship in land will not meet this requirement.

(3) If the father (or mother, if the father is deceased) of a homesteader has permanent residence on farming land owned solely by him, not less than eight (86) acres in exteat, in the vicinity of the homestead, or which the such homestead in the properties of the con-such homestead in the work residence duties by living with the father (or mother).

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(i) The term "vicinit;" in the two preceding paragraphs is defined as meaning not more than nine miles in a direct line, exclusive of road allowances crossed in the measure of the description of the descript

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTHWEST MINING REGULATIONS.

COAL.—Coal mining rights may be leased for a period of twenty-one years at an an-nual rental of \$1 per acre. Not more than 2,60 acres shall be leased to one individual or company. A royalty at the rate of five cents per ion shall be collected on the mer-chantable coal mined.

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QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age, or over, having discovered mineral in place, may locate a claim 1,500 x 1,500 feet.

The fee for recording a standard on the claim 1,800 must do the mining recording to the coal may be seen to the coal may upon having a survey made, and upon complying with other regulirements, purchase the land at \$1 per acre.

one a survey means, burchase the land at 11 or the patent provides for the payment of a royalty of 2½ per cent. on the sales. Placer mining claims generally are 109 feet square; entrance fee, \$5; renewable vearls.

An applicant may obtain two leases to dredge for gold of five inlies each for a term of twenty years, renewable at the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

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### TRAVELERS' GUIDE

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Niagara Falls, New York—2.30 a. m., \*3.37 a. m., 19.65 a. m., \*5.00 p. m., \*7.50 p. m.

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CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

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1.40 a. m.—For Toronto, Lindsay, Boboayroon, Peterboro, Tweed, Kingston, Ottawa,
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B., Halifax, N. S., and all points in Maritime
Provinces and New England States. Tottenham, Beeton, Alliston, Orajghurs, Bala and
the Muskoka Lakes.

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12.25 p. m.—For Toronto. Fort William,
Winnipeg, and all points in the Northwest
and British Columbia.

3.10 p. m.—For Toronto. Myrtia, Lindsay,
Bobcaygeon, Peterboro, Tweed, Brampton,
Pergus, Elora, Orangwille, Owen Sound,
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and intermediate stations.

5.05 p. m.—For Toronto.

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#### Wonderful Fish.

A Scottish laird was telling at the dinner table of a fine fish he caught, "How heavy was the fish I took last week?" he asked, turning to took last week?" he asked, turning to his servant. "Weel," replied Sandy, "it was twal" pund at breakfast, it had gotten tae achteen at dinner-time, and it was sax-and-twenty when ye sat down to supper wi' the captain." Then, after a pause, he added—"I've been tell-ing lees a' my life to please the shooters, but I'm no' going to tell lees noo in my old age to please the fushers!"

# Colors of the Mediterranean. The colors of the waters of the Mediterranean vary considerably at different terranean vary considerably at different seasons of the year, and in different localities. During storms and boisterous weather it assumes a deep green, and sometimes a brownish tint; but when caim and undisturbed, it is of a bright deep blue. In the Bosphorus and among the islands of the Archipelago it is of varying tints, in some places being of a liquid blue graduating into a brighter green, and in others assuming a blue so deep in its intensity as almost to ap-The Kaiser Greeks the Lady Visitors in its intensity as almost to ap-EMPEROR WILLIAM'S RECENT VISIT TO ENGLAND.

### **A Christmas Story**

By Sarah Bernhardt.

Translated from the French, by Charles Houston Goudiss.

The Chateau de Ploerneuf was the error of the Bretons. On passing it the seasants made the sign of the cross and can now die, but will God forgive terror of the Bretons. On passing it the nurmured under their breath: "The Chateau of the Accursed!" Brambles grew about its boundary walls, which living soul dared pass. The valets oved about within like shadows, nev-raising their voices. No one ever

moved about within like shadows, never raising their voices. No one ever spoke to the master.

Alone, the young Comte Robert found grace before the lord of the manor, the old Due de Kerberzoff, his uncle.

At the moment when this recital commences, Robert was at the feet of the old man, who, with livid face, glittering eyes, and marks of fear on all his features, sat in the great ducal chair listening to what the spectre of terror said to him.

By his side, upon a porphyry column.

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By his side, upon a porphyry column, burned a small golden lamp, ornamented with precious stones, into the flame of which a tall negro poured, minute by minute, a drop of oil. In the ald man's rude hand gleamed an ax; the negro would have paid with his life the least forgetfulness of his duties.

The Duke was paler than usual. His long white hair clung to his brow, and from his eyes great tears rolled down upon his silver beard.

"My dear lord, are you in greater pain?" asked Robert, tenderly.

The Duke shuddered—listening still. "Christmas! Christmas! Christmas! Christmas! Christmas!" sounded the church bells.

Then drawing himself up, spectre-like, he said:

"Listen, Robert: listen!"

For 20 years the old man had not

said:
"Listen, Robert; listen!"
For 20 years the old man had not

spoken.

The sepulchral voice resounded in the great hall; the arms, struck by echo, gave out an iron plaint. The young Count felt frozen with fear.

"Twenty years ngo, I had a son—handsome, brave and generous. He loved a young, low-born girl, and wished to wed her; but I refused—I could not consent to such an outrage. My son, imwed ner; but I refused—I could not consent to such an outrage. My son implored me but I remained inefixible. My blazon would have been shattered by such a shame! I was wrong, child—I was wrong! Never be arrogantly proud, it is a mortal sin!?

Sobs stifled the old Duke's voice. But presently be went on:

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"The girl was beautiful and virtuous. resently he went on:

"The girl was beautiful and virtuous. I offered her gold; she refused it. Then I had her abducted and caut up in a tower of the chateau. Months passed; my son remained faithful to his vows. I faithful to my pride. I therefore resolved to kill the girl. To that end I sent her secretly a message, advising her to escape. A silken ladder was conveyed to her, with minutely-detailed instructions as to how she was to fasten it to her window. She prepared to fly, and then I invented an infamous trap!

"Listen, Robert—listen! I caused the stones which supported the window to be loosened so that it should give way under her and she wuld be dashed upon the marble pavement of the courtyard below. It was Christmas, the night of that evil deed; and ever since I have slept in fear of God.

"That same night I was transported."

That same night I was transported dreams into an immense gallery ads. Vaulte followed upon vaults clouds. Vaults followed upon vaults in millions—extending, ever extending. Under these vaults hung little golden lamps, swaying gently. It would have taken years to count them. Some of them burned brightly, others were extinguished suddenly. Some shone with a violent glare, others flickered and sputtered a long while before they went out.

ome of the these lamps were guard-Some of the three lamps were guar-by angels, white and beautiful as-uty itself. Other of the lamps had-els, black, ugly and malevolent, who med to wait impatiently the mon-wheat the fiame should expire. 'What does all this mean?' I asked

my conductor. 'All those lamps are human souls,' he lied. Those which burn so brightly which burn so brightly less angels guard them. Here are the souls of those who are at the age when, souls of those who are at the age when, some think, the Spirit of Evil and the Spirit of Good contend for them; but, at the supreme moment, the last breath al-most always returns to the Spirit of Good.'

"Come with me,' said the strange begand, leading, me under innumerable uits, 'be made me traverse a great stance. At length, stopping me abrupt-the said: 'Behold! there is your soul!' "I was petrified with terror! A single op of oil remained in my lamp; and over it an angel with black wings blew on the flame to accelerate it, extincupon the flame to accelerate its extinc I was seized with dread-

taken by cowardice!" said the Duke, trembling in every limb.
"Listen, Robert—listen! Beside me burned a flame of purest light; that lamp of gold, protected by an angel with wings of spotless white. The Spirit of Evil whispered in my ear."
The old Duke stopped—as if the voice were speaking to him again. His eyes became bloodshot, his hair rose on his head with horror, his teeth chattered with affright, and when he continued his voice was almost a shriek.
"I went to the lamp guarded by the

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"I went to the lamp guarded by the angel with the white wings, who looked at me sorrowfully; but the angel with the black wings still whispered in my ears. I saw nothing; I did not wish to see anything. I plucked a feather from the wing of the black angel and dipped it in the brightly flaming lamp and took from it the oil, drop by drop, and poured it into mine. My flame became gittering and red as blood; the other paled, but preserved still the brightness of a star. But when the drop of oil was left in it the angel that guarded it spread his white wings and would have stayed me; but an angel with pearly wings. spread his white wings and would have stayed me; but an angel with pearly wings and bearing a golden sword sud-

wings and bearing a gomen solution denly appeared.

"Let this human being do according to his will—God will judge him," it said.

"I took the last drop of oil! Then fear seized me. "What lamp is this?" I asked, pointing to the poor flame that was ready to expire, and the voice replied.

Me?"

At that moment the bells of the chateau pealed forth and the voices of the singers in the church were heard. The doors of the great hall opened. At the back of the chapel of the old manor, resplendent with lights, the infant Jesus lay upon his bed of straw, appeared radiant with celestial glory.

The old Duke fell on his knees before the infant Deity.

"Man," said the voice of the priest, "Jesus was born to suffer, and died for the redemption of sinners. You have sinned, you have suffered, you have repented—God forgives you. Your soull pass from you in peace."

Then the old man turned his eyes toward the lamp, above which an angel with white wings was hovering. That angel he recognized—it was the guardian of the brilliant lamp.

The angel smiled sweetly and took within his wings the expiring flame, with which he flew heavenward.

The Due de Kerberzoff was dead. At that moment the bells of the cha-

A CHRISTMAS DREAM

(By Annie McRobie in New York Scot tish American.)

eaned back in his comfortable chair

He had just concluded what he red

garded as a very satisfactory interview

forth.

Christmas being near, the streets were gay and crowded. From the theatres the playgoers were thronging out, and the ladies' beautiful dresses, the flashing

the playses beautiful dresses, the massing jewels, the luxurious carriages and superb motors presented a scene of almost dazzling splendor.

"Some evidence of wealth in the old country yet," laughingly remarked Gal-

"Yes, this is one of the many evi-

dences, but let us go to a different scene."

Presently they entered a quiet street, vidently inhabited by the respectable

An old man and his wife, with thin,

ing. They were comparatively young, but already care had set its impress on

think I could join with you, Jim,"

with a sigh of content.

The Duc de Kerberzoff was dead.



A LOVELY VEST.

Husband—Fine suit. Bought it ready ade and it fits beautifully, doesn't it-Wife—Yes, all but the coat and pants.

Some Home-Made Christmas Gifts.

The bousewife who wants to give hristmas presents to her friends and who has not money to spend on them will find some valuable suggestions for solving the problem in the Christmas

solving the problem in the Christmas Woman's Home Companion. Orange Marmalade—Slice very thin, rind and all, three large seedless oranges and one lemon. Pour over the sliced fruit eleven tumblers of cold water, and very thin, artisan class.

Into one of the houses the two men ty minutes, or perhaps a little longer. Pour into jelly glasses. This amount will fill eight glasses. Cover with paraffine. The total cost of the marmalade is not more than seventy-five cents, glasses included, and here are eight presents are signed. ents provided for that ridiculous small

Fruit Cake-Cream together one and one-half cupfuls of powdered sugar and one cupful of butter. Add the wellone cupful of butter. Add the well-beaten yolks of six eggs, and one and one-fourth cupfuls of sifted flour, one-half teaspoonful of ground cloves and one teaspoonful each of powdered cinnamon and nutmeg. Then add the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs and another cupful of flour. Add one-half pound of raisins, seeded and chopped, one-half pound of currants, one-fourth of a pound of citron, one-half cupful of chopped almonds and a little chopped orange peel. All these had been dredged with flour. As a last touch add a cupful of mixed preserves—strawberries, cherries, peach preserves-strawberries, cherries, peach and quince—all chopped and well-drained of their syrup. Divide the fruit cake dough equally in four small pans, steam for one hour, then bake for half an hour

for one nour, then bake for half an hour in a steady oven. Coffee Fudge—Boil together two cup-fuls of granulated sugar and one cupful of strong coffee. Add either one tea-spoonful of butter or one tablespoonful of strong coffee. Add either one teaspoonful of butter or one tablespoonful of rich cream. Boil until a spoonful of the candy stiffens when beaten. Then take from the fire, beat hard with a big spoon until the candy begins to grow stiff, quickly beat in one cupful of brokens shellbark or pecan nut meats, and pour out into a buttered tin. This is extremely toothsome candy and not



Galton.

"It means that at last an Old Age Pension Act is passed. To-night you see hard at a story that he lost his voice."

"What was that story? I'd like to tell it to my wife."

HER RESIGNATION.

School was dismissed, and from the window the teacher watched the children go racing down the hill, then she went back to her desk, sank into the chair and buried her head in her arms.

Six years ago she had answered the advertisement of the trustees and had been a cacepted because the salary she asked was less than that asked by the other applicants. The first year had been accepted because the salary she asked was less than that asked by the other applicants. The first year had been a hard one. The old memories from which she had fled pursued her day and night. She told her story to no one with the children until at last consider the stupendous achievement of the trustees and had been a hard one. The old memories from which she had fled pursued her day and night. She told her story to no one with the children until at last an Old Age Pension Act is passed. To-night you see hard shadows lifted from three homes because of it. They are Trypical of thousands all up and down the country. These workers are not the riff. Traff of society, not the miscrably poor for whom innumerable efforts are put forth, but the unobtrusive, thrifty, hard working poor, who toil and pinch, yet have no security against poverty in the country. These workers are not the riff. Traff of society, not the miscrably poor of working poor, who toil and pinch, yet have no security against poverty in the country. These workers are not the riff. Traff of society, not the miscrably poor of working poor, who toil and pinch, yet have no security against poverty in the country. These workers are not the riff. Traff of society, not the miscrably poor of working all up not have to dead the security against poverty in the country. These workers are not the riff. Traff of society, not the miscrably poor of working not the country. These workers are not the ri his will—God will judge him, it said.

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"It is the soul of your beloved son," "At the same moment the clear flame of the oil died out; the white angel took its last breath in its wings, and flew away, uttering as he went a cry of distress. The Spirit of Evil replied with a cry of triumph.

"I awoke frozen with horror.
"In my chamber lay two bodies—crushed, unrecognizable. My son, informed by his fjancee, had tried to protect her in her fight, and my criminal smare had destroyed them both. It was Christmas twenty years ago.

Paring this, he made a sign to the ne-

for the teacher. After that she held first place in the hearts of all.

But in spite of the years, and the work and the affection, she could not forget. Her heart erayed for the jone she had sent away. That night the trustees would meet to re-engage her for another year. She told forself she was happy and it was best to stay. If she left where could she go? Thus battling with fate she sat until the shadows began to fall and with the shadows came the tears which relieved the pent-up feelings. Between her sobs she thought she heard a step, and looking up she saw a man coming quietly up the aisle. For a moment he stood with outstretched arms, and for a moment she hesitated—then with a glad cry—surrendered forever.

That night her resignation went in, and at the end of the month there was a wedding in the little manse beyond the school. —C. C. Wylie, Quebee Presbyterian.

John Galton, M. P., lit his pipe, and

with a junior colleague, who had lately shown signs of restiveness.

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The two men had been discussing the question of old age pensions. Young Metcalf's eager plea for the introduction of some practical scheme had been skilfully demolished by the cool, logical reasoning of the level-headed Galton.

The question, if deftly handled, was useful as a party bait, but the economic law declared it out of the zone of practical politics. Such was Galton's summing up. Now the younger man was gone and his senior gave himself up to his pipe and a pleasant reverie.

Suddenly a man entered the room unannounced, and persuasively requested Galton to accompany him for a stroll. The newcomer was an utter stranger to Galton, but in a spirit of adventure he readily agreed, and together they sallied forth.

Christmas being near, the streets were

and playthings; the first few months after their loss Will had joined her in this—then suddenly he ceased to want to put mourning from him. She failed to remember that it is not a man-nature to encourage great familiarity with deep emotions, or to yield to morbid grieving.

deep emotions, or to yield to most grieving.

So a silence had grown up between them. And in the train Mrs. Trent's face settled into its now usual lines of discontent and disdain. Not for worlds would she have told her husband that she suffered, that she cared more than he. She could not speak of the child, she could not, unasked, show him the old love; the first word would have to come from him.

An old man and his wife, with thin, care-lined faces, sat talking.
"It's alfnost too good to be true, Mary," said the man, tremulously.
"But, thank God, it is true, Dan."
"Ay, it's anly a few shillings weekly, but it will ease our burden forever."
"Ay, that it will. Oh, Dan, I could cry for joy. It was breaking my heart to see that no one would give you work because you were old; our bairns were dead, and our savings were slipping away; there seemed nothing for us but the 'House'," and both shuddered visibly. The stranger touched Galton's arm, come from him.

Her anger that he was letting her leave him for a few holidays Her anger that he was letting her leave him for a few holidays was not lessened by the fact that she herself had suggested it. It had happened just a week before as they had finished dinner. He had held the door open for her and

replied:
"Ceffainly, 'nty dear, if you wish it.
"Cour mother will be glad to have you a
few weeks. Shall I stay on here, or shall

The stranger touched Galton's arn and they silently withdrew, but only to enter another modest dwelling. Here, too, a husband and wife sat talk-

few weeks. Shall I stay on here, or shall I take you up?"

The same devil of pride that had prompted her to suggest the visit had prompted her to answer carelessly:

"Oh, please yourself. But you would probably find it very dull in the country just now. You can probably amuse your comfort." So he had not come with her. Now, she thought, things were as he had perhaps wished them before, only she had stupidly failed to see that he was tired of her. Pride and grief stung her. She resolved to stay with her mother—she would never go back to him—never!"

From her bitter reverie she awoke their faces,
"Well, old girl, isn't it jolly?" A sort
of Christmas greeting from the Government, and I feel like shouting, 'Hip, hip,

"It think I could join with you, Jim," said the woman, a smile on her lips and tears shining in her eyes.

"To think that the pensions are now a fact after so many disappointments. I guess granddad won't sleep much tonight, he will be so proud, poor old chap."

"Ay, Jim, you have been so good, and have never grudged my father his bite and sup, but I'm sure he often worried when he knew we had so many little mouths to feed."

"But its' all right now, my lass, and we must have something especially nice for granddad and the kiddies this Christmas."

Again the two unobserved listeners withdrew, their third visit being into a tiny room where everything was spotlessly neat.

An elderly woman, with thin, worn

and a stuplut waste with her mother—she resolved to stay with her mother—she would never go back to him—never!"

From her bitter reverie she awoke to notice that the train had stopped at a considerable suburb, and that the car, already full, was being crowded. Men stood in the corners and along the sides and women crowded good-natured by together in the seats. Beside her stood timidly a pathetic, chidish figure in a long, gray old cape. A pair of shiring blue eyes looked up at her from a bilue scarf from a maes of curling fair align."

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An elderly woman, with thin, worn

"Can I sit here. Will you be bothered?" The voice was a woman's: no mere girl could already have been happy and by she bowed her head as if in prayer. Golton and his companion stepped silently outside.

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"It who to she who is she? And who are you?" said the M. P.

"It was to got the hartite of life, but now, through physical weakness, she can no longer provide for herself. In a little while she would have been faced with two grim alternatives of Death or Patterism. But to night she has got good great. As for myself, I'm a sort of the work of the passed. To now, the work of the passed. To now, I was now questioned and the passed of conserved in the strength of the passed. To night you have seen dark shadows lifted from three comes because of it. They are considered to the passed to the passed. To night you have seen dark shadows lifted from three comes because of it. They are considered to the passed to night you may sit here? She had always been you have seen dark shadows lifted from three comes because of it. They are considered to the passed to night you may sit here? She had always been you have seen dark shadows lifted from three comes because of it. They are considered to the passed to the passed to night you may sit here that the passed to the

Helena Trent turned her cheek for her husband's conventional kiss, and sat watching his broad shoulders as he swing down the aisle of the over-heated sar, where he had bestowed her with every care. She had a dull wonder that chis leaving her. She remembered that chis leaving her. She remembered that chis leaving her. She remembered that this leaving her. She was but two destine of fire. Now it was but two destine of fire. Now it was but two destine of fire. Now it was but two destined for his feet was not yale tide glow in the neart of the young at the office. Now it was but two destined for his feet was not yale tide glow in the neart of the young at the office. Now it was but two destined for his feet was read to the year and year and

fore her eyes the mental vision of Will, silent and proud, drowning his loneliness with the fast set at the club of the big house, which she had deliberately kept in the attitude of mourning, of her re-membrance of the dead while she forgot the vital needs of the dear and living! The growing coldness between them—was it her fault? She absent-mindedly murmured something that made the lit

murmured something that made the little woman go on."
"Haven't I talked a lot? I'm so happy I can't help it! To be able to walk again and go back to my man!" For the first time Helena liked the primitive possession in the forbidden term—"my man!" The woman again wound the blue searf around the fair hair and buttoned her shabby coat.

"The next station is mine, and we're almost there. I see by your ring you're married, too. Are you going home?" The train slowed for the station. Then the patrician Mrs. Trent did a strange thing

patrician Mrs. Trent did a strange thing—she stooped and kissed the cheek of the pale, talkative little woman beside

her. "Yes, yes! I am going home!" Her voice was glad and intense. "And I can never thank you—never, for what you have made me see. You will never know have made me see. You will never know what a gift you have given me, how you have helped me! It is you who are rich, for you have love and faith, and I who was poor, for I had only pride and—money! Good-bye!"

#### MAKING STALE BREAD FRESH.

Fannie Merritt Farmer, the distinuished writer on cooking, gives some nique ways of utilizing stale bread in ne Christmas Women's Home Compan

on. For instance, she says:
"Small remnants of bread from which crusts have not been removed, together with crusts of bread, may be dried in the oven, rolled, sifted, and stored in a glass jar for subsequent use. These so-called bread crumbs are needed for crumbling

bread crumbs are needed for crumbling croquettes, cutlets, fish, meat, etc.
"Croutons, sometimes called Duchess Crusts, are always in good form with cream soups, and afford an excellent way for using stale bread. Cut stale bread in one-third inch slices and remove the crusts. Spread thinly with butter. Cut slices in one-third inch cubes, put in a shallow pan, and bake until delicately brown, stirring occasionally and watching, that the crums may brown evenly.

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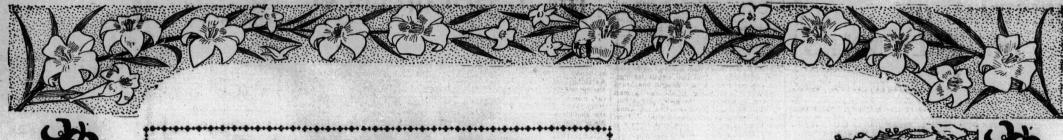
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cause some merriment.—The Christmas bunner Table

By wires suspend a round wire netting from the chandelier to hang just below it. This should be wound with Southern moss. From every section of the wire hangs the graceful "Christmas silver rain," which may be bought for fifteen cents a box. Every now and then a glass icide gives body to the "ice scene."

From the central part of the wire hangs a bunch of mistletoe tied with a silver ribbon, a round mirror as the centre-piece reflecting its berries. The mirror should be edged with the moss, also Green and white china should be used, but no candlesticks, as the light must be from above. White roses at the men's places are drawn through one corner of dainty Christmas cards, which bear each guest's name. Sprays of mistletoe tied with a knot of silver ribbon, through which is twisted a bone hair pin, will be souvenirs for the girls that will be souvenirs for the girls that will



### A RESIGNATION.

A Christmas Story That Shows That Though Christmas Brings Gold and Frankincense to Many, it Brings Myrrh to Some.

(BY WILLIAM BRESLIN, in Black and White Christmas Number.) 

of the city a man sat writing.

Not a sound was heard save the monotonous tick, tick of the clock, and the scratch, scratch of his pen. The blinds were undrawn. The silent street was covered with a layer of unbroken and newly fallen snow. Yellow patches lay here and there where the mellow light streamed from an occasional window. Around the neighborhood an almost Sabbath-like respectability continually settled like a pall. A dark sky was overhead, sprinkled with innumerable twinkling stars, and over and surrounding all the vast, brooding stillness of the might.

It was a giorious night—such a night as it must have been 1900 years ago, when a Babe was born in an Eastern land. It seemed as if nature was waiting, waiting, for something to happen—but nothing happened.

Inside the pen went scratch, scratch, scratch, and the writer's attention was centred in the work on hand.

If he raised his head it was only to gaze abstractedly into the glowing, uancing flames. Not to admire the handiwork of God.

And utside it began to snow again, slowly the big white flakes descended. They came at first in ones and twos and threes, and looked through the window into the luxuriant warmth, then flew away again faster and faster, a myriad whirling crystals into the night.

At length the letter was finished, and the young man blotted the last lines carefully and methodically. He was about thirty-two. His boyish, cleanshaven face bore an air of gravity and a seriousness strikingly attractive. The delicate contour of his features said he was sensitive, but the face was manly and frank and good withal.

His movements were quiet and methodical, and in keeping with the atmosphere of the place and his surroundings. The litter of blue, buff and official envelopes on the table betrayed his conection with the Civil Service.

But the letter whish he had just concluded ran thus:

"My Dear Miss Dunloy.—To-day, in the ordinary course of official duties,"

It was Christmas Eve night. In a richly furnished room in a quiet suburb of the city a man sat writing.

Not a sound was heard save the monotonous tick, tick of the clock, and the scratch, scratch of his pen. The blinds were undrawn. The silent at a trect was covered with a layer of unbroken and newly fallen snow. Yellow patches lay here and there where the mellow light atreamed from an occasional window. Around the neighborhood an almost year ago, was overhead, sprinkled with innumerable twinkling stars, and over and surrounding all the vast, brooding stillness of the night.

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Tou are a woman now, Elleen, and you are going to be married—married!
"This is the end of it all.
"I can understand why men go mad for love. I laughed at the idea once—I know better now.

Know better now.

"Elleen, I feel again all I have written. All I have felt I feel again intensified a thousand times.

". Oh, Elleen! Elleen! O God!

O God!

"I hope you will pardon me for writing in such a strain, but now you understand, and if I have offended you you will forgive me.

"I had to write down the thoughts which forced themselves from my pen. May God bless you.
"I am, Miss Dunloy, always your friend,
"William H. Thorndale."

"William H. Thorndale." "William H. Thorndale."
The young man blotted the flourishing signature, and for a few minuter remained in meditation. Then
rising, he sauntered listlessly towards the uncurtained window.

"However, to the surprise of my friends, I applied for a transfer, and my application was acceded to without any unnecessary delay. I have been here ever since.

"So well did I plunge myself into the work of the department that my promotion was rapid. And I am now—or, shall I say I have been—your Surveyor appointed by a Minister of the Cabinet, with a salary I never dreamt of.

"Honestly I strove to forget you, but the dreams would come and the sleeping viper would awake. " You were not made for me. Can you imagine the torture? Occasionally your image would rise up before me, and I was for the time numbed in mind and paralyzed. "Now your application reopens my wound. After all these years of unutterable thought this is the end. "With your application before me the dignity of my position is a mockery. My riches are great, but my humiliation is greater.

"I move in a world of my own with my own past, for in the greatest crowds my lonellness is most acute.

"Your paper coldly and unconsciously annihilates the least particle of hope I might have entertained. But the imaginary conversation I have held with a little girl in a red blouse and two big, wondering eyes will ever before me remain.

"You are a woman now. Eileen, and you are going to be married—married!" "This is the end of it all.

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"You are a woman now. Eileen, and you are going to be married—married!" "The lonely watcher stood with folded arms impressive hour. Then, returning to the table, he picked up the letter, and his eyes fell on the closing lines:

"Eileen, I feel again all I have writtened. It have felt I feel again intensified a thousand times." If I have offended you, you will forgive me."

And repeating the words to himself he tore the letter into bits. Next

give me."

And repeating the words to himself he tore the letter into bits. Next day Miss Dunloy received the follow-

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of

"I' beg to acknowledge receipt of your application to resign.
"From the date mentioned a substitute will be appointed to provide for your duty.
"The Surveyor directs me to inform you that he had the pleasure of knowing you slightly some years ago at the Central, and he has no doubt your marriage will be a happy one

doubt your marriage and your future happiness and prosperity. I have the honor to be etc.,"
Miss Dunloy laid the letter aside with a smile. It was only an incident in her life. How was she to know that behind the petty formal resignation of a woman lay the heartwards the uncurtained window.

It had ceased snowing almost as suddenly as it began. The silent street was covered with a layer of breaking moral resignation of a man?

## Christmas Tree in Rural School.

The spirit of Christmas appears to vegetate out in the country, just like the great Christmas tree that sends out its long green ribs of gladness. It seems as if with Christmas there should be associated great gistening fields of spread great glistening fields of spread great g runners; joyous voices on the night air; and great golden panels of light in houses darkly limned in the night sky as you pass. Joyous voices, dark blue sky, enow, sleigh bells, bob-sleighs, music on the night air, moonlight, and a pair of eyes not your own—that's a Christmas tree entertainment in a country school when you live in town.

This is the night of the Christmas tree in the Pleasant Valley school. The moon beams down upon the little school where it stands in its every day business suit of bleached board and silvers the cordial placard on its sides, which announces in a low tone of voice:

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To the Grand XMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT PLEASANT VALLEY SCHOOL

All Welcome. The following talent will contribute to the programme: Messrs. Wess Moore, Oscar Riercy, Miss April Jones, Valerius Teeple, Joe Van and others.

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the platform at the little school door. 
"Hay foot, straw foot," somebody says, and then the door opens. From the yellow wealth of lantern and lamplight within you catch a glimpse of a stove and compact rows of backs bent eagerly forward. You pass the door tender without the usual fee exacted, by whispering the magic words, "I am on the programme." He smiles. School Trustee Abel Baunerman, attired in a comfortable red cowhide coat, shakes hands with you; and you are escorted well to the front, where the children are occupying the long bunk benches. It's funny, but every child is cross-eyed—at least for a moment. The left eye is devoted to you, a stranger, and the right eye of every tot is dove-tailed to the great Christmas tree, fruited with candle and candy, over in the northeast corner.

There is a sound of subdued conversa-

and candy, over in the northeast cornor.

There is a sound of subdued conversation, like the baritone hum of several
spinning jemnie. Everybody is talking.
Jim Ray has just come in with his
graphophone and everybody takes another look at the big tin horn. The
door-tender is very busy. He is counting
out change for a "two" while Walt Eaker is waiting and calculating whether
the proceeds will pay for the presents on
the tree.

There is a state of expectancy in the
crowd; then a layer of impatience. That
handelapping denotes that the chairman
Eleazar Schram, has taken the platform.
His eyes shine like blue cathedral glass

Eleazar Schram, has taken the piatform. His eyes shine like blue cathedral glass as he shoves back a refractory cuff and advances single-file to the front of the platform, which has been hasitly erect-ed of planks furnished by Trustee Ed.

while Nick Peters and Dad Bates am Clem Hayes banjo and fiddle of: "Washington Post."

The chairman endeavors to make out the name of the next artiste on a pro-gramme which reads like this:

Programme.

Instrumental-Messrs. Peters. Bates. nd Hayes. Speech—Chairman.



NOT HALF ENOUGH. His Hostess—Don't you think you ad enough ice cream?
Freddie—No, mum. I don't feel

Reading—"How Paddy Stole the Rope" (Joe Van.)

(Joe Van.)

Song—"I Won't Give You Any of My
Soft Soda Biscuit When Your Soft Soda
Biscuits Are Gone" (Valerius Teeple.)

Presentation to the teacher by school.
This is the jucture in the programme
when all necks are bent forward like
basswood saplings in a gale. A wee girl,
with cute litle forget-me-not eyes, ascends the platform with a roll of manuscript in her hands. She unwinds it and
begins to read. Then the blushing young
gentleman teacher, James M. Logwood,
rises from his chair on the platform.
The piping voice of the diminuity reader continues as sweet and fine as a
thread of honey twist spinning from a
spoon:

er continues as sweet and fine as a thread of honey twist spinning from a spoon:

"Dear Teacher,—We, the pupils of the Pleasant Valley school, beg you to accept this small token of our appreciation of your services among us."

This is the cue for two towsy-headed youngsters to pile at the feet of the teacher a rocking-chair as new as shellac and brass-headed tacks can make it.

"You have labored among us with our good only at heart, and in going away," etc., the address continues. At the end the young teacher essays to speak. He cannot. The school has been his first charge, he has become attached to the chubby-faced health products of the country. He has listened to their taies of woe, chered their hearts with stories of giants and together with them eaten their wormy apples. With difficulty his upper lip twitches and he essays a reply:

tion of the thankfulness I feel toward you. Again I thank you, I thank you, and I thank you."

The teacher once more seated, a Marconigram is handed the chairman. He gingerly opens it, arises, and announces: "North Pole, 10.15 p. m.—I am now on my way to Pleasant Valley. Have stopped at Croton for slight repairs to one runner. Yours, Santa Claus."

Jim. Ray's graphophone is brought into requisition once more and cackles out: "S-s-s-zz—Hiawawthha-ss, as played—by s-s-s the Nited States—zzz Marine Band—zz." The selection finished, through the doorway of the curtained-oif dressing-room bounces Santa Claus. His red fur coat looks like Trustee Banmerman's, his fur cap looks like Uncle Dave Pake's, his pauntlets look like Peter Ryder's, his beard and moustache look like sheepskin, and his poorly disguised voice sounds like that of Trustee Abel Gray's—but the children are too interested to analyze these details of disguise. The dialogue between Santa an I chairman is crisp and short, relating to the trip, and the accident. Then all eys and hearts are turned towards the well-laden Christmas tree. Young men from the audience armed with jack-knives, teacher, chairman and all, turn in to cut down the gifts. All restraint is off in a moment. The hum of conversation is again general.

"Jimmie Weston!" Up comes a lad with a hickory dado on his trousers, in response to his name. He is the recipient of a book color-schemed in red and yellow, manufactured to tell all about "The Duck That Left Home." He wanted a knife and a pair of skates. Jennie (Continued on page 20.)



### **CHRISTMAS OF** THE PRETENDERS

he landlord..."
"The landlord?" he stammered.
"Yes; I am cold and hungry; I want

to the chair to steady himself. She looked at him haughtily. This must be some other belated traveller who had sought shelter also at that particular inn. She answered him coldly enough. "There is nothing you can do for methank you," she replied. "I will summon the landlord—"
"The largelord"." The evening of Christmas day, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three. A bleak and bitter evening, with good English folk congratulating themselves that they ware warm over good English fires; and out in the gloom, and amid the white wastes of snow-covered contryside, a heavy coach, laboring and swaying along the Kentish roads on the way to London.

"Yes; I am cold and hungry; I want a meal."

He lurched toward her—he even waved the pistol at her for a moment; but she did not shrink. "Do you know," he asked—"do you understand what sort of a place this is? Do you know that men drink and gamble their lives away here, at all hours? Do you know that Death awaits expectant at the door, to snap up one of us?"

There was something so tragic and so menacing in his manner, despite the gaicty of his dress, that she drew back, frightened. But only for a moment; her own desperate need asserted itself, and she faced him a little contemptuously.

"In your country, when one comes to an inn, one does not expect to be insulted—or"—she glanced at the pistol he held—"or threatened."

He flung the weapon onto a table, and lauveled miss. "Year across." on.

That particular coach had had a hard
ght for it all the way from Dover.
he insides had been peevish and grumhing and fretful; the outsides a little shing and fretful; the outsides a little drunk and quarrelsome, by reason of much "keeping out of the cold" at way-side inns. Then, finally had come that sidden frightened leap on the part of the leaders—the plunge down a bank into a field below the road—and the upset of the coach into a drift. Amid much screaming and swaying and plunging of the horses, the frightened passengers had been got out; and now stood inta little forlorn group about the coach. No one was hurt; but they had to face the fact that on Christmas night they were miles from anywhere, and that there seemed to be no hope of assistance.

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With one passenger only is this story intimately concerned; and that passenger a woman. During the past few days the life of Dorothy Voutier had seemed to be a dream of hurry and horror. The dream had begun in Paris—Paris that ran red with the blood of men and women—Paris that the swallowed up, in the hungry jaws of its guillotine, her failler. Thereafter, a hurried flight with her mother to get out of the country, with delays on the road, and suspicious faces to watch them here, there and everywhere. A horrible passage across the Channel; a landing in friendly England. And there a fresh disaster; because her grief-stricken mother had given up the struggle in an obscure inn in Dover, and had died in her daughter's arms.

arms.

The girl had lingered in Dover until the small amount of money she had was almost exhausted; and then had determined to go to London. Everything was possible, even then, in London; and she might find friends. She took a seat in the coach—paying for it with almost the last of her money—and

entered, eager, grinning faces—all of men.

The stout, elderly man advanced to the table with many obsequious bows in her direction; he spread a cloth at one end of the table, and the younger men set the dishes upon it. Wine was brought and poured out for her; distrustfully enough, and yet with a certain proud self-reliance, she seated herself at the table. This was a strange inn, she thought, but the fire was bright, and the food was good, and the wine warming.

The men had drawn away from her as she seated herself at the table; she set out.

She climbed now to the top of the bank down which the coach had plunged and looked about her. Below, feebly lit by a lamp carried by the guard, was the scene of disaster, with her fellow-passengers grouped about; from where she stood she could look out over the

by a lamp carried by the guard, was the scene of disaster, with her fellow passengers grouped about; from where she stood she could look out over the mow-covered landscape—a desolate enough prospect. She was turning again, as though to rejoin the others, when the half-drunken chorus of a song floated up to her from below, and held her back. Two or three soldiers on leave who had been passengers outside the coach, were dancing about in the song who had been passengers outside the coach, were dancing about in the song who had been passengers outside the best of a bad business.

Why should she go down there, she thought. Why, for the matter of that, should she continue her journey? London had nothing to offer her, any more danning and the best of a bad business.

Why should she go down there, she thought, who of the passengers is the should she continue her journey? London had nothing to offer her, any more danning and the best of a bad business.

Above all, the thought that she might toward the wait in the same three, perhaps for hours, until assistance came, made her shrink away. Scarcel's knowing what she did, she turned off elong the road, drawing the hood officing the road, and seeing herself, as she thought, marked out for disaster as surely as the man who had died by the guillotine, and the woman who had died by the guillotine, and the woman who had died by the guillotine, and the woman who had died by the guillotine, and the woman who had died by the guillotine, and the woman who had died by the guillotine, and the word was all the falteringly. "I want no seriously as the man who had died by the guillotine, and the fall the falteringly." I want no seriously astructured to guillotine, and the fall the falteringly. The word o

And so it happened that she came to a great iron gate swinging open what appeared it he and of the swint appeared to be at the end of what appeared is the end of the lower with a proper with a proper with a proper windows. In the darkness she could not clearly make out the silv or appearance of the place; but a fresh caper before her being or appearance of the place; but a fresh caper before her he lower of the principal door, and after fumbling for a moment or two with the lock, opened it, and went in.

The found herself in a great square hall, don't lighted, and with a fatir with which was partially open, she heard the clink of glasses and the loud singing of men. Clearly this was an inn, she thought; if she could only a fatir, and the could rest, and in which with the could rest, and in which with the could rest, and in which she could rest,

"I ask you pardon, madam," he began.
"I did not mean that they should harm
you. I was reckless; I did not imderstand that the jest might hurt you.
Won't you resume your meal?"

"I want nothing here," she said, looking round about her uneasily. "I should
not have sought shelter here, but that
my—my carriage had broken down."
She hesitated a little over the word,
but she knew she must not tell him
that she was poor and friendless; she
must make the best case for herself she
could. She dreaded going out again in
that strange country, into the darkness;
but it must be done. In all the wide
world there seemed on this Christmas
tight no living soul to whom she
could turn for help or protection.

"Madam, I have not fallen so low
that I can let you go like this," he
said, humbly. "You shall at least rest
here until you carriage can be sent for.
You need fear no harm from anyone."
He glanced significantly at the pistol
on the table as he spoke.

"Dou you always go armed?" she
asked, a little scornfully. "What do
you fear, that you carry a weapon
always?"

He laughed a little whimsically, and
took up the pistol and looked at it.
"When you came in just now," he said,
"you lighted upon a drunken, worthless
gambler, with no hope in life—no special
reason for living. As I sat here before
the fire, I had in mind one object—I
was about to blow out my brains."

So hopeless was his tone that she involuntarily started towards him, her
heart filled with compassion. He raised
a hand to stop her, and went on again
in the sme tone.

"Had you come a moment later, you
might have found that I had plucked
up courage to do the thing. So much
gratitude, at least, I owe you, for
staying my hand." He bowed to her,
but there was no irony in his manner
now. "You behold in me a man for
whom the good things of life are past
and done with; you see me surrounded
with gamblers and drunkards who are
my fit companions—"

"I do not see them," she replied,
steadily. "They are gone."

"You have banished them," he said.

"That should be a good omen

sulted-or"—she glanced at the piatol he held—"or threatened."

He flung the weapon onto a table, and laughed grimly. "Your pardon," he said. "So this is an ium, is it?"

True; I had forgotten." He laughed boisterously, and suddenly strode towards the door. "By heaven, madam—you shall be well served!"

She stood there by the great fire, anxiously watching the door through which he had disappeared, and wondering a little what was to happen. There was a sudden cessation of the noise in the further room; then a great shout of laughter; a moment or two later a strange procession entered the room in which she stood.

First came an elderly man, in a suit of black, and with what appeared to be a hastily improvised appronabout his waist—or perhaps it would be better to stay where his waist should have been. Following him came a couple of young men, with their coats off, bearing silver dishes holding food; last of all, the man who had sat with the pistol across his knees. In the doorway, after they had entered, eager, grinning faces—all of men.

fetched, or another shall be provided, if you insist upon departing."
"I have no carriage," she said, lowering her eyes. "I was on my way to London by the Dover coach; it broke down."
"To London? Have you friends there?"
"Not a friend in all the world," she said, her eyes filling with tears for the moment, as she looked at the fire.
"I think I might almost say that, too," he replied, bitterly. "But don't you see that you must remain here, for to night at least."
"No—no—that is impossible!" she cried, quickly. "I must go on my way."

cried, quickly. "I must go on my way."

"Who are you?" he asked. "I think I have the right to know; you've saved me from death to night; on my word it's true."

"I am Dorothy Vautier," she replied.

"My father—a French aristocrat—has died on the guillotine; I left my mother in the quiet grave of an old church at Dover. She was an Englishwoman."

"You have suffered much," he said. "I am sorry. I am Sir Harry Melvin—at your service. This place is Melvin hall—once respected throughout the county—now a thing for pointing fingers and shaking heads."

"You may change all that," she said, "The property of the county o

—now a thing for pointing fingers and shaking heads."

"You may change all that," she said, with a little quick laugh. "Since you say that I have saved you from death to-night I have at least the claim to do with you as I will now. Some kind of fate may have flung me in here, out of the world outside—and for a purpose. Meanwhile, sir"—she dropped him a little curtsey—"I am still hungry. Since you insist on keeping me prisoner here—you will at least not starve me, I hope."

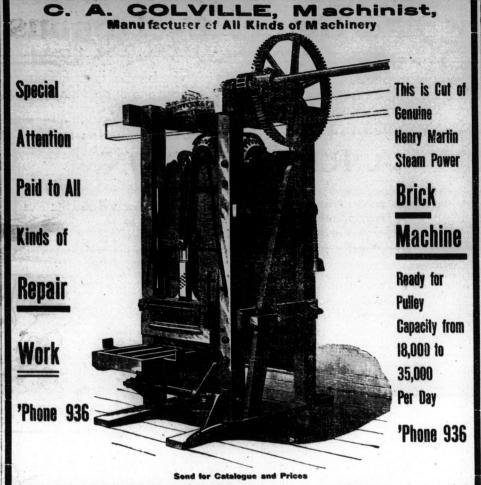
"No, indeed," he laughed; and for the first time there was something natural and almost boyish in the laugh. He gave a tug at a bell rope near to his hand; a moment or two later a frightened-looking, elderly woman came into the room, and stood watching him and glancing occasionally at the girl.
"Dame Jesset," said Sir Harry, "I give this lady into your charge. See that she is well cared for; set the servants stirring, and have a proper meal set out here at once—"

"Am I to dine alone?" asked Dorothy in a low tone.
"A meal for two," he said to the old

in a low tone.
"A meal for two," he said to the old woman, with the ghost of a smile flit ting across his face. So they dined in proper fashion, and

ting across his face.

So they dined in proper fashion, and they talked of many things. Once of twice the door was cautiously opened, and a startled face looked in—the face of one of those who had mocked at her before. But Dorothy's back was turned to the door, and the swift hand of the man who faced her was only necessary upon the butt of the pistol to remind any intruder that he need not venture



### CHRISTMAS TREE IN RURAL SCHOOL.

11 and 13 Ferguson Ave. North

(Continued from page 19.)

CHRISTMAS DINNER TABLE

room should be pretty and attractive than that they should be strikingly original, but, at the same time, the hostess who can in-

troduce some appropriate novelty knows that it will add to the interest of her table.

table to the corners of the room, or to intermediate points on the walls, and fasten them there with wreaths of holly. Along the festoons hang crimson bells, graduating from a fairly large one under the gasolier, to quite tiny ones. Floral bells can be made by covering wire frames closely with immortalles or hits.

by covering wire frames closely with immortelles or bits of scar-let blossom, but this, of course, is much more trouble than buying

would be carried out in the same scarlet and green, with a centre

of poinsettia on a mat of evergreen, or of holly, with sprays of the same laid over the cloth, dividing the places. If the candles have shades—they are frequently used without them now—these should match the bells.

The wire shape can be purchased at a florist's and covered with holly, taking care to keep the outline clear. If the holly is not rich in red berries, the star can be brightened by sticking bits of scarlet geranium, or crimson immortelles, here and there, closer at the

let geranium, or crimson immortelles, here and there, closer at the centre and thinning out towards the points. A low red candle, unshaded, may be placed at each point of the star. If one wants a change from red and green, a suitable color scheme is red and white, or white and green. A big glass bowl of pine mixed with white chrysanthemums makes a lovely centre-piece, the graceful clusters of pine 'needles' grouping well with the feathery 'mums. A vase of white roses or carnations, set in the midst of a bowl of poinsettia, is an effective arrangement in scarlet and white.

When children are of the Christmas dinner party, they will take

delight in a centre-piece in the form of a miniature tree. This can be held in place in different ways. One way is to nail it firmly to a block of wood, cover the block with ground pine or

other greenery to form a mound, and sprinkle this liberally with tiny bits of cotton wool which have been touched lightly with photographer's paste, and then powdered with 'diamond dust,' which last can be bought at a place where they sell artists' supplies. Adorn the tree with popcorn chains, and tinsel balls, fasting a gilt star at the top and tie on the branches different colored little

a gilt star at the top and the on the branches different colored little boxes of assorted bon-bons, a box for each guest.

Miniature trees, eight or ten inches high, can be made by cutting off ends of fir branches, and setting each one up in a tiny flower-pot. The tiny trees can be used decoratively, one placed at each cover, with place cards, bon-bons, and favors tied on with colored ribbons. Or, as one hostess intends doing, have

the individual trees, with nuts, candies, and little souvenirs— some of them amusing—among the branches, brought in as a last course. Perhaps it is just as well not to attempt to light trees on the table with tapers otherwise the hostess is apt to feel it

cesary to keep a continual watch against accidental fires. A suggestive menu for a Christmas dinner is given below:-

Apple and celery salad.
Plum Pudding with sauce.

Cheese.

Cream of celery soup.

Roast goose with dressing.

Mashed Potatoes

Olives.

Nuts. Crackers.

Vanilla ice-cream.

star is a good one for the Christmas

the ready-made ones at the stationer's.

Where there are fighting fixtures over the table, a centre is already provided for the decorating operations. A pretty and simple scheme is to bring festoons of ground pine, laurel, or any kind of evergreens that can be twined from the gasolier over the

is more important that the decorations of tabls and dining

Rates gets a doll, Harvey Hyman, a little boy with large brown eyes, as unfathomable as molasses, gets a tin horn. Evrybody gets something, and many a swain gets a rich "sell" done up in a nat box. Santa Claus is busy dishing out his bon-mots and witty sallies as each one bears a gift triumphantly away. "Tlat's a horse on you," he remarks, as a tall, gant country swain is handed dow a wee woolly horse. This discrepit joke pulls down a hailstorm of laughter abcut the ears of Cyrus, who covers his chagrin by joining in the laughter.

The presents have all been distributed and great baskets of gauze bags, containing popcorn and camdies, have been liberally distributed among scholars and visitors. Jim Ray's graphophone now essays "Home, Sweet Home." The effect is such that everybody wishes they were home after the rendition of the first verse.

"Order, please!" the chairman speaks

ian you one and all for your very \(\frac{1}{2}\) datendance this evening." concludes he, "I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

"We shall now close proceedings by sirgin' 'God Save the Queen." states the chair. There is a general titter, and somebody suggests a "King."

"God Save the King." corrects the chair. The national anthem is sung with vim, such as city gatherings wot not of. Then all gradually sally forth into the night save the few who remain to gather up baskets and lanterns loaned. The bob-sleighs have stolen away. The lights are out in the little school. The chairman's remarks were crude, no doubt; the room was small, no doubt; a very small sum would have bought the tree entire, no doubt; but this Christmas tree in the country has more of cheer, more of the spirit of Christmas than any other meeting of its kind.

The table decorations

Bread sticks. Salted almonds.

Creamed onions.

Apple sauce.

Assorted cakes.

Black coffee

IS THERE A SANTA CLAUS? We take pleasure in answering once and thus prominently the com cation below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Hamilton, Ontario

Dear Editor,—I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is o Santa Claus.

no Santa Claus.

Papa says "If you see it in The Sunit's so."

Please tell me the truth: Is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlan.
115 West Ninety-fifth Street.
Virginia, your little friends are wrong
The yhave been affected by the acepti cism of a sceptical age. They do not be-lieve except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehen-sible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of sured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You

fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what we the see the said is inticated.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noises inside but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supermal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.—New York Sun.

DR. HALE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE.
"Christ-Mass is not done with at midnight on the twenty-fifth of December, 1907," writes Edward Everett Hale, in his editorial page in the Christmas Woman's Home Companion. "In the older language of the older Christianity, for people who spoke English, the Christmas lasted twelve days. Indeed, I think the legends about the birth of the Baby said that after the wise men had seen in the east His star they traveled twelve days or twelve night, until on the twelfth night they came to the saintly stable and unloaded their camels. I like, as one year ends and another year begins, to notify those around me that stupid labor, the lifting and toiling of daily life, is suspended for a while, and that for the next year energetic work, the triumph of the soul over mind and matter, is to begin. I like to have a special remembrance of the Christ-mass every day; the children's celebration on Christmas morning; the service at church as the day goes by; some Christmas party of the old folks in the evening; the oratorio of the Messish at least on both the Sundays; the Christmas party of the old folks in the evening; the oratorio of the Messish at least on both the Sundays; the Christmas party of the old folks in the evening; the oratorio of the Messish at least on both the Sundays; the Christmas party of the lowest and one for the Linion and one for the Linion and one for the Association and one for the Industrial School, and so on until your oits bean in the cake, and perhaps a good round dance or a "Irginia reel before Twelfth Night is over." DR. HALE'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Soldiers of the Russian army are to be provided with pocket compasses with luminous needles

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#### **ESSAYS OF** LITTLE BOBBIE

By WILLIAM F. KIRK.

MENTAL ARITHMETIK.

BOBBLE, my teecher sed, our first lesson this morning is Mental Arithmetik, a term wich cums from the Greek, sed teecher, Mental (meening Noodle) & Arithmetik (meening speedy) or Speedy Noodle, sed my teecher. Rite a essay, she sed, about Mental Arithmetik.

Mental Arithmetik is whare a man has to think twice befoar he pays once.

has to think twice befoar he pays once line for the Ark, Noah looked then over pritty good & he sed to hisself, sed he, Here is a leppard & a tiger & a lion & a Ant-eater. There is only two (2) ants, so the Ant-eater will ve unless sumthing turns up in way of food, two (2) ants isent ch nurrishment, sed Noah.

Does Sum Grate Figgering.

Then the beests all caim around to see Mister Noah in the Ark & thay sed How do we know you are going to give us a steddy job floating around, want a contrack, thay sed, to show us that you are on the square, so Noah had to do sum grate figgering. In all the grate walks of Life, sed

my Pa, there is a call for Mental etik. Consider the humbel bookmaker, sed Pa, wich sets on his littel stool & waits for the common peepul to cum & git thare rights, he has

to cum & git thare rights, he has to do sum quick figgering, beekaus he has to git the munny quick & hurry hoam in his ottomobeel past the savings bank.

Also, sed Pa, thare is the groacer. He has to talk time enuff to figger many sums, such as If a hon & a half lays a egg & a half in a hour & a half, how much a dozen (12) do we soak the guckers wich buys sed eggs? anser, fifty (50) cents.

Then Thare Is the Butcher.

Then again, Pa sed, thare is the outcher. He looks his customers rite in the eye & says When was beef-steak the highest? Ha, ha, his customsteak the highest? Ha, ha, his customers say, I suppoas you think we are going to say When the cow jumped over the moon, but we ain't going to say then the cow jumped over the moon, but we ain't going to say that, we are going to say Yesterday, his customers tell the Butcher. Ha, ha, says the butcher, wrong again, the anser is not Yesterday, but To-day. But after all, sed Pa, the gratest Mental Arithmetik is how to please your wife. Of course, Bobble, sed Pa, thare is a gaim you have nevver been against; but when you do, Pa sed, remember the words of yure old Dad, wich will perhaps be laid away in the cold & silent ground, when you have a wife, & when you think of yure Pa say to yureself Deer old Dad, he stood for Ma, angels cud do no moar.

It is sum figgering, sed Pa, to git a wife, but remember, Bobble, the only true Mental Arithmetik is whare you shake off the shackles wich bind you, wrap yure bachelor flat around you, & lie down to pleasant dreems.

BOBBIE, sed my teecher, what 60 you know about Sience, such as How round is the world. How high can a baloon go without dropping, how fast can a automobeel go without stopping.

etc.
Not much, I sed, but I will ask Pa, &

Sience, sed Pa, when I asked him, is what mails the world go around. It is what tells peepul whether they have the meesles or the mumps, sed Pa, & then they are wrong. It shows peepul how to pay thare rent & git thare creem off of the dumb waiter before sumbody steels it. It tells us how the stars swing around

there course & how the planets stick

In there course & how the planets stick close to the stars like a landlord hanging around for his rent, sed Pa.

There are many kinds of Sience, Pa sed. Thare is the Sience of Jockeys. How to beat the Barrier, and the Sience of Common peepul, How to beat the Butcher, etc. Also, sed Pa, thare is the Sience of being good, Pa sed. The Sience of being good, Pa sed. The Sience of being good, Pa sed of the two (2) kinds, gkely good & near good. The reely good kind is wonders, sed Pa, wich sings I Want to Be A Angel & maiks good.

The near good is moast of us, Pa sed, plugging along to do the best we can, setting our tripe & paying out all our munny. Once in a while, sed Pa, we stumbel & lite with our face in the asfalt, but moast of us meen to do rite, wich is the best we can do.

A other grate Sience, sed Pa, is riding in baloons, up above the stars. That is the grand life, Pa sed, far away from the stress of life. What is stress, I asked Pa. Being married, he sed, being married.

married, he sed, being man

Pa. Being married, he sed, being married.

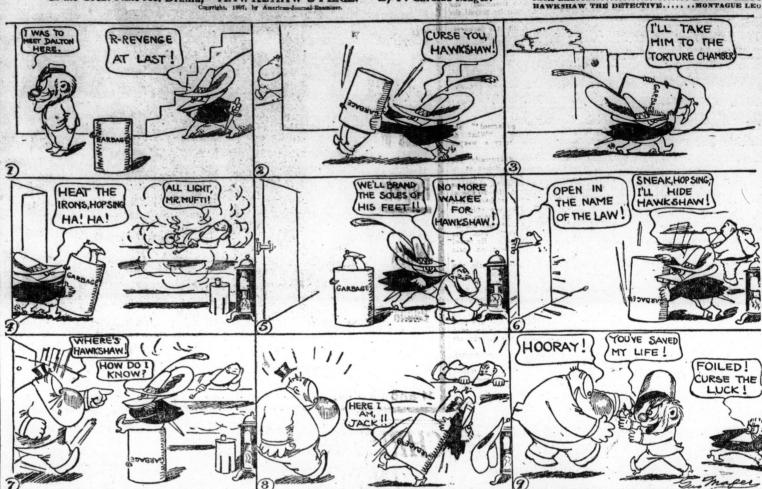
Sum of the grate Sientists I know is Robert Fulton, wich made the first steembote, Mister Edison & Missus Edy, the noablest Sientist of them all.

Mister Fulton made a boat go on the water by meens of steam, & Mister Edison made the lites to lite the botes, & Missus Eddy sed to all the peepul wich wul listen to her, Beleeve you are rideing on the waives & you will be thare like a duck.

I cud rite moar about Sience, but Art

After Burbank.

MUTTI THE MONK. In the Great Nine-Act Drama, "HAWKSHAW'S PERIL." By F. Carolus Mager.



### The Hallroom Boys Collect Cigar Bands.

But Unfortunately the Cigars Are Not What They Seem.









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#### Little Anecdotes of Great Men.

By WEX JONES.

HAT is that mottor"

The speaker was President
Roosevelt and the inscription
shout which he inquired was on a banner
of the Third Term League.

"Victory and Roosevelt," answered

"It seems to me."



Vice-President.
"Have them fall into an artificielly "Have them and warmed swimming pool."
"But then I might melt," quickly re-

Becretary Taft was bounding over frozen plains of Siberia, his infant Bo under his arms.

"A few more bloodhounds," he exclaim



and it would be a grand imitation of Eliza crossing the ice. And even the Russians smiled sym-

pathetically.

"Do you take much interest in the races at New Orleans?" August Belmont was asked by a friend.

The improver of the breed of horses.

"It's hard to take much interest in a game of poker unless you've got a hand in ," he replied.

And then he winked meaningly at his

Jack Astorvan was gazing dreamfly

Jack Astorvan was gazing dreamity neroes the tanbark.

"Which do you like?" asked a friend.

"Six cylinder," he replied.

The Bishop of London tells a delightful story of his visit to America.

It seems that an American exclaimed on seeing the Bishop: "Now, what dy'e know about that?"

The Bishop instantly began to exclaimed.

know about that?"

The Bishop instantly began to explain his appearance, when the stranger, laughing heartily, cried: "He's trying to awaver that question. Now, what d'ye know about that?"

"Most extraordinary," says the Bishop

"Most extraordinary," says the Bisbop in telling the ancedote, "to ask a question, and then, when I try to answer it, ask the same question about my reply."

Hitachiyama, the famous Japanese wrester who performed in the White House, was describing the difference between Japan and America.
"In my country," he said, we worship the Emperor; in this country we wrested him."

The Rev. William J. Long, the nature embellisher, has an extremely intelligent cat. Recently it was lost for several days, but was recovered through an "ad" it inserted in the "Found" column of a merning paper.

"Wonderful," said the cat's owner. "It beats the mouse that ran up a column of figures."

Forestalled.

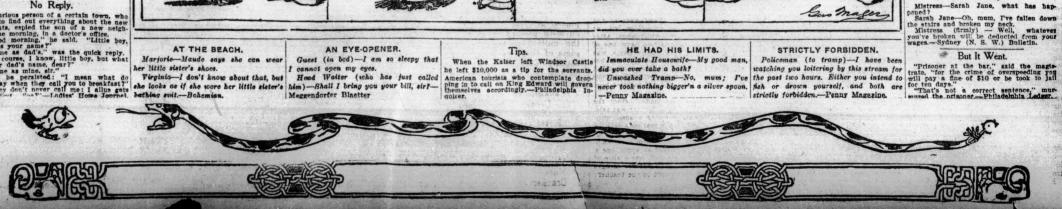
Young Kausas Poets. Herington the High School boys pad in their "nighties" in celebration of otball victory. Their "yell" is as fol-

Allicarco, garco garco
Marco, barco,
Harco, barco,
Harco, parco
Harco, riber
Dont niker
Sis, boom bab,
Herington High School,
Rah, rah, rah, rab.

Mixed, but Intelligible. quarryman was, charged with one of his mates, and when t carried into court, an eyewis occurrence gave some curious et tuk a pick an' he tuk a pic ess began. "an' he hit him wid his pick hit him wid his as hard as he his, he'd have near killed him, him."—Youth's Companion.

No Mercy.

Mistress—Sarah Jane, what has hap-pened?
Sarah Jane—Oh, mum, I've fallen down the stairs and broken my neck.
Mistress (firmly) — Well, whatever you've broken will be deducted from your wages.—Sydney (N. S. W.) Bulletin.



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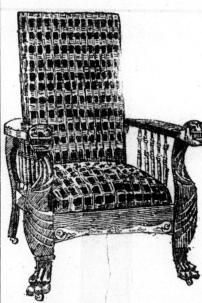
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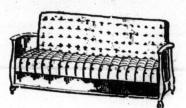
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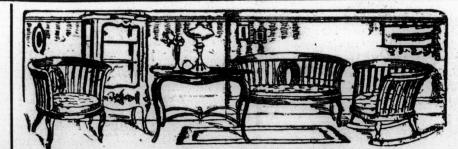






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### Terminal Station and General Offices Dominion Power & Transmission Co., Limited, Hamilton

The above cut is a splendid view of the New Terminal Station, belonging to the Dominion Power & Transmission Company and used by all its railway, light and power corporations. The station went into use on the 18th of November, since which time all the interurban cars to Burlington and Oakville, to Grimsby and Beamsville and to Dundas arrive at and depart from this station.

The Brantford & Hamilton cars will also be despatched from here as soon as this road is put into operation. The offices of the Cataract Company and Hamilton Electric Light & Power Company are also located in this building. ernment, the water which is used in generating the electric power is diverted from the Welland Canal at a point near DeCew Falls, and at Lake Erie level. This water is discharged into an immense forebay, from whence it is hurled through five steel penstocks, 695 feet in length, through turbine wheels located in power house below. These turbines are approximately twenty feet above the level of Lake Ontario, and the water having performed its work is returned to the canal at this level. . The water leaves the penstocks under a static head of 269 feet, or 120 feet greater than at Niagara Falls, and 42,000 horse-power is here generated, this quantity being subject to increase by simply adding to the penstocks. This is considered the most economical plant on this continent. From it a territory is supplied fifty-seven miles in length and from 15 to 20 miles in breadth, and within which lie the cities of Hamilton, St. Catharines and Brantford, and the towns of Beamsville, Thorold, Merritton, Grimsby, Oakville, Burlington, Dundas and Welland: The Department of Railways and Canals of the Canadian Government uses this power to light and operate the Welland Canal, all the cities and towns in the territory covered are lighted from this plant, and many of the largest industrial concerns in the Dominion are supplied with light and power, while the interurban and electric lines are operated with the power generated here. The results achieved by this company have been of the greatest value to manufacturers in this field, effecting as it has a reduction in power cost from steam of from fifty to sixty per cent., an increase in plant mechanical efficiency of from thirty-five to forty per cent., and a saving of from twenty-five to thirty per cent. in the investment that would be required for the installation of individual plants. The gentlemen identified with this great industry are prominent in the financial and commercial life of the Dominion, and enjoy the highest standing and influence. Hon. J. M. Gibson is the President of the Dominion Power & Transmission Company, whose head offices are in Hamilton. Mr. W. C. Hawkins is General Manager of Dominion Power & mission Company.

### **INCREASED OFFER \$500.**

Knox Church Will Pay Dr. Nelson \$3,500, If He Stays.

Lively Meeting of Congregation Took Place Last Night.

There Was Strong Opposition Made to the Majority's Stand.

There was a rather warm time at the special meeting of the congregation of Knox Church last night, called at the instance of the Moderator, Rev. Dr. Fletcher, who presided. The aged and respected minister presided with great tact, and only once did he have to call a halt on the speaker. The meeting, he announced, was called for the purpose of appointing commissioners from the congregation to wait on the Hamilton Presbytery this afternoon in regard to the resignation of Rev. Dr. Nelson. As soon as the meeting was formally opened, Mr. John Wright, of the Board of Managers, offered a resolution to the effect that there is at present \$1,366 to the credit of the building fund, and that there is sufficient funds on hand to meet current expenses, and that the mortgage on the church be reduced by \$1,000 forthwith. After the motion was duly seconded, Mr. Wm. Reid asked for information in regard to the arrange ment made with Rev. Dr. Nelson when he became minister of the church. asked if it was true, as stated in a news-paper, that Dr. Nelson had been promis-ed \$3,000 a year after his first year as pastor. If the statement was correct, then he thought part of this money should be used to settle with the ministhen he thought part of this money should be used to settle with the minister, to bring his salary up to the amount promised. None of the officials at the meeting answered the query, and after a long and somewhat painful silence, the chairman asked Mr. Reid if he was present at the time it was decided to extend the call, and, if so, what was his recollection of the stipend arrangement.

Mr. Reid said his memory was not clear as to what was decided on.

The chairman then stated that he was the moderator in the call extended to Dr. Nelson, and a salary of \$2,500 a year was stipulated.

The motion to pay \$1,000 off the church debt was then put and carried, and the chairman called for the nomination of six or eight commissioners to attend to-day's meeting.

This was a case of many were called, but few accepted. Mr. James Dixon was first nominated, but he said he would decline until the position of the congregation was defined.

The chairman said it was customary to first appoint commissioners, the instruct them. If Mr. Dixon was appoint

to first appoint commissioners, then in-struct them. If Mr. Dixon was appoint-ad and felt be could not conscientiously

carry out the instructions given, he could then resign. He declined to accept the nomination, however, as did also many other members present. Finally the following seven were unanimously chosen commissioners: Messrs. Geo. J. Guy, James McQuarrie, Wm. Reid. W. Robertson, James Anderson, W. E. Knap-

Robertson, James Anderson, W. E. Knapman and G. Groves.

Mr. E. W. Laing moved, seconded by
Mr. W. H. Childs, that the commissioners go before the Presbytery and urge
Dr. Nelson to remain, agreeing to increase his stipend to \$3,500. He produced a list of names of members of the
congregation who had promised to increase their givings to the church by
\$800. In view of this he thought the
meeting would be justified in increasing
the offer of \$3,000 decided on at the
last congregational meeting.

last congregational meeting.
Mr. W. H. McLaren said Dr. Nelson
had received an offer of \$4,000 and free had received an offer of \$4,000 and free manse in Minneapolis, and he did not think it right to ask the minister to make such a sacrifice to stay here. The difference in salary was too great. He also did not think it right for a small congregational meeting like last night's to undo what a large meeting had done. There were other things he could say, but he thought enough had been said.

Mr. Reid, in replying to Mr. McLaren, said he was sorry to see a member make insinuations. "Why did he not come out like a man and say what he thought, instead of intimating he could say more?" The Chairman ruled that kind of discussion out of order.

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Mr. James Dixon opposed the motion. It would convey to the ungodly the idea that Rev. Dr. Nelson was preaching the Gospel for mercenary reasons, not for the purpose of saving souls. If Dr. Nelson is convinced he can do more for the Master in Minneapolis, Knox Church should wish him God speed.

Mr. W. T. Evans did not agree with the last speaker. If Dr. Nelson leaves Knox Church will go to the minister of another church and offer him more money to come to Knox. That will be one of the reasons offered to him to make a change. He thought an increase offered to Dr. Nelson would show that gentleman that he was appreciated.

Mr. W. F. Brennen agreed with Mr. Evans. He would be sorry to see Mr. Nelson go if an additional \$500 would hold him.

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This ended the speech making, and the motion was put and carried by a large majority. About 15 persons, including several prominent workers in the church,

several prominent workers in the church, voted against it.

The meeting was then adjourned, but the members of the Session were requested to remain. A short meeting was held to discuss the plan of action for the Presbytery meeting this afternoon.

#### DEPOSED D. R. O. SUES.

Action Against London's Mayor and Council for Alleged Libel.

London, Dec. 17.—Frank Jones, for many years a D. R. O., will sue Mayor Judd for \$10,000 for defamation of character, and seven aldermen \$1,000 each.

Jones was in the London West poll during the famous Hyman and Gray election, and Conservatives insisted on his removal as a deputy returning officer in the municipal election.

44 Miles an Hour—A Record London, Dec. 17.—The torpedo destroyer Tartar to-day made a r mile, on the Maplin course, travellin the rate of 44 miles an hour.

### THE COST OF LEGISLATION

OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION FOR THE SENATE.

The Commons Items-Members Who Did Not Draw Any Pay Last Year-Advance Payments on Ross Rifle Contract-Time Extended.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.-Volume II. of the Auditor-General's report, tabled in the Commons to day, gives details of the ex-Commons to-day, gives details of the expenditure during the last fiscal period in the Departments of Legislation, Militia, Post Office, Justice and Marine. Under the head of Senate expenses the cost of the upper House to the public treasury is placed at \$269,075, of which \$201,120 is for indemnity and transportation. The House of Commons expenses aggreated \$769,195, the members getting a total of \$529,516. The cost of legislation all told was \$1,322,074. In the Commons two members, Messrs.

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E. B. Osler and Jos. E. Seagram, drew no indemnity for the last session, owing to absence from almost all the sittings of the House. Mr. Edmund Bristol, of Toronto, is down as being absent to the common of the commo tings of the House. Mr. Edmund bristol. of Toronto, is down as being absent on 47 days of the session, or on nearly half the total number of 95 working days on which the Commons sat. His sessional indemnity was \$2,020. Mr. A. E. Kemp was absent on 36 days, and drew \$2,185 indemnity. Mr. Claude Macdonnell was absent on 18 days, and drew \$2,355. Hon. G. E. Foster was absent less than 15 days and drew the full sessional indemnity of \$2,500. Mr. W. F. Maclean ton 27 days during the session. The report contains a long series of letters between the Auditor-General and the Militia Department, relating to the advance payments of 75 per cent. of the price to be paid for some 25,000 Ross rifles ordered by the Department. The Auditor-General refused in June last to authorize further advances to the company on this account, on the ground that the company had failed to deliver the rifles within the time stipulated in the contract. Finally, after an order in Council had been passed last August.

the contract. Finally, after an order in Council had been passed last August extending the time limit of the delivery of the rifles, the Auditor-General's embargo on further advances was raised. As the matter now stands, 15,000 rifles are to be delivered before January 1st, 1908, and 10,000 before June 1st, 1908.

#### YORK LOAN HEARINGS.

Scotia Claims Up in January-Effect of Recent Decision,

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Referee Kappele has fixed the following dates for the argu-ment of the York Loan claims, in which the ranking of certain shareholders is in

the ranking of certain snareholders is in dispute.
Advanced shares, Monday, 30th inst. Class C. certificate.
Sharse wholly paid up, Tuesday, 31st. The Nova Scotia claims, Friday Jan, 3.
The chances of the bluenose shareholders winning in their effort to rank not as shareholders, but as creditors of the company, never perhaps very bright.

have taken on a distinctly blue tinge since last Friday's Supreme Court decision, maintaining the general right of Provincial companies to do business in other Provinces. Moreover, this pretension seems in any event to have little beyond a rather slender technical foundation, as the company paid the Provincial fee (\$50), for the privilege of transacting local business in the Province; although apparently no certificate or license was actually issued. But the acceptance of the money involves the right, for which application had been properly unade and payment accepted. The dates mentioned are peremptory.

#### BELABORED BLAKITE Beaten in a Shocking Manner at Stone's

Kingston, Dec. 17.—A man named Blakite was beaten in a shocking manner by several men at Stones' Corners, 12 miles from this city, on Saturday night. It was claimed by his assailants that the man assaulted a girl in the neighborhood some time ago. His head 18 a mass of wounds, and his bedy is neighborhood some time ago. His head is a mass of wounds, and his body is badly bruised. He was left by his pun-ishers in an unconscious condition. The man came into the city to-day, and, being able to identify some of the beaters, wants the legal machinery put in motion against them.

#### WRITTEN AGREEMENT.

Japan Refuses the Request of Canada's Envoy.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—Mr. Lemieux will receive the assurance that Japan will limit emigration to British Columbia, but will not change the treaty. A memorandum to be given him includes the programme for the future, but it is not intended as a formal note. He has been informed by the Japanese Foreign Office that Canada will get exactly the same opicessions as have already been granted to the United States. He asked for a fritten imperstanding, but this was positively declined.

#### FLOUR TOO DEAR.

Mr. Preston's Deport on Development of Trade With Canada.

Trade With Canada.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.— Mr. W. T. R. Preston has reported to the Trade and Commerce Department from Japan on possibilities of trade between Canada and that country. Mr. Preston reiterates that the great drawback to the development of Canada's flour exports to Japan is that the price of Canadian flour is too high, and that it will take time to educate the Japanese to the use of a superior grade of flour, such as is produced from Canadian wheat.

#### ARREST TELEPHONE MANAGER.

Charged With Stealing Funds of Com pany at Wingham.

pany at Wingham.

Wingham, Dec. 17.—P. M. Tansley, local manager of the Bell Telephone Co., was arrested to-day charged with the embezzlement of about \$500 of the company's funds.

He has been here for six years, and worked up a good business and was highly thought of. The case will come up to-morrow morning, and in the meantime Tansley is out on \$500 bail.

From little things men go on to great.

### BUSY BURGLARS.

EXCHANGED IN A MONT-REAL FURNITURE STORE.

Three Men Who Were Robbing the Store Got Away- Mr. Gregoire, Restaurant Keeper, Follows other Gang That Robbed His Place and Secures Their Arrest.

Montreal, Dec. 17,-A battle in which revolvers figured on both sides took place last night between some residents of Mount Royal avenue and a gang of three thieves, whose description has been given to the police. At midnight Mr. Belisle, who lives on Mount Royal avenue, near Papineau avenue, saw three men in a furniture store kept by Mssrs. Gauthir & Lalonde, Mount Royal avenue. Thinking that something was wrong, Mr. Belisle went to Mr. Gauthier's residence, not far from there, and told him. The two, together with a friend of Mr. Gauthier, armed themselves with revolvers and proceeded to the store, but the visitors heard them toming, and decamped through a back yard. A dozen shots, were fired, but the thieves escaped. been given to the police.

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When Gilbert Gregoire, restaurant keeper on St. Lawrence street, opened his place early this morning he found money on the floor, and on investigation found that the till had been emptied. At the nearest cab stand he was told At the nearest cab stand he was told that three men had a few hours before taken a cab and driven up the street. From the description given at the cab stand Gregoire thought the three were men who had been in his saloon the night before with scarcely a cent.

He followed them, and in a hotel not far away, came upon Albert Lapointe, barber, 586 Sanguinet street, whom after a long chase he captured. Later Lapointe admitted he had stolen money in his possession. Emile Lapointe, a brother of Albert and Wm. Sanderson, printer

pointe admitted he had stolen money in his possession. Emile Lapointe, a brother of Albert, and Wm. Sanderson, printer, were also arrested, appeared before Judge Lafontaine to-day, pleaded not guilty to the charge of burglary, and were re-manded.

#### DEPORTING THE BULGARIANS.

The City of Toronto to be Relieved of Their Support.

Ottawa, Dec. 17 .- The Immigration Ottawa, Dec. 17.—The Immigration Department has arranged for the deportation of sixteen of the indigent Bulgarians now in Toronto. They will leave Halifax on Friday next. More will be deported as soon as steamship accommodation can be arranged and the municipality furnishes a further list of those it wants deported.

#### CONFIDENCE IN LAURIER.

Expressed by British Press in Commenting on Immigration Debate.

London, Dec. 17.—The British press tion question at Ottawa expresses the sincere belief that the Laurier Admin istration will arrange a satisfactory sol-ution. The Standard says: "We most cordially endorse Mr. Sloan's confidence that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is able to deal successfully with the situation, which demands the highest statesmanship and diplomacy." The Chronicle (Liberal)

also takes this view. The Morning Post remarks that Imperial obligation does not seem to be a valid defence for the Canadian Government. Why should Canada be debarred from adopting a pol-icy similar to Australia's?

#### icy similar to Australia's? COULD NOT OPEN SAFE,

Drillers Had to be Sent to Kingston From Toronto.

Kingston, Dec. 17.—The safe in the local branch of the Bank of Commerce could not be opened to-day. The clerk in charge had locked his combination figures in the cash box in the vault, and as he had forgotten to send a copy of the figures to the head office the staff was in a predicament. A couple of drillers arrived this morning from Toronto, having been telegraphed for last night, and were at work all day drilling out the face of the safe in order drilling out the face of the safe in order to effect an entrance

#### WANT PAULDING EXTRADITED.

Governor Hughes Issues Requisition for Man Arrested at Toronto.

N. Y., Dec. 17.—Governor as issued his requisition Albany, has requisition, Hughes through State Department Washington, for the return to Buffalo.
of Frederick K. Paulding, under arrest
in Toronto. Paulding is charged with
having taken \$550 from a hotel in Bufwhere he was employed as

#### Wants to Fire Them.

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Guelph, Dec. 17.—This sweeping resolution was moved at the City Council meeting by Alderman Simpson, of the special investigating committee with regard to city officials: "That this Council recommend that the City Clerk, the City Treasurer, the City Assessor, the City Relief Officer, the City Collector of Taxes and the City Engineer be asked to retire after the 31st day of March, and that their successors be appointed by by-law, to take effect on the 31st day of March next." After a wordy war the resolution was referred back. March next." After a wordy war resolution was referred back.

#### Toronto Conductor Arrested.

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Toronto, Dec. 17.—Inspector Duncan yesterday received notice of the arrest in Montreal of Pourier Peartree, who is wanted on a charge of going off with \$25 belonging to the Toronto. Street Railway Co., which he had in his possession as conductor while in the employ of the company. Peartree disappeared in October. Detective Twigg has been sent to Montreal for Peartree.

### Japan Will Retrench. Tokio, Dec. 17.—A programme of rerenchment was formally settled at the neeting of the Council of the Elder

Statesmen yesterday. The programme involves a reduction in the expenses of the army and navy for the next six years, whereby the Government will save \$200,000,000.

Woman Fell Dead to the Floor.
Peterboro, Dec. 17.—Just after remarking to some friends that she never felt better in her life, Mrs. Margaret Scriber suddenly fell on the kitchen floor last night and expired. She was fifty years of age and leaves a son and daughter. Heart failure was the cause of death.

#### HERKIMER BAPTIST

Anniversary Supper and Entertainment Last Night.

beld their anniversary supper last evening, and those who sat down to the bountifully laden tables did ample justice to the delicacies provided. The unique feature of the supper was that it was prepared and presided over by the men, who deserve great credit for the manner in which they carried out all the arrangements. After all had partaken of the good things a program was rendered, in the auditorium of the church, and was much enjoyed. It opened with an anthem by the choice chairmanie address another read at this stage, showed the amount received with the balance from last year to be \$1,826.15. The expeditures were \$1,942.30, leaving a balance of \$12.76, thus showing the church to be in good financial condition. Then followed violin colo. H. Boniface: address, Rev. A. L. Huddleston, pastor of Wentworth street Baptist church; solo, Mr. Hendershot. The missionary report showed the total receipts to be \$2.94 and expenditures \$22.01, leaving a balance of \$3 cents. After a solo by Mrs. Viman, the building committee's report was Yuman, the building committee stages and the past year's work. The report of the bible school showed the amount received to be \$447.50 and expenditures as \$40. The total attendance during the year was 10.674 and the average was 188. The held their anniversary supper last evening, amount received to be 147.80 and expenditures as \$40. The total attendance during the
year was 10,074 and the average was 198. The
closine part of the programme included a
duct by Messrs. Sandall and Vindall; address
by Rev. Mr. Brown, pastor of the Barton
street Baptist church; solo, Miss J. Holman.
The church clerk read a very encouraging
report. Rev. H. McDlarmid, the pastor,
thanked hose who had contributed selections
and helped to make the programme a succeasful one, after which a vote of thanks was
tendered to the men who had charge of the
sunder. In closing Rev. A. L. Huddleston
prohounced the benediction

#### BARTON NO. 1.

Following is the honor roll of School Section No. 1, Barton. Scholars enrolled for the rear 240.
Senior Fourth-Edith Herron, Ethel Preces, Will Corp.

Will Corp.
Junior Fourth-Katie McAnsh, Mary Long,
Art. Ellis, Perle Springer, Thos. Irvine.
Senior Third-Walter Nicholson. Evelyn
Belbeck, Ada Charters, Harry Smith, Albert
McDermot. Junior Third-Margaret Herron, Agnes Cooper, Max Long, Frank Shrive, Janie Al-len.

len.
Second—Emily Ellis, Marcha Stevenson,
Fred Poyton, Irane Green, Joseph Allen, Lil-ilan Callaghan, Florence Anderson, Flossy

Part Second-Cyril De Mara, Margaret Cur-oll, Eva Allen, Norman Irvine, Rhoda Marchall — Binche Ellis, Art. Fleweiling.
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Helen Gage, Lily Coope, Jack Nicholson.
Junior Part. — Wase Coope, Jack Nicholson.
Junior Part. — Wase Coope, Jack Helman.
First— Willie Waterbury, Ethel Corp. Willie
Precce, Edgar Bodden, Willie Jess.
Junior First—Mable McAuley, Alfred Callaghan, Willie Smith, Edith Clayton, Cefl
Stirling.
A. G. Riach, Principal.

Col. Robertson's Mother Dead.

Cornwall, Dec. 17.—At one o'clock this morning Mrs. Hugh Robertson, mother of Li-Col. D. M. Robertson, 45th Highlanders, To-ronto, and ex-Alderman Farguhar Robertson, Montreal, died at her home, North Branch, near Martintown, aged 54 years.

Loose Buoy Causes Wreck.

St. John, Dec. 17.—Captain Roberts, of the wrecked steamer Kildona, says: "I have sailed around the coast for twelve years, and I was looking for the gas buoy that was not there and ought to have been there. That's just what was wrong."



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### **FARM HANDS** AND DOMESTICS.

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Manufacturers' Association Brings Out Mechanics.

Ottawa, Dec. 17 .- The time of the House was largely occupied to-day by an attempt on the part of the Opposition to discredit the immigration pol-icy of the Government. The attack of the leader of the Opposition, which was made on the motion to go into supply, had the effect of drawing from the Minister of the Interior a complete answer to the criti-cisms made, and an elaborate and highly effective statement of the Govern-ment's immigration policy. He made it absolutely clear that the Government could not be held responsible for any influx of skilled labor, and classes from the crowded centres of Britain and Europe not fitted for agricultural or other like callings. The reasons for the activity of the immigration department during the past few years were clearly traced, including, of course, the efforts made to meet the demands for agricultural labor and domestic seragricultural labor and domestic servants. The Minister of the Interior emphasized the manner in which the Government, through its instructions to its own agents and to booking agencies, and in all possible ways, had put it beyond dispute that the policy was to apply the bonus system only to the class of incomers named. He scored a point against Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M. P., who, in 1905, according to a letter read by the Minister, had endorsed the proposition, which, in part, had as its object, as described by Mr. Oliver, the "emptying of the tenements of England into the cities of Ontario," but who was now fathering a resolution to cease assisting immigration other than who was now fathering a resolution to cease assisting immigration other than the agricultural and domestic classes, and to rigidly enforce the law allowing only the financially, morally and physically fit to enter the Dominion. This, Mr. Oliver pointed out, was the precise policy of the Government, and he congratulated Mr. Cockshutt on his conversion.

Version.

Before the orders of the day were called Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that the House should adjourn for the Christmas recess to-morrow, instead of on Thursday, as originally intended, and this was agreed to. The House will reassemble on January 8th.

North Atlantic Trading Company.

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On motion to go into Committee of Supply. Mr. Borden said he wished to call attention to an answer given by the Minister of the Interior to a question regarding the North Atlantic Trading Company. It had been stated that throughout his recent tour he had not discussed that and other scandals. "We did discuss these scandals," he declared, "and if the Prime Minister sees fit to make that tour in the west, which has been prophesied, I should be only to o happy to accompany him on that tour, and discuss the whole or any one of these scandals in any part of Canada." He wished to apologize to the persons who composed the North Atlantic Trading Company for underestimating their He wished to apologize to the persons who composed the North Atlantic Trading Company for underestimating their enterprise. He had been under the impression that these persons received \$300,000 of public money, but from an answer given by the Minister of the Interior it appeared that they had received \$367.245. Taking the figures from a return brought down last session, he found that from June 30, 1903, to June er Sentember, 1906, that company received \$204.585, and since that date they had received \$61.234, making a total of \$265.820. Their disbursements, on the other hand, had amounted from June, 1903, to the present time to \$84.428, showing a profit of \$181.591. He asked the Minister of the Interior to give some account of the system under which bonuses were being maid for immigrants at the present time. It was believed that, although the gentlemen composing the North Atlantic Trading Company had ceased to masquerade at the public expense to the extent the reserved from the composing the North Atlantic Trading Company had ceased to masquerade at the public expense to the extent that the present in the content of the content o Trading Company had ceased to mas-querade at the public expense to the ex-tent of \$00,000 a year, the very same concern was still receiving bonuses for immigration work. Was it true, he ask-ed, that the Government had issued in-structions to their agents to discourage immigration at the present time, and particularly the immigration of a cer-tain class? What was the Government's

immigration at the present time, and narticularly the immigration of a certain class? What was the Government's object in making a contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company?

Mr. Borden proceeded to state that he was daily receiving communications from people who had been brought out by persons professing to be immigration agonts, and he read a copy of a circular which had been sent to him by a man who was at present in Toronto out of work. In the circular Walter E. Lumsden of Shrewsbury, England, describing himself as licensed by the Board of Trade to issue first, second and third class passages for Canada, and other parts of the world, stated that he was in a position to find immediate employment as weavers for immigrants landing in Toronto at wages from \$17 to \$20. The circular further stated that Lumsden had been notified by the Grand Trunk Railway to procure weavers. Mr. Borden characterized the circular as the most remarkable he had ever seen, and thought it hehoved the Government to look into the matter. He did not believe the Grand Trunk had ever given any such direction as that stated. The man in Toronto who sent him the circular was brought out as a weaver, and was informed by the Grand Trunk that they knew nothing about the matter. The result was that he was without money, and was unable to get back to the old country, where he had left a good situation in order to come out to Canada on the strength of the representations of theat circular.

Mr. Oliver informed the leader of the

May Be Manufacturers' Association,
Mr. Oliver informed the leader of the Opposition that the individual responsible for the circular was not an agent of the Government, so far as they were aware. He rather fancied, from the nature of the advertisement that he was an agent of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, with which the Government had had some correspondence. The Government had been urged by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to us eits agents in the old country for the purpose of inducing artisans and tradespeople, such as weavers, to come out and take employment in its establishments in Canada. To these demands the Government had always and digest it easily. May Be Manufacturers' Association.

absolutely demurred. They had refused to act as an employment agency for any institution in Canada, except agricultural and rawway construction interests, and those requiring domestic servants. Ime instructions of the Government to their agents in Great British were specific on that subject, and if the gentleman referred to had had dealings with the Government in the past as an immigration agent, the knowledge that he had assued such a circular would preclude him from ever doing business with the Government again. One of the agents of the Manufacturers' Association had solicited recognition from the Government, on the ground that though it was his business in London to send out artisans and competitors with the laboring classes in Canada, he was able to send out agricultural immigrants as well and people suitable for lailway labor and domestic service. The Government had refused to have any business relations with him. His name was sometimes Louis Leopold and sometimes Leopold Lazarus.

Replying to the criticism of the North Atlantic Trading Company contract, Mr. Oliver recalled that the last Corpervative Government were prepared to pay \$10 per head for immigrants. There was a certain amount of Immigration going on from continental Europe, but it had no connection with the North Atlantic Trading Company. With regard to Great Britain, the Government had pursued a successful campaign during the past year or two. To-day they found that perhaps their efforts had been too successful, as instead of diminishing at this time of the year, the stream of immigration was continuing. Accordingly, they had notified steamship companies and Government agents that the market for labor at present was overstocked, and instructed them to advise people not to come until the spring.

Salvation Army Methods.

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Mr. Blain asked whether the Government had any special arrangements with the Salvation Army.

Mr. Oliver explained that the Salvation Army differed from other agencies in respect that they not only solicited immigrants, but distributed them and cared for them on arrival. The Government accordingly assisted in paying the ment accordingly assisted in paying the rental of the army immigration offices in England, took advertising space in the Army papers, and made a small grant to aid the work of distribution, otherwise the Salvation Army stood on exactly the corner footbarry.

grant to aid the work of distribution, otherwise the Salvation Army stood on exactly the same footing as any other agency in the old country.

London Employment Bureau.

Letters from the Malleable Iron Company, Oshawa; the Dominion Textile Company, Montreal; the Meaford Board of Trade; resolutions of County Councils, and a whole series of resolutions from the Canadian Manufacturers' Asociation, including one passed a few weeks ago, all urging the need of the Government aiding not only the immigration of farm labor and domestics, but of skilled mechanics, were read by Mr. Oliver. A letter from the manufacturers, which was also read, gave the information that they had opened an employment bureau in London to procure skilled help, and that in May last two hundred persons had been shipped to Canada through this agency, and orders were on hand for five hundred more. Mr. Oliver, however, emphasized the point that the Government's policy of assisting only agricultural and domestic immigration had been steadfastly maintained, reading in this connection the instructions to Government agents and to booking agents, which were so clear as to make misunderstanding impossible. The Government agents and to booking agents, which were so clear as to make misunderstanding impossible. The Government agents and to booking agents, which were so clear as to make misunderstanding impossible. The Government agents and to booking agents, which were so clear as to make misunderstanding impossible. The Government agents and to booking agents, which were so clear as to make misunderstanding impossible. The Government were not, therefore, to blame for mechanics and others not within the assisted classes flocking into Canada. Many charitable organizations, with whose ideas, however laudable, the Government could not always see eye to eye, had sent numbers of people to Canada from among the unfortunate classes, whereas the Government's aim was to get the best from the old country, and for that purpose the bonuses were paid.

What the Returns

What the Retuns Show.

The immigration returns for the past year showed the success of the Government's policy. The total for the period was 273,099; of these 217,150 came from across the ocean. 131,337 being from Great Britain—(cheers)—85,813 from the continent, and 55,859 from the United States. The Government had no means of knowing how many of the 131,337 represented the work of charitable institutions, but they did know that those organizations made claims for bonuses on 5,167 persons. The Government only paid, however, on 3,347. They rejected, therefore, claims on nearly 2,000, which he fancied was a much larger number than would account for the total so-called congestion in Canada to-day.

No Bonuses Until Spring.

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Reverting to the fact that the Government had notified the booking agents that until the spring immigrants should not be encouraged to come, unless they had employment in view or sufficient money to provide against privation, he stated that unless these requirements were fulfilled the bonuses would not be paid. Mr. Oliver claimed that the Government's immigration policy had been endorsed even by the Conservative press, from which he quoted articles and editorials emphasizing the unlimited opportunities afforded to immigrants, and commenting favorably on the class which was being attracted.

commenting involved on the class which was being attracted.

"All the Government ask," said the Minister of the Interior, "is that they be judged on their immigration policy as it is, and not as it is misrepresented to be." (Liberal cheers.)

Misrepresentations Complained Of.

Mr. Verville complained of the mis-representations on the part of the Cana-dian Manufacturers' Association through their agent, Leopold, in inducing skilled mechanics to come from England to

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inquired exhaustively into the salaries of all the departments, was preparing a report. The Government expected it would report in favor of increased salaries, not only in the Inland Revenue Department, but in regard to the salaries of all underpaid servants of the Government, those getting, say, under \$1,000 a year. If the commission did not report in favor of improving the condition of these officials, he would be in favor of asking the House to consent to a proposition to increase their salaries. One new official had been appointed to the inland revenue branch at Montreal to-day.

The House adjourned at 11.25.

TWO MEN KILLED.

A RAIL WAS REMOVED AND TRAIN

Accident Caused by the Neglect of Section Gang-Warning Signals Not Put Out-Men Thought Train Had

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 17 .- The emoval of a rail in a rock cut by the section gang, and neglect to put out the customary danger signals, resulted in

Unionville, Dec. 17.—A robbery at the store of Messrs. Padgett & Hays, hardware dealers here, is under investigation by the authorities of York County. Burglars obtained articles to the value of \$1.500 cm. Burglars obtained articles to the value of \$1,500, and consisting of razors, knives, spectacles and tools, while the inmates of the apartments above the store remained undisturbed. The burglars got in by cutting a hole in the window of the front door and left with about a wagon load of booty. The robbery is one of the most extensive ever perpetrated in this section.

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The schoolhouse was also entered the same night, but nothing was taken, the thieves apparently breaking in just to warm themselves by the furnace in the basement. An inspection of the basement after the robbery showed the thieves sat beside the fire and smoked their pipes.

Messrs. Padgett & Hays, the store-keepers, followed tracks in the snow for some miles, but as yet there is no clue to the whereabouts of the thieves or the property.

FIRE ON THE VIGILANT.

Danger of an Explosion on Government Cruiser.

Cruiser.

Windsor, Dec. 17.—The presence of mind of several sailors on the Government cruiser Vigilant, laid up here, prevented what might have been a serious explosion on Monday. An engineer had placed a kettle of grease on the galley stove to thaw it out, and it boiled over and was ignited. In a short time the galley was a mass of flames. The fire ate its way through the partition to the room in which a score of powder cases were stored, and the members of the crew turned their attention to the powder, some of which was thrown overboard, and some carried to the deck to safety. The fire did about \$100 damage.

Canada.

On the estimates for the Excise Department, Mr. Templeman stated that while returning home from work, drop-the Civil Service Commission, which had ped dead on the street.

### Dr. Hamilton Gives Useful Prescription for Back-Ache.

My remedy goes right to the spot.
It gives quick results because it removes the conditions that make your back ache and drag.
Bearing down pains, backache and draggy limbs are all caused by kidney trouble.

Color comes to the cheeks, because circulation improves with new blood tone.

Every organ is strengthened, including the nerves, because there is sufficient nutriment in the blood.

You can't imagine the enormous gain in health and spirits from Dr. Hamilton's Pills; you must use them to know how great is their power to restore and rebuild any person run down through defective kidney or liver action.

Dr. Hamilton's guarantee goes with every box of his Mandrake and Butternut Pills.

### Wedding Cakes **Christmas Cakes** Birthday Cakes and Plum Puddings

Thristmas (freeting

LL our own make and intended for people who must have the best. We spare nothing to attain perfection.

Our CHOCOLATES and CREAM BON BONS combine the greatest of purity and freshness, rarely equalled and never excelled. Handsome boxes and baskets filled with the daintiest and richest of confections.

JAMES CRAWFORD, Confectioner

34 King Street West

Marguerite Oe Roberval.

(The \$100 Prize Poem.)

Historical Note.—When the Sieur de Roberval, appointed Vicercy of Canada by Francis I.. sailed for his new possessions, he cook with him his niece, the lovely and high-spirited Marguerite de Roberval. A Cavalier of Picardy, who loved her, but was too poor to ask her hand in marriage, joined the company as a volunteer, but on the vorse out the affection of the young couple of the company as a volunteer, but on the vorse of that he devised a terrible punishment. Near Newfoundland was a solitary island, called that he devised a terrible punishment. Near Newfoundland was a solitary island, called the list of Demons, because of the strange wallings of the wind over the rocks, and here Marguerite was abandoned. Her lover, however, succeeded in escaping his guards and swan to shore. They, built such shelter as they could, and this is the first European family home of which we know in Canada. After some years Marguerich to France, but not until both husband and child were dead. The following poem contains her story, told by herself, upon her arrival in France:—

O, the long days and nights! The days that

brig.

No sunshine that my shrinking soul can bear, The nights that southe not. All the airs of France.

Soft and sun-steeped, that once were breath of life.

Now stir no magic in me. I could weep—
Yet can I never weep—of see the land
That is my land no snore! For where the soul.

Doth dwell and the heart linger, there Alone can be the native land, and I have left Behind me one small spot of barren earth That is my hold on heav'n!

You hid me tell
My story? That were hard. I have no art,
And all my words have long been lost amid
The greater sliences. The birds—they knew
My grief, nor did I feel the need of speech
To make my wee articulate to the wind!
If my tale halts, know 'tis the want of
words
And not the want of truth.

Yee, yet at first it seemed not long. We watched The watched The ehips recede, nor vexed them with a prayer. Was not his arm about me? Did he not Stoon low to whisper in my tingling ear? The little Demon-island was our world. So all the world was ours—no brighter sphere That swung into our kon in purple heaven Was half so fair a world! We were content Was he not mine? And I (he whispered this) The only woman on love's continent! How can I tell my story? Would you care To hear of those first days? I cannot speak Of them—they lie asleep so soft within My heart a word would wake them. I'd not speak.

what fove could keep him warm? Beside my couch Pale famine knet, with outstretched, greedy hand.
To snatch my treasure from me. Ah, I knew
I knew what fear was then?

ved bravely, as a man must fight who E'en from the first—tae unequas surhe wanter prove Too long, the fear too keen! It wore his etrength. And in his eyes there grew the look of one Who grapples time, and will not let it go, Yet feels it slipping, slipping—

Ah, my dear!
I sa# you die, and could not help or save-Knowing myself to be the awful care That weighed thee to thy grave!

The world held two one so frail and small, and one made Now-one so frail and small, and one made strong.

By fove and weak by fear. That little life! It trembled in my arms like some small flame

of candle in a steakthy draught that blows

And blows again—one never knows from whence. whence, Yet feareth always—till at last, at last A darkness falls! So came the dark to me-And it was night indeed!

Beside my love
I Jaid my lonely babe. And all fear fied;
For where loy is there only can fear be.
They fear not who have nothing left to fear!
So! That is all my tale. I lived, I live.
And shall live on, no doubt. The changeful sky is blue in France, and I am young-think you I am still young! Though joy has come and passed. And I am gazing after with dull eyes!

One day there came a sail. It drew snear And found me on my island, all alone— That island that had once held all the Than orde—

Christmas eve, as a tall, dignified looking gentleman was walking leisurely along one of the bystreets of London, his attention was attracted to a little boy who was looking in at a shop window in which were displayed

and, anasned at being observed, ceased insperformance.

"Tho you think you could play as well upon that violin, if you had it, as you can sing, in the property of the property." It don't know, sir, but I would like to try, "the boy replied.

"Come with me," said the gentleman, and together they went into the shop, "How much for the violin in the window?" he asked of the shopkeeper.

"Five pounds."

"Two much by half," said the gentleman." Show me something cheaper."

After being shown live or six other violins, which he rejected after merely glancing at which he rejected after merely glancing at shopkeeper handed out a dingy, antiquated-looking violin, with the remark. "Here's an old fiddle that I got of a sallor. It needs fixing up a bit, but you can have it just as it is for £1 lbs." The gentleman scrutinized it closely, inside and out, remarked that it was very much out of repair, but said that he would give just £1 for it, which the shopkeeper, after some heetstation, accepted, and the money was puid him.

"Ut on a cring in place of this broken of the property of th

The Barnardo Homes.

The death of Dr. Barnardo has not been permitted, thus far, to interrupt the benevolent and reformatory work accomplished by the system of "Homes" which he established. At a meeting held in London the other day, Lord Strathcona said that he was pretty weil acquainted with the work done in out-Strathcona said that he was pretty well acquainted with the work done in outlying parts of the empire, more especially in Canada. During the past year there were received into the institution 2,091 children, and of that number 1,174 emigrated to Canada. For several years past from 1,000 to 1,200 children had annually been sent from the homes to Canada, and, although they were drawn from that class of the population in which there was a great deal of crime, practically the entire number had done well. Many of them had been adopted by respectable Canadian families. Of 18,000 sent out since 1882 it might be said that from 90 per cent. to 95 per cent. had done fairly well, and at least 60 per cent. had done really well, many of them being among the most respectable classes throughout the Dominion. He trusted that means would be forthcoming to continue the good work with-Every organ is strengthened, including the nerves, because there is sufficient nutriment in the blood.
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The aged and the young—women or men—if sick, rundown and miserable—health and vigor awsit you in Dr. Hamilton's Pills; they mean new life. 25- per box or five boxes for \$1.00. Sold severywhere in yellow boxes.

The guerdon of the b ter age, Trusted that means would be forthcoming to continue the good work with our diminution. Mrs. Barnardo said that the homes now contained about 18,000 inmates, and, in addition to a large number of babies, who in many cases, had been rescued from drunken and prompt the sea, and present they included 10 not inhuman parents, they included

The Wild Wind waited outside the door
For the little Kanadian Boy.
With a whirling, whistling, wuthering roar
And a whoop or wicked joy,
He cried, "I will catch ucat lad at last!
I will toes him out on the ley blast:
I will divey him up into little shares
For all my daugnters, the wandering airs:
A scrap for the South and a rag for the West,
But most for the Łasi, for I love her the
best—
She it whurry and wicked, and whoops with
else.

As she sings in a voice that resembles me. The little Kanadian Boy he wore

ho!

I've got you, my boy, at length!"
But the little boy laughed, "That's only blow.

I'm anxious to try your strength.
I'll run you a race and beat you hollow."
He did, and the Wild Wind had to follow.
"Come on, and we'll fight, if you want to try it!"
They fought and they fought till the Wind grew quict.
Then he said, "De friends and we'll play together;

gether;
I really like you, old Winter Weather,
And you needn't think that bluster and
noise noise
Can frighten little Kanadian Boys.

—Isabel Yeomans Brown, in The Christmas
Globe, Toronto.

But nothing passes the door all day,
Though my watching eyes grow worn and
dim.
Save a lean, grey wolf that swings away
To the far horizon rim.

Love will ride with him my heart to bless

The Christmas Star.

Not to the busy dwellers of the town, Filled with their dreams of state And pleasure, early, late, Nor to the mighty ones of far renown— The self-sufficient great;

But to the simple shepherds of the plain Who watched their flocks by night,

Not to the busy throng upon life's street With restless, eager gaze Threading the crowded ways— Whose gainful souls and pleasure-loving fe Pause not for prayer or praise;

But to the watchers on the hills of peace
Who, silent, look afar—
Whose hearts las temples are
Filled with the glory of a great release,
Shines forth the Christmas star.
—Helena Coleman, in The Christmas Globe
Toronto.

The Coming Day.

Give to it, seasons four,
The treasures of your way.
The best you have of all your hoard
To make a Christmas Day.

Save for it, winter brave, Cool judgment of the snow Which charitably covers all In whiteness here below.

Store for it, summer fair,
The warmth for hearts of men
To fuse the countless broken links
In brotherhood again. Reap for it, autumn rich,
The sign of toil's release,
The garnered gold of harvesting,
The mellowness of peace.

Pluck for it, laughing spring,
All promises of earth,
The guerdon of the better age,
The Mystery of Birth.
—McLandburgh Wilson, in The New
York Sun.

### Specials Diamond Rings

We have a tremendous stock of Diamond Rings. We are ofter-ing extra special inducements to

Diamond Rings \$10.00 to \$500.00

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disposal and you are assured whether you purchase or not.

Headquarters for Fountain Pens. Our Prices range from \$1 to \$8.

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Ebony Sets, in leather cases, \$2 to \$8. Ladies' and Gents' Um-

brellas, from \$3 to \$10, swell Walking Canes, fine line, from 75c to \$5. Gold and Gold Filled Necklets from 80c to \$16. Gold and Gold Filled

Lockets from \$1 to \$8. Scarfs Pins from 25e to Silver Thimbles from 50c to \$2. These are not like

paper, but made to wear.

Cuff Links from 40c to \$7 These are only a few lines from our immense stock. We believe we can suit you it you will but call, and you know our reputation for square dealing.

F. Claringbowl Jeweler and Optician 22 MacNab Street North

### The Watch House **Wedding Gifts** and Cut Glass

Go hand in hand. With our complete stock of Cut Glass we can show you almost any-thing in both ornaments as well as table ware.

Klein & Binkley 35 James Street North

Issuers of Marriage Licenses

It is expected that Captain Colin C. Harbottle, the defaulting Secretary of the Toronto Club, will be arrested and brought back to Toronto.

The Grand Trunk Railway will apply for leave to appeal against the two-cent fare order to the Privy Council.

Announcement

HIS store will remain open on Thursday and Saturday evenings of this week until 10 o'clock.





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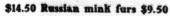
### ts for everyone: prices to suit

BETWEEN 8.30 and 11.30 o'clock, that's the best time to shop. It will pay you to put aside all other affairs and come direct to the Right House to-morrow morning with your Christmas gift list. You will save worry, time and money. If you shop in the morning you get all the comfort, all the pleasure, the best service and the best choice. You miss all the crowding and the inconvenience of shopping with the afternoon throngs. Commence to-morrow morning and commence here at The Right House.



### Lovely rich furs: ideal gifts Select yours now and save

WHAT could be nicer for an Xmas gift than a lovely Fur set of Persian Lamb, Natural or Blue Lynx, Real Mink and other handsome kinds that we show in great variety. Furs are rich, practical gifts that any woman would appreciate.



Stoles and Throw Scarfs, in the newest, rich style effects. Stoles are in the new Parisian designs and effectively trimmed at back and ends with heads and tails and feet. The Throw Scarf is double furred throughout, divided at the ends and finished with heads, tails and paws, full furred, rich qualities, regular \$14.50 value, Christmas sale price \$9.50.

#### \$7.00 "butterfly bows" at \$3.95

The season's newest novelty style, extra selected, full furred Russian Mink, finished with head, tails and paws, a very smart, becoming style, value \$7.00, Christmas sale price \$3.95.

#### Ostrich boas for Xmas: a sale

\$11.50, regular value \$15.00 \$15.00, regular value \$19.50

Black, Grey and White Ostrich Boas, in 72 and 84 inch lengths, nice, fine fibre and very full; large at neck, with tapering ends, very stylish and effective, a beautiful Christmas gift, and a chance to save.

### Dainty sancy Xmas gist goods

HUNDREDS of people are finding the what-to-give question an easy one after they have visited the east aisle and seen the magnificent displays of Leather Goods, Art Plated Ware, Combs, Fans, Belts, Jewelry, Brushes, etc., Here are mere kints of the showing. A visit will be necessary to fully realize the charm and beauty of the display.

Beautiful Paris combs for Xmas

Exquisite Fancy Combs and Hair Ornaments direct from the Parisian makers. Some are handsomely mounted and inset with brilliants. All are exclusive, beautiful styles. Novelty new Back Combs and sets of three pieces for Christmas gifts, 35, 50, 65, 75c, \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$8.50.

**Exquisite French fans for Xmas** 

Pretty styles in hand painted designs in pastel shades on white grounds. Carved ivorine frames. Many have lace edges. Regular \$1.50 value. Christmas sale price only \$1.00 each. Other pretty te elaborate creations at \$1.25 to \$14.00. Handsome toilet sets

Leather and Novelty Cases, beauti-

ful new art designs in silver and ebony with silver mountings. Many are Toilets and Manicures combined, \$1.75 to \$19 each. New Xmas belts Silk and Kid Belts, in black and colors. Newest Paris and New York styles, including the new Dresden effects. Handsome buckles and trimmings, 25, 50, 75c, \$1 to \$4.50 each.

#### Novelty jewelry direct from Paris

Exquisité new designs in Brooches, Necklaces, Jewel Hairpins, Buckles, Blouse Sets, Stick Pins, Beauty Pins, etc. Included are many dainty pieces from Candian and American manufacturing jewelers. Beautiful and novel new styles at 25, 50, 75c; \$1.00, \$1.50

#### Dupont's real ebony brushes

French made real ebeny Brushes, imported direct for Christmas gift giving. Military Brushes, Hair Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Hat Brushes and Nail Brushes, 50, 75c, \$1. \$1.50, \$2 to \$2.50 each.

Hand bags and purses

Newest styles for Christmas gift giving. Seal, Morocco, walrus, alligator and many other leathers. Novel new shapes. Many are nicely mounted, 50, 75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$4 to \$8.50 each.

#### Manicure sets

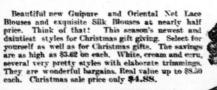
Leather and Novelty Cases: pretty art designs and superior qualities. A very practical, useful gift, \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3 to \$6.75 each.

### \$8.50 Xmas blouses at \$4.80

Each will be put up in a dainty gift box free

GREAT day in the Blouse Department to-morrow. One of A the best Xmas offerings we have ever made will be ready for you. Briefly we tell the details—but only an actual sight of these Blouses will give you a real notion of their charm and remarkable value.

Save \$3.62 on each blouse



#### Xmas fascinators and shawls

Can be put up in a pretty gift box if desired. They are dainty, useful gifts, that any woman or girl will appreciate. Silk and silk and woo Fascinators, in pretty, new styles, direct from Berlin, Germany. Plain cream and cream and combinations of evening shades. These are practical, dainty gifts, that any woman or girl would appreciate. \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 up to \$3.00 each, and remarkable values. An immense assortment for selection.



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### Fancy Xmas hosiery: boxed

A BEAUTIFUL showing of pretty silk embroidered English Cashmere Stockings for Xmas gifts. Knitted of pure fine wools, in nice winter weights and good qualities. Effective silk embroidered dots and small designs in white, red or light blue. Each pair in a dainty box ready for gift giving. 65c, 75c, 85c and \$1.10.



#### New Paris veils In a pretty box free

Pretty Separate Veils, direct from aris, novel new styles with effec-ive lace border all around. New shades of champagne, brown, saxe blue, navy, cream, and black, spec-ial Xmas prices, \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.65, up to \$2.65 each

New French veilings

All the newest novelties in a wide ange of plain and fancy meshes, lack, white and the new popular nades, veilings are very popular for mas, per yard 25, 35, 50, to

Great values in Xmas gloves

SEEMS as though everyone is coming to The Right House

for their Xmas Gloves. Never in our history have we had such a great demand. Our Xmas assortments are still complete. We have secured more of the great special values that have caused such a stir in the past week. These will go on sale again to-morrow. We urge selecting in the mornings.

### Gift umbrellas

For women

SUCH a beautiful assertment as even we have never shown before. Values that cannot be matched outside this store. Beautiful handle styles, fine good-wearing tops, of silk and silk and wool; best frames and rods; silk dust covers. An Umbrella will be a practical

gift. \$3.00, real value \$4.00 \$3.50, real value \$4.50 \$4.50, real value \$6.00 \$5.00, real value \$7.00

For men The Men's Umbrellas will be found The Men's Umbrellas will be found at the Furnishing Department, on the main floor. Hundreds to select from, all specially bought for Christmas gift giving, straight and round crook handles, with silver mountings and name plate, best covers, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5 to \$8.50.

All Umbrellas at \$3.00 or over will

All Umbrellas at \$3.00 or over will be boxed free.



T HE daintiest sorts, the prettiest sorts, the best qualities, the largest assortments and the greatest values are awaiting your selection here. We gathered them of the best manufacturers and collectors of Europe. Every customer who has seen them votes them the best we have ever shown. But

see them for yourself to-morrow. Lace Edged Handkerchiefs in dainty styles, 20, 25c to \$1.75. Initial Linen Handkerchiefs, various styles, 15, 20, 25 to

Embroidered Linen Handkerchiefs in great variety of designs,
15, 20, 25 up to 50e each.
Boxed Handkerchiefs 19e up.
All Handkerchiefs at 25c or over will be boxed free.

The balance of the special purchase of Jap Silk Handkerchiefs for men, nen and children will go on sale again to-morrow. Plain and initials; wide and narrow hems.

9c, real value 15c

17c, real value 25c 23c, real value 35c

Swiss Muslin Embroidered Hand-kerchiefs, 10, 14, 20, 25 to

Cluny Laces. Prices range from .32c up to \$18.50. 50c. Novelty Handkerchiefs in lace, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.75, \$3.50 to \$18.00.

Ribbons for Xmas Novelty Handkerchiefs in imita Beautiful Dresden and Holly Rib-bons, for Christmas fancy work, and Dresden, Taffeta, Duchess and Moire Baby Ribbons for the tying up of tion real lace, \$1.15 up to \$5 each.

Dresden Ribbons, 35c to \$2.75. Holly Ribbons, 5 to 65c. Baby Ribbons, 2 to 10c.

A gift for the home

FOR table or drawing room

lies, Centres, Trays, Carvers, 5

o'Clock Teas, Shams, Runners, Scarfs and Dinner Wagon Cov

ers, in Irish or Japanese Hand-

drawn and embroidered work

and exquisite lace edged and in-

serted pieces in real Bruge, Princess, Point Venise and

#### Fancy Xmas linens Women's dressing gowns

NOTHING could be more practical or more appropriate and containing propriate, and certainly nothing would be more appreciated than one of these handsome, warm Dressing Gowns. Made of quilted silks, adornment what could be nicer than a beautiful bit of Fancy Linen. Here are D'Oyeiderdowns and molleton cloths. and pretty designs in a fine assortment for Xmas selections. \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5 to \$14.50 each.

Heatherbloom underskirts

Looks like a silk, feels like a ilk, wears better than a silk. Good firm qualities that are guaranteed not to loose their rustle. Made with deep flource and plaited and shirred; dust ruffle, black, brown, navy and green, a fine Xmas gift at \$3 cach.

#### Moirette underskirts \$1.35

Less than half price for this lot of good English Morrette Underskirts in grey, green, garnet and helio, made with deep flounce and Tucked and shirred; dust ruffle, an exceptionally good Xmas buying chance, worth up to \$3 each. Xmas sale price, while they last only \$1.39.



### Xmas dress goods

WHAT could be more appropriate than a nice Costume Length of rich French Broadcloth? At \$1.50 we show a beautiful sating finished quality of pure allwool weave and weight; navy, Copenhagen, champagne, fawn, grey, brown, reseda, purple, helio, old rose and black. A grand value at \$1.50. 54 inches

#### Crisp black voiles

Crisp, rich, dust-shedding finlah; heavy or fine mesh; good wide widths; very popular for dress, suit or skirt wear. A length would make a handsome gift, 58c, real value 75c, 63c, real value 85c.

#### Fancy Xmas silks \$1.25 blouse silks 69c FOR Xmas Gift Blouses.

May be put up in a fancy box if desired. Beautiful new Dresden effects and checks in firm, good taffeta and Louisine weaves. A great variety of dainty light to rich darker colorings in exquisite new patterns. This splendid chance to secure high class French Silks for Xmas gifts should be taken advantage of at once. presents the chance to se cure a saving of nearly half. Already the demand is enormous. Select yours to morrow morning, while the assortment is still complete. It is the greatest silk bargain of the season.

We urge selecting in the mornings.

\$3.25 LONG KID GLOVES AT \$2.79

—Real kid and very superior elastic quality; 16-button length; brown and tan shades; perfect in fit and style.

LONG KID GLOVES AT \$2.25

Black and tan; full elbow length; nice, soft, fine quality. Sizes 5½ to 6½.

Very special value.

WRIST LENGTH KID GLOVES, \$1—
Black and wanted colors in nice, de-

Black and wanted colors in nice de-pendable qualities. Compare with \$1.25 lines elsewhere.

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35c ELBOW LENGTH BLACK CASHMERE GLOVES, 25c—Very nice fine quality in winter weight; full elbow length. A wonderful baggain.

LINED GLOVES—Fleece, wool and fur linings. Warm, good styles in kid and Mocha; \$1 up to \$4.75 the pair.

Lined Kid Mitts, \$1 up to \$2. Woollen Gloves. 25, 50, 60, to 75c. Children's fur-trimmed and fleece-lined Gloves and Mitts, 85c, \$1.00 to \$1.50.

### Xmas furnishings for the men

THOMAS 'C. WATKINS. -

Gifts for "Him" that will be appreciated

CHOOSE here. You will find just the things he will like and appreciate—just the things he is wishing for. Values are the best we have ever offered. Select to-morrow and share in these savings.

#### Men's dressing gowns and bath robes

English and American tailored in medium to heavy 40, 42 and 46.

\$3.69, were \$7.00. \$7.88, were \$12.50. \$5.88, were \$00. \$9.88, were \$15.00.

TURKISH BATH ROBES—Nice stripe designs; fin-ished with hood and girdle. Regular \$3.75 quality, re-duced to \$3.19. Other Bath Robes at \$5.00 to \$7.50 each.

7.50 each. \$10.50 to \$15 Lined Gloves, \$1, \$1.50 to \$4.75. Unlined Gloves, \$1, \$1.25 to \$4.75. Unlined Gloves, \$1, \$1.25 to \$2. Neckwear, 35, 50, 75c and \$1. Shirts at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Suspenders, 25, 50, 75c \$1.00 up. Half Hose, 25, 50, 75c, \$1 to \$1.50. Umbrellas, 95c, \$1.25, \$2, to \$8.50. Handkerchiefs, 10, 18, 25c to \$1.75. Suit Cases, \$3.25, \$5.50 to \$12. Travelling Bags, \$3.25, to \$14.50. Underwear, 50, 75c, \$1 up to \$3.



American tailored house coats

House and Smoking Coats, smart New York styles. A great variety of nobby materials. Trimmings of reverse side. A most acceptable gift. The very best values at \$6.50, \$7.50, \$8.50, up to \$12.50.

London made dressing gowns



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is impossible to get anything that is more ef-IT is impossible to get anything that is more effective or adds a smarter touch to the costume than a dainty long Scarf. They are a most appreciable Xmas gift. We are showing a grand lot of beautiful Spanish Lace Scarfs, Fancy French Chiffon Scarfs, Oriental Net Lace Scarfs, Hand Appliqued Brussels Scarfs and Dresden and Stripe Crepe de Chine Scarfs—fashionable sorts put up in pretty gift boxes for the asking. \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$3.50, \$3, \$4, \$5 to \$10 each.

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morrow morning for best selec-tion. A handsome coat would be a practical Christmas gift.

Smartly tailored new winter styles.

Beautiful opera cloaks reduced Handsome creations in broadcloth, champagne, fawn, grey, sky, cardinal and pale green. Some have beautiful Thibet collars. Many are elaborately trimmed. Beautiful Christmas gifts.



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\$2.95, reduced from \$4.50, \$3.95, reduced from \$6.00, \$4.95, reduced from \$7.50, \$7.50, reduced from \$10, \$10.00, reduced from \$14.

\$16.50, reduced from \$20. \$17.50, reduced from \$22. \$21.50, reduced from \$27. \$27.50, reduced from \$35.

### Westward Across Canada

frontage, and rejoiced over his bar-gain. This year the same town lot was sold for \$1,350 per foot frontage, and last week \$1,900 per foot front-age was offered and refused for the These transactions

see was offered and refused for the adjoining lot. These transactions form no part of any boom. There is so sign of a land boom in Winnipeg. The would-be buyer must search for sellers. The enhancement of from liftere to five hundred per cent, is not in the least fictitious. In fact, owing to the dearness of moneyin the West, it lags somewhat behind the real development of Winnipeg, which has almost trebled its populace during this century. Its assessment of real property for this year approaches one hundred million dollars, and shows an increase of about a quarter of that can upontiast year's assessment. The Mannipeg bank clearings four 1900 were one hundred and six millions egd of dollars. In 1906 they totalled \$504,585,000. Postal receipts show a similar rate of increase and inland revenue collections have risen in five years from balf a million to \$1,150,198.

For the population of Winnieg was 215. Four years later it was ine times that number. Two years it was under \$0.000. To-day it is

ago it was under \$80,000. To-day it is \$15,000.

Figures usually make dull reading, bit growth such as that of Winnipeg dinands whole volumes of any legatine form of description. As a grain centre, Winnipeg has only one main centre, Winnipeg has only one main centre, Winnipeg has only one main centre, which at present beats winnipeg. But at the present rate of Ganadian development, another five years will see Winnipeg an easy first among the grain centres of the world. The present capacity of tits grain elevators is nearly fifty-two million busbels, and apart from the grain clevators, there is by way of tributary to Winnipeg a flour-milling capacity of 35,000 barrels a day.

Winnipeg is the capital of Manitoba, and in many senses of the world it is the capital of the emire Canadian West. And be it noted that Winnipeg has achieved this astonishing development while as yet no more than five per cent, of the surveyed land of the Canadian West is under cultivation of any sort. Given another ten years of agricultural development of the land, even at last year's rate of increase, and we have the picture of a Winnipeg beside which the spacious city of to-day is but a little town.

At ten o'clock last night I stood on the roof of a great newspaper office in Winnipeg and surveyed the great prairie city by moonlight through an atmosphere which reminded one of North Africa by reason of its pellucid clarity. As I locked down upon the

atmosphere which reminded one of North Africa by reason of its pellucid clarity. As I looked down upon the broad thoroughfares, with their electric cars, and laughing, strolling crowds of men and women, some one beside me called my attention to a prettily dressed, bright-faced young woman who was pausing at that moment in the full glare of an electric are light. She might have been the daughter of Winnipeg's first citizen, for all the clue her appearance gave one of her station. Her sweet, fair for all the clue her appearance gave one of her station. Her sweet, fair face lit up just then, as she was join-ed by, a well-dressed young man. Then moving with happy confidence and ease, the two strolled to the street corner, and boarded an electric

street corner, and boarded an electric car.

"That's the man she's engaged to marry," said my guide. "Two years and a half ago I saw her land in Myannipeg in sheepskins. She could not speak a word of English, and altogether seemed on about the same rung of the ladder of human development as a good-natured cow. She was a Galician peasant and could not write her own name. She gave me my bill at the cash desk of one of our biggest stores yesterday, and I give you my word her English is as good as yours or mine. She began here as some sort of domestác servant, learning hard all the time. Then she was a waitress in a restaurant; then some sort of a nurse, still learning hard all the time. Now she's a cashier in that big store, and engaged to the accountant. But the thing of it is she's a real Canadian to-day, and the first son she has may be Prime Minister of the Dominion, or he might die fighting for our flag. Yes, sir; Galicia doesn't cut much ice with her now. And mind you, that's no exceptional case. That's what's going on right here, and all the time. I guess that's Winnipeg."

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And, as a fact, that is a good deal of the spirit of Winnipeg. As the emporium of the golden west, it is a great forcing house, in which good Canadians, good citizens of the British empire, are being manufactured just as fast as this great country can absorb them. And that is a good deal faster than anyone who has not personally inquired into the conditions here could believe. The thing is a very great tribute to the people and to the Government of Canada. An even more notable kribute, perhaps, lies in the readiness with which the United States citizens who migrate to this country become citizens of it. I

Travelling westward across Canada, the visitor from England feels that he world when he slips out of the Canadian Pacific Railway's transcontine intal express at Winnipeg. He sees, the begin with, a station and an hotel, has been explained by the standards of Linropean capitals. And themahe learns that these time features of a city had be existence a couple of year-slago. In a journey from Australia, made some fourteen years ago, the present writer remembers obtaining a cup of coffee, with some difficulty, while the frain he travelled in waited by the standard with the fain he travelled in waited by the standard with the fain he travelled in waited by the fain he travelled

full elucidation.

Winnipeg lacks nothing in the matter of the social aimenties. That its hotels, clube, banks and places of business are handsome buildings goes without saying. Two points may with advantage be mentioned. The streets are in many cases beautifully kept boulevards. The turnishing and fittings of the clubs, hotels, and the better private houses are not only remarkably good. but are tings of the clubs, hotels, and the better private houses are not only remarkably good, but are also noteworthy when judged by artistic standards. In this respect Winnipeg does not suffer by comparison with old-world centres. It is a wonderful city, and the men who have made it have shown that they possess imagination as well as ability; imagination which enables them to act with a view to the great future which lies before the gate of the golden west.

#### RODENT ULCER

#### Can be Cured by Exposure to Radium Bromide.

New York, Dec. 17.-Writing to a London paper, which recently pub blished an article saying that the hopes the doctors entertained when radium was first discovered had re-ceived no measure of fulfilment apart from some action on skin diseases, Sir William Ramsay is quoted in a London special to the Times, as say-ing.

Indian special to the Times, as saying:

"I must ask you to give publicity to the fact that the rodent ulcer, a terrible disease which chiefly attacks the face, can be cured with certainty by exposure for a few months at intervals to rays emitting radium bromide."

Authorities of Middlesex Hospital, London, who are pursuing investigations as to cancer, are extremely well satisfied. The Times' cable says that with the results obtained by radium in the treatment of this disease. They do not claim it is a specific in all cases, but say the percentages of successful treatments is notable.

#### THE LAW OF DECLARATION.

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The work of Mr. John King, K. C., recently published by the Carswell Co., of Toronto, on The Law of Defamation in Canada, is of special interest to the newspaper press, as well as to the general public. It is a treatise of 936 pages on the principles of the common law and the statutes of the Canadian provinces concerning libel and slander as civil wrongs, with the articles of the criminal code of Canada concerning libel as an indictable offence. It has the merit of being the only Canadian book on the subject, and it is one which is very much needed. The publishers say in their circular, as is pretty generally known, that "the author of this work is an expert in these branches of the law. In a review of the work, "The Canadian Law Times," a very competent critic, remarks: "If the material were merely thrown together in haphazard style, the book would be a useful one. But Mr. King has done his work well—the arrangement is thoroughly scientific and the indexing excellent. The typo-

—the arrangement is thoroughly scienti-fic and the indexing excellent. The typo-graphy and general appearance also are attractive. We predict for the book the success with the legal public which its excellence deserves."

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The layman, whether a journalist or not, who examines the book with any degree of care, will readily endorse what the Law Times and other reviewers say in its praise. The author has shown most painstaking care and research in the collection and classification of the varied material on the subject, while his commentary on the statuory law peculiar to Canada is a lucid exposition of the matters to which it relates. Indeed the book as a whole is an ably written exposition of the law—its reported cases, English and Canadian, including the very latest, as well as those in the author's experience which are unreported, together with the precedure and other indental matter relating to defamation. The present work, which deals with the law of slander and libel in civil cases, and to a certain extent with the civininal law of likely has been well. the law of slander and libel in civil cases, and to a certain extent with the criminal law of libel, has been well described as "a valuable addition to the juristic literature of Canada, and a great credit to its learned author.

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'Cause I have had the measles and A risin' in my ear.

An' Santy, if you'll be so good,
Bring toys enough for two,
'Cause' I am twins, 'dear Santy Claus,
An' less 'an 'at won't do.
But den't bring more 'an one alike,
Fer we kin swap, you see—
An' mark 'em "Silly"—I will 'vide
Ez fair ez fair kin be.
—S. M. Talbot, in The Reader.

#### S'TONEY CREEK

The following pupils of Red Hill Sch ave made 50 per cent. or more of the have made 50 per cent. December examinations:

Fourth class—Evelyn Arnold, Albert Woodman, Rhede Elliott, Gordon Street. Senior third—Willie O'Brien, Violet Elliott, Ella Nugent, James Scott, Norman Spera.

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Second—Clara Ling, Lucy Lang, Glenn Reinke, Willie Dixon, George Nugent, Agnes Arnold, Reggy Elliott, Alfred Fagan.
S. Nash and wife spent Sunday in Bartinville.
Geo. Meade, wife and family are spending a few weeks at Jubilee Hall.
J. Walker, sen., who has been very ill, is improving nicely.
The Church of England has its Christmas enjertainment on Wednesday even.

mas editerainment on Wednesday even-ing, and the Methodist Church on Friday evening on the Town Hall. Another skating party has chartered a car for the Grimsby rink on Thursday

The recent snowstorm has made excellent sleighing.
Normal College students will be ob-serving in several school of this vicinity this week.

#### CASTORVILLE.

..... The Sunday school entertainment will be given in the Methodist Church on the evening of Dec. 27. The programme will be given by home talent. All are work-ing hard to make it a success. The choir is going to Abingdon in the near future to help at the Baptist enter-tainment.

The snow that fell on Saturday has made the roads better, and things seem

Mr. Herb. Roy does not appear to be

#### BINBROOK

The ground in this locality is covered with the beautiful, and all are enjoying he swiftness of the steeds over the

snow.

Santa Claus has been around early this season, as he left a fine buby girl at Mr. Emerson Johnson's recently.

There was a large crowd at the Methodist tea meeting on Monday evening last. All were well entertained.

Mr. Amos Clough lost a valuable Shorthorn heifer last week.

Rev. Mr. Howard and wife, of Ottawa, who have been visiting at the home of

who have been visiting at the home of his uncle, Mr. Judson Barlow, have re

A number of people are visiting friends and relatives in this vicinity.

The Binbrook Township Council met on Monday last to wind up the business

A Checker Club is to be organized on the evening of Dec. 19.

#### Shep, the Counting Collie. BY. K. E. H.

When Santa Claus swings into Washington boulevard, near Garfield Park, on this Christmas eve, and, under an electric light, runs down his list, written on a ngat, runs down his list, written on a tablet of snow crust with the fine point of an icicle, one name he will miss, Shep, the collie dog owned from little puppyhood till the day of his death by John M. Whitman, vice-president of the Chicago & Northwestern Railway, for, during all the eleven years of his life, Shep and Santa Claus were friends. The good old saint never forgot the dog with the snowy breast—a breast for all the world like a splendid ostrich plume—nor did Shep ever overlook the popping out of the stars on Christmas eve.

No little child, eager eyed for a glimpse of the jovial saint, ever watched at the window for his coming, or gazed more longingly down snow swept streets, than this dog. But while baby eyes at last grew heavy, and the lids drooped low, Shep never ceased his vigil the long night through.

See Santa Claus? Of course he did. Only last Christmas Mr. Whitman asked him if, in the stillness of the night, the old men with the red coat. all trimmed. ablet of snow crust with the fine

Only last Christmas Mr. Whitman asked him if, in the stillness of the night, the hold man with the red coat, all trimmed with white fur, had tapped a greeting on the pane; and at the question Shep's soft eyes leaped, he shook his breast plume, and wagged his tail, and barked "Yes" plainer than a dog ever barked "Yes" before.

For Shep, you see, was that kind of dog. Such a collie he was as Robert Louis Stevenson would have loved, if we may discover the lentle Scotchman's attitude toward decent citizens of the canine world from that illuminating dog essay in the volume, "Memorles and Poressay in

essay in the volume, "Memories and Pot traits."

essay in the volume, "Memorles and Portraits."

Shep was a son of Bozzie, and Bozzie, you must know, was one of the most remarkable dogs recorded in dog history. Little boys often seem to repeat the characteristic traits of their mothers, so why should not little boy dogs inherit from their mothers? Shep did.

There are grown men and women in Chicago who remember Bozzie—how she would visit the schoolrooms and perform those astonishing feats that later, became part of her son's accomplishments. Call it telepathy, call it a more than usually subtle instinct, call it conclusive proof of Buddhistic doctrine—or what wou will (it really doesn't make any difference), the fact remains that the genius of this super specimen of the Scotch collie—a breed famed for years in the legends of the Highlands—passed all human comprehension. Indeed, so ex-

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The North American Indians of the western coset have a tradition that roses were created without thorns, says the Circle. So tall and fair they grew that all creatures were attracted by their beauty and grace. Animals that browse upon grass and green herbage soon discoveed the tender sweetness of the roses' abundant foliage, and then every rose tree hadding its flowers aloft but attracted attention and drew destruction to itself. Every part of the earth had been given its glory of roses, but in every

traordinary were the feats performed by Shep that it is perhaps to course the charge of overenthusiasm (to say the least) that one records them.

From early puppyhood Shep possessed a sense of numbers, and at the time of life death on Nov. 29 the solution of simple sums in addition were almost "too easy" for him. Mr. Whitanan—whose deep affection for his dog friend is understood readily by those Chicagoans who knew the man and who knew Shep—would, ask in an ordinary conversational tone:

"How many chairs are there over at that end of the room, Shep?"

Shep would stand rigid in the middle of the floor, his snowy breast outpuffed, and let his soft eyes travel from one to another. Then suddenly he would wheel about, eatch his master's eye, and with unerring accuracy bark the number.

"Now go out in the hall and tell me how many there are there," Mr. Whitman would say. Off Shep would trot to return after a moment and bark the number. It was not that the dog knew from experience, for articles were moved about, their number increased or diminished, simply to make the task the harder.

Legend of the Rose.

place there were animals which sought the bushes to devour them, and the tribes of roses were in danger of becoming extinct. In their extremity they they council all the bushes to devour them, and the tribes of roses were in danger of becoming extinct. In their extremity they her like a council; for in that far-away animals, had power to speak. To the council all the roses came, and each had a tale to tell of suffering and disaster, at left to tell of suffering and adisater, at left to tell of suffering and adisaster, at left to tell of

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Until recently science had not been

Until recently science had not been able to add much to that list. Nor was it able to improve materially the list of principal remedies given by Burton, and principal remedies given by Burton, and including these items: prayer, medicine, rectification of diet, good air, travel, exercise, and "mirth and merry com-

of the first indications that a seventh cause of melancholy might be found, although not discovered by Galen, Jean Fernel, Crato or any other ancient au-thority quoted by Burton, is given by Dr. Christian Wilhelm Hufeland, a Ger-Dr. Christian Wilhelm Hufeland, a German physician, who more than a hundred years ago wrote a treatise on the art of prolonging life, calling it "Makrobiotik." He says in his book that one of the best remedies for a hypochondriac tendency is to rub the abdomen for fifteen minutes with the palm of the hand or a woolen rag.

ten minutes with the palm of the hand or a woolen rag.

It is now nearly twenty years since Dr. J. H. Kellogg, of Battle Creek, Mich., found himself puzzled by the failure of his remedies to work a complete cure in the cases of certain neurasthenic patients. It took him a couple of years to discover the cause and to prove it. Then the remedy was self-evident.

Thus it happened that when some years ago a professor in one of the eastern universities went to Dr. Kellogg with a complaint that he was growing old at the age of 35 and that probably his diet was responsible for this premature senility Dr. Kellog rejoined:

"Something else than diet is the matter with you—look at that waistcoat of yours!"

as of the cure was explained by Dr. Kel-legg at the time. He explained it to many members of his own profession too. But owing to the belief that no man could possibly be at once a Seventh Day Adventist—which Dr. Kellogg is—and a good physician his discovery was ignored mostly.

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About a year ago Dr. Abrams, of San Francisco, happened in the course of his investigations upon the same truth which had become evident to Dr. Kellogg earlier, and he published a book called "The Blues," in which he set forth the direct connection between a too sombre outlook on life, or an unwarrantedly fatigued brain, and congestion of the blood in the portal vein. And now science has taken notice, so that the prevalence of the blue color in this world may in the near future cease.

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The portal vein combines into one vessel several smaller ones coming from the stomach, the pancreas and he gall bladder, and carries the combined flow of blood into the liver. It has been called the largest vein in the body, and its capacity is said to be sufficient when strained to hold at once practically every drop of blood contained in the system.

Cases are on record of persons who have bled to death although not a drop of blood appeared outside the body. Autopsy proved that the blood had been drained into the portal vein and held there. This vein is also remarkable because in structure and many characteristics it has as much in common with the arteries as with veins clearly recognized as such.

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The professor, taken unawares, looked guiltily downward, although sure that nothing was to be seen there that could be termed a bay window. Instead he saw a number of creases and folds running crosswise over the front of the lower part of the waistcoat.

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The flow to and from that vein is regulated by a nerve which orders its contact of distention. It is the assertion of Dr. Kellogg and Dr. Abrams that a constant maintenance of a cramped on position, whether in standing or siting, leads to the weakening of that northing was to be seen there that could be termed a bay window. Instead he saw a number of creases and folds running crosswise over the front of the lower part of the waistcoat.

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not only are the brain and other outlying parts of the body deprived of their proper share of the life giving fluid, but the action of the liver becomes ham-

proper share of the life giving fluid, but the action of the liver becomes hampered.

Ahybody who has had occasion to vary some mental pursuit with bodily exercise at a juncture when his powers seemed to be waning must have noticed the revival not only of energy but.

The explanation is simple—whatever motions he had gone through, partit darly if he had, to go out into the open air, started the circulation anew and brought a fresh supply of blood to the brain, which was all that organ wanted.

Believers in this theory point out that neurasthenics invariably show round backs and fronts curving inward. The German and French hunorous papers, which delight in caricaturing decadent types, never fail to picture them in positions having more in common with the circle than with the stracht line. It is also easily understood that any secentary occupation may produce this particular sort of laxness, and with it those dreaded blues.

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and is not drawn too tight.

All exercises tending to strengthen the abdominal muscles will also bring the abdominal muscles will also bring the regulator of the portal vein back to its duty. One good plan is to take a cannon ball covered with leather or cloth and roll it around on the abdomen, care being taken to roll it from right to left and not the other way.

An equally simple and easily available mode of exercise is to lie down on the floor face downward, with a hassock or small, hard pillow under one's stomach. Among outdoor exercises there is, of course, none better for this kind of trouble than rowing.

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Among the main factors influencing the abdominal region in an evil way must be mentioned the type of chair now commonly made and used. Its straight back and seat parallel with the floor practicaly force the sitter into unwholesome postures. It is a choice between bending over forward or reclining on the small of one's back, with the stomach folded up into the corner formed by the back and seat of the chair.

If an attempt is made to sit up in the position the body ought to have, the back below the shoulders is left without support and fatigue ensues quickly, and the fatigue again causes the customary collapsing forward. It is, therefore, a natural and wholesome instinct, which makes every man throw himself back on his chair, with his feet up on a table or a mantelpiece, the moment he has a chance for rest.

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One of the means suggested to meet this trouble is to manufacture chairs with backs modelled to fit the outward, backward curve of the human body. On one of these chairs one may be completely and luxuriously at rest while maitaining an erectness that would have pleased one of those grandmothers of a bygone generation who used to make their granddaughters sit on the edge of a chair, with school books balanced on their heads, in order to train them to carry their bodies in a polite way.

### ALL WILL BE SENTENCED BY THE JUDGE TO-MORROW.

#### Campbell Guilty on Another Count But Hildreth and Young Were More Lucky.

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place on New York city as a terminal may be approximated when persons con-sider that the New York Central and Pennsylvania systems are spending about mprove their present facilities New York city would never

New York city would never have existed as a metropolis without the waters around Manhattan Island, yet to facilitate travel over these waters, there has been spent and planned to be spent in bridges \$201,009,000.

There are about 13,000 women living in hotels in New York city who are entirely relieved of all the cares and responsibilities of housekeeping and families and have their attention principally occupied with food, dress and amusement.

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New York city is now a rival to London in its stock of antique. No matter how great the sales, the numerous shops are able to keep up a full and increasing is supply of what appear to be indestructible goods and chattels.

New York people have no reason for smiling at persons from the Provinces because they show ignorance of matters metropolitan, for they are less ignorant of the metropolis than the average urban born and bred person is of what the country far out of sight of Manhattan means to the nation and what its people are doing.

Few person realize the push cart business that is done on Manhattan island. Last Friday in a walk of forty minutes within a block of the terminal of the Williamsburg Bridge were seen 587 of these portable stores in charge of as many peripatetic merchants.

The Government of New York city will spend more than twice as much in the coming year as the Government of

fore the civil war.

New York city, with all of its public buildings, has to provide for the payment of \$755,85.96 in rents next year.

New York's oldest dealer in musical instruments says that there are more vicilins in the city bearing the name "Antonius Stradivarius" than the great Cremona fiddle maker ever had in his little

planning for about twelve thousand new homes to be erected for their use in Westchester County, next year.

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It was a revelation to a New York inventor who went to nine shops of mechanics last week and couldn't find one workman able to make a simple addition to a machine without a model for a pattern. Finally, in desperation, he paid a mechanic \$\$ for the use of his tools for a hour and in fifty minutes had made what he wanted.

There are about 18,400 lame children in New York city.
An observer and traveller, who has stopped in all of the large cities of the world, says that New York shopkeepers are ac anxious to make immediate sales that they fail to make the permanent customers that they might if they were more careful of the reputation that their methods created.

Travel on New York city railways is now near its maximum and the various roads are carrying about 28,000 passengers each hour.

"You are a misance and should be put off the sidewalk," said a man to a ticket appeculator who accosted him in front of a Broadway theatre. "My business is just as legitimate as yours. What is your business:" was the response. "Burglary."

Tens of thousands of dollars that came

rushing out of the banks a fortnight or more ago and went ahiding in safe deposit vaults, have got over their fright and are quietly sneaking from their profitless hiding places and going back to the banks or into investments.

From estimates made last Sunday morning there were then in the 587 churches of Manhattan and the Bronx 210,000 persons, 58,000 of whom were men and 152,000 women.

The Empire of Japan runs its Government, aside from interest on its war debt, for a little more than two-thirds the cost of running the municipal Government of the city of New York.

There is now being carried out in New York city new engineering works whose total cost is about \$600,000,000. This is more than three times as much as the Panama Canal will cost.

#### TEDDY BEAR NIGHT.

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A large crowd attended Britannia Roller Rink again last night, the evening session being called Teddy Bear Night. The management gave each young lady carrying a teddy bear admittance free, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in skating to the music supplied by the Professor Lomas' Band, and watching the many forms of cherished teddies in the assemblage, over 150 couples taking part in the grand march, which has become very popular. The rink's orchestra has a special number of new selections which it is playing this week. On Friday evening next the special 2-mile city championships for the gold and silver medals will take place, and many of the fast skaters of the city are preparing for this event.

K. O. T. M.

The annual election of officers of Cora Eves Hive No. 341, L. O. T. M., was held last evening. The officers were all elect-ed by acclamation, and are as follows: Lady Commander, C. Chappel. Lieut. Commander, S. Taylor.

Finance and Recording Secretary, W. . Stewart.
Chaplain, R. Osborne.
Physician, Dr. James Baugh.
Sergeant, H. Watson.
Mistress-at-Arms, M. Linke.
Sentinel, P. Hamburg.
Picket, C. Small.

answer is that in its natural home there it is able to turn over itself.

The horseshoe crab has a long, stiff spikelike tail, which is joined to its body with an attachment that works like a hinge. In the sea when a horseshoe gets turned over on its back it digs the point of its tail into the sand or mud on the bottom, and with that to hold by it raisies the tail end of its body up off the bottom, and with that to hold by it raisies the tail end of its body up off the bottom. In that more advantageous position, and with the tail helping some as a lever, the horseshoe is able to turn itself over. In an Aquarium pool, which is lined with porcelain tiles so taht it can be kept clean, the horseshoe crab can't do this because here it can't find the sand or mud to stick its tail into to get a brace. Occasionally a horseshoe that has been overturned will, by chance, get the tip of its tail into the angle formed by the floor and the wall of the pave, and so, with something to hold over; but generally the big overturned horse shoes lie on their backs in the poll until they are righted.

The righting up of the horseshoes always interests the people standing around the pool, among whom there are likely to be some who view it with a more serious pleasure. A woman said yesterday to an attendant who had just turned over two big horseshoe crabs:

"I am glad to see that you treat them with kindress."

SCIENCE BRIEFS.

About Everything.

One of the most wonderful under was constructed at the latter end of the was constructed at the latter end of the eighteenth century by the Dukes of Bridgewater, is now being used for the conveyance of waste water from the Earl of Ellesmer's collieries at Walk-den, near Manchester. This unique canal; which is entirely underground, with its arms and junctions covers over 40 miles.

The wreck record of the Baltic Sea is greater than that of any other part of the world. The average is one a day throughout the year.

Ink for rubber stamps is made of ani-line dye mixed with glycarine. The dyes, can be obtained at druggists' shops.

When the herring fishing season is at its height something like 5,000 miles of nets are set nightly in the North Sea. A light of one candle power is plainly visible at one mile, and a light of three candle-power at two miles.

The shoes worn by mountaineers when climbing the Alps have steel soles, with eight points projecting.

The Berlin police are about to adopt color photography for the identification of criminals.

The banana and potato are almost dentical in chemical composition. Grapes are still trodden with the bare-feet in many of the vineyards of Spain and Italy.

A square foot of a Persian rug means

Western Texas is proud of Mrs. Anney western Texas is proud of Mrs. Anney one of Mrs. Mrs. Petty, woman promoter, and the telephone queen of the southwest; She is president of the Southern Index pendent Telephone & Telegraph Company and president and general mangaer of the Brett Construction, Telephone & Telegraph Company. These companies, repaired by her without a dollar of capie, and the start with.



"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" Coming.

Henry Willard Dead.

Hadyn's Oratorio.

The oratorio of the "Creation" which has ever been ranked among the finest productions of its celebrated author, was

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the drill hall to-morrow night is aid of
the Mountain Sanitarium.

Canned Music.

Between the Acts.

Motion pictures appropriate to the Christmas season are being shown at the Unique Theatre this week. They are of the famous Passion Play, and are drawing large crowds. The pictures are very clear. Two singers add interest to the programme.

sale on Monday,

The Partello Stock Co. presented the sensational drama "The Way of the West," at the Grand last night before a large audience. The performance was a very creditable one and seemed to give a great deal of pleasure, judging from the applause. Miss Alice Kennedy, the leading lady of the company, made favorable impression in the role of he heroine.

As Jack Potts, the gambler, James Sheehan, the Hamilton actor, displayed his histrionic ability to good advantage The other members of the large company acquitted themselves creditably.

Interesting specialties were given be-tween the acts. The bill to-night will be "Under Two Flags." The company will hold the boards at the Grand all

#### At the Savov.

Good sketches of the quality of the one in which Nick Long and Idalene one in which Nick Long and Idalene Coton are seen at the Savoy Theatre this week can always be relied upon to get the business, for there is nothing that a vaudeville audience appreciates more than entertainment of this class. It is not exaggerating to say that nothing more pleasing in that line has been presented at the Savoy than the sketch Mr. Long and his partner are featured in and there is ample proof of this in the hit that these clever performers



FLORENCE MOORE, e sketch team of Montgomery and Moore, at Bennett's Theatre.

have made. Miss Long gives a remarkably elever impersonation of four widely varied characters, but aside from this phase of it the sketch has real merit and holds attention right to the finish. "The Jungle Babes," Greene a ndWerner, are one of the best liked numbers on the bill. Mr. Greene has no peers as an interpreter of "coon" songs and his selected numbers go extremely well. The pair work fast and smoothly, the novelty and picturesque dressing of the act doing the rest. Marguerite and Hanley do a wenderful hand balancing act, Stine and Evans have a bright little sketch that gets the laughs, John Le Clair is one of the best juggters in the business and gives a performance that never fails to suit all tastes. Frank Bowman, a magician, adds a good dash of comedy to his offering and Gilday and Fex, Hebrew comedians, is smother well-liked number. The show played to good business armin bet right, but sinch the proportion of the proportion of the proportion of the proportion of the performance that never fails to suit all tastes. Frank Bowman a magician, adds a good dash of comedy to his offering and Gilday and Fex, Hebrew comedians, is smother well-liked number. The show played to good business armin heat play the properties are properties. made. Miss Long gives a remark-elever impersonation of four widesmother well-liked number. The show played to good business again last night, a large and fashionable audnence filling the house. Mayor Stewart and the house. Mayor Stewart and several of the aldermen occupied boxes.

Miss Smaill's Recital.

The recital given by Miss Edith Margaret Smaill, of Montreal, in St. John's Presbyterian Church was largely attended last evening, and the audience was thoroughly satisfied with the excellence of the programme presented by Miss Smaill and the talent that assisted her. Miss Smaill is a reader of recognized ability, especially when dealing with the ability, especially when dealing with the habitant as depicted by Dr. Drummond. She has an easy and graceful manner, a pleasant speaking voice, and her descriptions of the famous poems were indeed a rare treat. Mr. C. R. McCullough acted as chairman, and made a few remarks. Mr. George Richmond and Mrs. Thomas Christie sang in a pleasing way. The recital was under the auspices of the Young Ladiesi-Mission Band and the Young Ladiesi-Mission Band and the Young Men's Union of the church. Quite a handsome profit was realized. The programme was; Song, Mr. George Richmond; group of habitant poems, (a) "De Nice Leetle Canadienne," (b) "Dominique," (c) "The Cure of Calumette," Edith Margaret Smaill; song, Mrs. Christie; "The Story of the Other Wise Man" (Henry VanDyke), (a) "The Sign in the Sky," (b) "By the Waters of Babylon," (c) "For the Sake of a Little Child," (d) "In the Hidden Way of Sorrow," (e) "A Pearl of Great Price," Edith Margaret Smaill; song, Mrs. Christie; group of habitant poems (W. H. Drummond), (a) "Mon Frere Camille," (b) "The Last Portage," (c) "Johnnie's First Moose," Edith Margaret Smaill.

At Bennett's Theatre.

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and is being well patronized. The fact that next week is Christmas and that every man has a heavy drain on his ex-

ON LITTLE WHEELS.

Great Race For the Champ on Friday.

The next race on Friday night in the Britannia rink for the gold and silver city will be one of the best and most exciting ever pulled off on the little

he has been training faithfully for two weeks.

Then there is Sandy McMaster, winner of the race three weeks ago, and who finished third to McMichael in the last race, after falling. He is sure to be a factor. Elmer Hawkes is another dangerous speed merchant, who has had a second place in the races, and with W. Daniels, jun., Lockie McMaster, Harvey Muir and others who have entered, the race will not be easy for any of the comtestants.

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McMichael was a big and popular surprise in the last event, and there may be more wonders in the next race. Much interest will be shown in the contest for several reasons, two in particular, one being that if either McMichael or McMaster wins, he will capture the gold medal. The other reason is the rivary between Alexandra and Britannia skaters. McMichael, Riggs and Hawkes represent the Alexandra, while the two McMaster brothers and Daniels will try hard for the Britannia.

The entries for Friday's race close this evening at the Britannia rink box office. new, while his imitation of the London fop is away ahead of anything seen here before. Frank Rae is a monologist and comedian both, and in a matrimonial scrap with Gussie Brosche he plays the part of the henpecked husband to perfec-tion.

#### HANGED HIMSELF.

Father of Hamilton Man Found Dead in Room.

tion.

The great Sa-Hera is repeating her successes, her powers of divining what a person is thinking about and other occult work still arouses and is likely forever to arouse the utmost astonishment. Maddox and Melvin's vaudeville skit, in "The Messenger and the Actress," say a lot of clever things, and something interesting is happening all the time they are on the stage. Fagan and Byron, musical novelty, with its fine songs and dances, is another popular act, while the Schenk brothers' hand to hand gymnastic stunts are unequalled. The Bennettograph's new films are interesting.

"Mrs. Temple's Telegram" Coming. Toronto, Dec. 18.—George Barkworth, aged 62. sidewalk salesman for Husband Broe. clothing store, 125 king street east, hanged himself in his room, a few doors away from the store, last night. He had been absent from his work for several days, and yesterday he was missed by the landlady. W. R. Graham, one of the roomers at 128 king street east, where Barkworth lived, looked around for him at 6 o'clock last night and found the door of his room locked. He broke the door frome. The bed had been moved day a cord frome. The bed had been moved dat stepped off it after adjusting the cord about his neck. When found, the body was still warm. The remains were removed to the morgue in a pairol wagon and later to the Moffatt undertaking establishment. Coroner Dr. Pickering made an investigation, but decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

The dead man leaves two sons, one of whom is employed with the Grand Trunk, and the other at the Waldorf Hotel, Hamilton. "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" Coming.

The Christmas attraction at the Grand will be "Mrs. Temple's Telegram." This is one of the funniest farces ever written, and is a two-hour scream. It will be presented by a clever company under the direction of Walter N. Lawrence, who presented Jameson Lee Finney here a few weeks ago in "The Man on the Box." Special scenery and stage effects will be carried. The seats will be on sale on Monday. New York, Dec. 18.—Henry F. Willard, known as a manager of repertoire companies, died of consumption in this city. Willard was the brother of Mrs. Rush and the husband of Mabel Page, who has headed one of his repertoire organizations. zations.

He had been ill for a long time and his death was not unexpected. The body will be removed to London, Ont., for

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.**

Pioneer True Blue Lodge, No. 1, elected the following officers last night; Walter Davidson, W. Master. Chae. Whiham, deputy master. John Davidson, recording secretary. Daniel Robinson, financial secretary. Bellius, treasurer. John Davidson, recording secretary. Geo. Bellius, treasurer. John Dundas, D. of C. Arthur Robinson, conductor. Jas. Mennie, inside tyler. H. Wakebam, outside tyler. H. Wakebam, outside tyler. H. Wakebam, outside tyler. Wm. Gilliland, first committeeman. Robt. Jacques. second committeeman. John Waring, fourth committeeman. John Waring, fourth committeeman. Wm. Irvine, third committeeman. Wm. Sirman and A. Pisher, auditors. W. Davidson, Chas. Winham and John Davidson, trustees, productions of its celebrated author, was first performed at the Schwartzenburg palace in the year of 1798.

The score of this work was received in England on Saturday the 22nd of March at nine o'clock in the evening, by a King's messenger, from Vienna; was copied into parts by Mr. Thomas Goodwin for 120 performers; rehearsed and performed at Convent Garden Theatre on the Friday following, under the direction of Mr. John Ashley and sons. The following are the characters introduced in the oratorio: Gabriel, soprano; Uriel, tenor; Raphael, bass; Adam, bass; Eve, soprano. The final rehearsal will be held in the drill hall at 7.30 this Wednesday evening, when all parties taking part are requested to be in attendance.

The "Creation" will be presented in

GUILTY OF CONSPIRACY.

the Hopkins Brothers Convicted.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—After a very brief recess, he jury of the Court of General Sessions rought in a verdice of guilty against Cerli illiott, Norman Hopkins and Albert Hopkins, earlierday evening. The prisoners were harged with conspiracy to defraud two ac-dent insurance companies and the Toronto allway Company by means of damage laims for alleged accidents. Elliott took the stand, and admitted colecting \$700 on an accident insurance policy, and \$700 on an accident naturance policy of \$700 on the Toronto Railway Company, he latter also paying his doctor's bill of \$100.

the Mountain Sanitarium.

Canned Music.

New York, Dec. 18.—Victor Herbert has arranged a telling series of arguments to be presented on the "canned music" question next week in Washington before a joint committee of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Under the copyright law phonograph companies are allowed to make records of any music they may elect to. The law does not appear to regard a disk or a roll as a copy, and so these companies take such music as they choose without payment to the composer, copy it on these disks and rolls and sell it at highly profitable prices. The composers and writers of the words have no means of deriving profit from the output of their brains and industry.

The joint committee is next week to inquire into the whole matter, and remedial legislation has been formulated. The phonograph companies are fighting the legislation tooth and nail.

"The main points of our argument have been rehearsed over and over and again," said Mr. Herbert last night. "On the submit of many evidences of the bet-one many evidences of the bet-one may company evidences of the bet-one may company evidences of the bet-one may company evidences of the bet-one means of again," said Mr. Herbert last night. "On the composer were remanded for sentence, and the common sense of the canal improvement to programme of the richest and greatest commercial State.

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The phonograph companies make a profit out of our work which is denied to vs.

"There is another side to the question, one which touches us deeply as artists.

"These phonograph companies can make any sort of copy they please of our work. They can, if they choose, garble, hash and mangle our productions.

"To take an extreme case, I might write a beautiful song for a woman's voice and piano accompaniment. They might set it to a cornet solo, with banjo accompaniment. Things similar to this have happened.

"Think of a composer's feelings when he sees an unjust and dishonest version of his ideas, handed down to posterity in the enduring and multiplicable record of a phonograph disk.

"Upon these lines I am going to make a strong fight.

"Then again the fact that any one for a few cents can purchase my best and latest music and hear it at home simply brings it about that the sheet music is not wanted, and upon the sale of the sheet music of my operas I am largely dependent for my living."

Between the Acts.

Motion pictures appropriate to the

What is better than a beautifully colored picture of dear old HAMILTON? Size 11 inches by 20 inches; price 50c each. Tube for mailing 5c extra. Framed \$2 each.

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18 G. Cruelty to Horses, the Prussian Minister of the Interior has issued a decree ordering all police officials in large and police would seem particularly desirable police would seem particularly desirable accurate of instruction in matters affecting the well being of animals.

In those parishes where it is found impossible to give each official individual instruction the attention of the authorities it drawn to the procedure laid down by the Berlin police president, who has asseed a special list of rules to be drawn up for the guidance of palicemen.

Preceding the rules is the following general observation: "Self-evident cruelty to animals must be energetically wing—Did you ever catch Longbow telling the truth? Wagg—Only once, or the procedure laid down by the Berlin police would seem particularly desirable.

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Al. Martins' big production of "Uncle Al. Martins' big production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" will be seen at the Grand a week from Saturday.

Owing to the illness of Fred. Mace, "The Circus Man," which was booked at the Grand for Monday night, has been cancelled.

A. C. Turnbull

### Why Not a Stove or Range for Christmas?

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148-18 Imperial Oxford, Square, 18-inch oven, four covers .. .. .. \$32.00 149-8 Imperial Oxford, Square, 18-inch oven, four covers.. .. .. \$32.00 168-18 Imperial Oxford, Square, 18-inch oven, six covers .. .. \$35.00 149-20 Imperial Oxford, Square, 20-inch oven, six covers ..... \$38.50 169-20 Imperial Oxford, Square, 20-inch oven, four covers .. .... \$40.00 High Shelf for same .. .... \$4.00 High Closet for same .. .... \$9.00 Water Front ... \*\* .... \$3.00 Thermometer .. ... \$1.25 Imperial Oxford Ranges have no equal.

Gurney Foundry Co., Limited

16 and 18 MacNab Street North

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**Pure Candies** Fresh Candies **Delicious Candies All-priced Candies Never Better Made Candies** No Prettier Candies **No Sweeter Candies** 

---ALSO-Cakes of an endless variety Cakes made of good butter Cakes made of good eggs Cakes that are always fresh Cakes without Cottaline

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84 James North

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LIMITED

Milk, Cream, Buttermilk, Butter, Ice Cream AND

Fancy Ices

Purity, Cleanliness and Quality

The Pure Milk Co.

HAMILTON **TELEPHONE 224** 

### The Stock Yards Hotel

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Two Blocks North of Barton UNDER PERSONAL SUPERVISION OF MR. and MRS. WILLIAM H. DANIELS

Terms \$1.00 and \$1.50 Per Day SITUATED in the heart of the manufacturing district. Elegantly equipped. Contains 40 rooms. Lighted throughout with electricity, gas, etc. Hot and cold water. Choice wines and liquors served from elegant buffet. Hotel commands fine outlook. Cuisine of the finest. Billiard parameters.

lor and barber shop in connection. Baths-hot or cold.

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Hamilton, Ontario

Cruelty to Animals in Germany.

Owing to the action of the newly formed Berlin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Horses, the Prussian Min-

wait until their intervention is requested by the general public."
The list comprises seven main parts, of which those concerning draught ani-mals (excluding dogs) are most com-prehensibly treated, and ten samples are cited in which the intervention of the police would seem particularly desirable.
—Berliner Tageblatt.

Mary Josephine Crane, daughter of Charles R. Crane, the well known Chica-go iron manufacturer, intends to become a farmer. Miss Crane has been deaf and

### Do Your Teeth Require Attention?

Some of your teeth may be too badly decayed to be filled, but can be crowned and saved. Call and let us see them. Examination free. We are giving special attention to crown and bridge work.

We are the only dentists in the city who employ our own mechanical dentist, and our success in plate, crown and bridge work is to some extent due to this. He is a man of wide experience in this branch of the work, having been employed in some of the best dental offices. As he is in constant consultation with the doctors, it is easy to see what an advantage this is to our patients.



\$5.00 FULL SET Gold and Aluminum Plales a Specialty



**Teeth Without Plates** Full set of Teeth from \$5.00

Gold Fillings from.. \$1.00 Bridge Work, per tooth \$5 Cement Filling ...... 50e Extraction ... ... 25e

Gold Crowns, 22k .... \$5.00 Silver Fillings from ... 50e Artificial Enamel Filling \$1 Porcelain Inlay ... \$3.50

We did not agree to recent advance in prices. All operators experienced graduates. No students employed.

#### HAMILTON DENTAL PARLORS

Over Gerrie's 34 James Street North Opposite City Hall

Open evenings and Saturday afternoons.

### Will Pay Shoppers to Read Times Christmas



THE LATE LORD KELVIN.

He was perhaps the leading scientist of the age

### KILLS SWEETHEART AND KILLS HIMSELF.

BURNS ASHES.

Cinders Burning.

inders burn?

London, Ont., Dec. 18.-How do your

Do they burn well, or do they simply

satisfactory.

The cinders burn like new coal and thus save dollars on the coal bill.

All that is necessary is to take a spoonful of saltpetre, allow it to dissolve in a quart of water, and then shake some of the solution on the cinders.

When they are thrown into a rang

or furnace, they burn, it is said, fully as good as new coal.

AN ORIGINAL COPY.

"Creation" Scores.

Mr. W. H. Hewlett, Mus. Bac., organ-

lished in Vienna (in German and English). This was the first edition, prepared by Haydn himself, the work having been performed in Vienna in 1798 for the first time.

GREAT CHRISTMAS STORE

With Quality and Character to

The Right House is a wonderful Christmas store, and it seems as though

Recommend It.

this season, everybody was depending

it for gift goods of character and worth. The store has never before shown such

roods while the wonderful values the

goods, while the wonderful values they are offering in seasonable, practical things to give are exciting widespread attention everywhere, and adding thousands of pleased new customers to The Right House following.

People appreciate gifts that come from The Right House because of the store's high reputation for good quality and dependability.

Read their big advertisement in this paper.

SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES

To rent at \$2 a year and upwards, for the storing of deeds, bonds, stocks, wills, TRADERS BANK OF CANADA Smoker's Christmas Present.

nense assortments of Christmas gift

Double Tragedy In a New York Cab.

Shooting Follows Quarrel at Dinner.

#### Chaffeur Saw the Man spoil your fire? Suicide.

New York, Dec. 18.—Probably because of jealousy, Bernard J. Wallace, twenty-four years old, of No. 769 Jef-ferson avenue, Brooklyn, an employee of the Commercial Cable Company, at No. 25 Broad street, Manhattan, shot and killed Miss Elsie H. Karlein, twentytwo years old, of No. 1,477 Bushwick ne. Brooklyn, a stenographer employed in the Supreme Court, Manhatin an electric cab on the Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, early last evening and then shot himself.

When the girl was taken into a neardrug store she was dead. Wallace died twenty minutes after a physician reached him, without regaining con-

Daniel Kilmartin, a chauffeur, living at No. 408 West 12th street, Manhat tan, in whose car the couple went to ride after a dinner in the grill room of the Hotel Knickerbocker, saw Wallace shoot himself after shooting the girl. He heard no loud words or any indication of a quarrel before the shot which killed Miss Karlein and which caused him to stop his car and investigate. Miss Karlein, according to the police,

killed Miss Karlein and ward calact him to stop his car and investigate.

Miss Karlein, according to the police, was engaged to be married to a young man living in Borough Park, Brooklyn. What her relations were with Wallace they did not know last night, but from a letter in Wallace's pocket it was evident there had been a quarrel.

The letter, which was dated Brooklyn, October 27, 1907, read

"Hello, Bert:—No doubt you will be surprised to hear from me, but to tell the truth I have had the blues since last Saturday. After I left you I tried to reach you on the 'phone. I called 2608—Bushwick, and Mrs. Williams answered. I asked her to send over for you, and what do you suppose she said? She didn't know any one by that name. She refused to send for you. I asked her to call for Frank and she hung up the receiver. I learned from information that the nearest 'phone was Ralph avenue and Jefferson avenue, but when I could not get you there I had to give it up.—"I think, Bert, that what I did on Saturday was unwise, as I didn't mean anything by it. You know in your heart, Bert, that you ought to know me better by this time. I admit I have a queer disposition at times, but I didn't mean anything by what I said.

"Now, Bert, if you want to be friends with me I will meet you half way. I will be at Patchen avenue and Halsey street at half-past seven. If you are not there I will know that you do not care to have me for a friend any longer. Plaese destroy this as soon as you can, as it may save trouble.

"I close with lots of love from a little girl.

This letter, as well as cards found in the dead man's pockets, the police said,

paper.
The Right House closes to-night at 6 o'clock. Open to-morrow night until 10 o'clock, girl.
This letter, as well as cards found in

This letter, as well as eards found in the dead man's pockets, the police said, were from the murdered girl. The cards threw no light on the case.

Wallace and the girl attended to their respective duties yesterday, and then met to go to dinner at the Kniekerbocker. There they seemed to be in gay spirits, and about eight o'clock called the cab. When it was ready the girl hesitated, and, according to the chauffeur, Kilmartin, at first refused to go. After a few minutes Wallace prevailed, and told the chauffeur to go to Brooklyn by way of Continued on page 36.)

To Deliver Kids' Letters to Santa Claus.

**UNCLE SAM** 

Buffalo, Dec. 18.—Boys and girls who write to Santa Claus this year may be sure that their letters will reach the proper destination. Letters so addressed dead letter office and there destroyed but Postmaster-General Meyer has arrangements to have all of the jolly old fellow's mail delivered personally

old fellow's mail delivered personally this time.

The following order was received at the local post office yesterday:
Office of the Postmaster-General:
Washington, D. C., Dec. 13, 1907.
Order No. 934:
Ordered, that hereafter and until the close of the first day of January, 1908, postmasters are directed to deliver all letters arriving at their respective post offices addressed plainly and unmistakably to "Santa Claus," without any other terms or expressions identifying the person for whom such letters are intended, to any regularly organized charitable society in the city or town of address, to be used exclusively for philanthropic purposes. In the event that claim should be made by more than one such society for letters so addressed, such letters will be equally divided according to society for fetters so andressed, such let-ters will be equally divided according to number between or among the societies making such claim.

(Signed)

G. V. L. Meyer,

Postmaster Greiner promises to take especial care of the delivery of all letters addressed to Santa.

#### ATTACK ON JAPS

May Be Caused by the Sailing of the U. S. Fleet.

Tokio, Dec. 18 .- The Hiji Shimpo, an independent paper, which has a wide circulation in intellectual and business circles, will publish an editorial article tonorrow on the despatch of the American fleet to the Pacific.

A Pointer From London Re of "This is a noteworthy naval under-taking," the paper will say, "one that will attract the attention of the world. We do not entertain the idea for even one minute, however, that the purpose of the visit is to threaten Japan. Should the American fleet visit these shores it will be given a hearty recention, worthy the American fleet visit these shores it will be given a hearty reception, worthy the lifelong friendship between Japan and the United States. Our only fear is that the despatch of the fleet may encourage anti-Japanism on the Pacific coast, and bring about a repetition of the regrettable incident at San Francisco. We trust, however, the United States authorities will take the necessary precautions in this regard." spoil your fire?

If the latter is the case, heed the advice of Mr. F. A. Stuart, science master at the Collegiate Institute.

The other day Mr. Stuart, in the course of a lecture, informed the students of his class of the benefits of soaking ashes and cinders with a solution of saltpetre to make them burn.

Since that time several students, with their parents, have tried the experiment, and it is said the results have been very satisfactory.

#### POLISH APPEAL.

#### Protest Against the Germanization of German-Poland.

Paris, Dec. 18.-Henry K. Sienkiewicz, the polish author, has published a protest and appeal to the intellectual orld against the Germanization of German Poland, especially the proposition made by Prince Von Buelow, the Ger man Chancellor, for the expropriation

man Chancellor, for the expropriation of land belonging to Poles.

M. Sienkiewicz acknowledges the debt to the press of all countries for condemning this attempt to crush out a noble people, but he says the work of the press is not sufficient and calls on W. H. Hewlett Has One of First ist and musical director of Centenary
Church, is the fortunate possessor of one
of the original copies of "The Creation,"

eminent persons in science, literature and
are individually to express their opin.
On. Such a step, he declares, will show
the verdict of the universal conscience. ist and musical director of Centenary

### prepared by the great composer, Haydn, himself. In 1800, 510 copies of the full

Cashier's Mysterious End Closes a Bank.

North Attleboro, Mass., Dec. 18 .- The lewelers National Bank of this town whose Vice-President and Cashier, Frederick E. Sargeant, was found dead in erick E. Sargeant, was found dead in a bath tub at his apartments last night, failed to open its doors for business to-day. A notice posted on the doors stat-ed that the bank would remain closed pending an examination of its affairs. Bank Examiners Alfred Ewer and Harry N. Currier are making an inves-tigation.

#### MURRAY MEMORIAL

There will be a meeting this evening at the Masonic Hall of the past masters, which will very largely take the form of a memorial to the late M. W. Bro. Hugh Murray. An address on his life and work will be given by W. Bro. W. H. Wardrope, K. C., followed by the reading of an appropriate poem by R. W. Bro. John Hoodless, The meeting will be open to all Masons who may wish to visit the blue room.

#### There is Comfort

In a water bottle that won't wear out.
We can show you a hot water bottle
that will wear forever; you need never
be afraid of leaks, after the stopper
has been properly placed in the bottle.
They are well adapted for use as footwarmers. Sold at 60c and 75c by Parke
& Parke, druggists.

#### JEWS MUST GO.

B. B. B. English briar pipes, with and without cases. Peterson patent pipes, all shapes and grades, G. B. D. French briar pipes, with amber or vulcanite mouthpieces. All sold at peace's pipe store, 107 king street east.

### HON. MR. TARTE NEAR DEATH.

Telegram Says He May Not Survive the Day.

He Was the Man Who Upset Sir Jonh's Government.

Later Became Minister of Public Works in Laurier Cabinet.

Montreal, Dec. 18.-J. I. Tarte dying and may not survive the day.

The above bulletin will come with a shock to the people of Canada, for Mr. Tarte is a man who, by his ability and force of character, has made a name for himself throughout the whole Dominion. A journalist by profession, Mr. Tarte drifted into politics, and becoming a member of the Quebec House, and ther elected to represent Montanorency in the House of Commons in 1891, as an Independent Conservative, with the growed purpose of waging war against the corrupt influences which he knew to be ruling the Quebec and of Sir John Macdonald's Government. That he succeeded is now a matter of history. Mr. Tarte than moved to the other side of the House becoming a follower of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and on the formation of his Cabinet on the 18th of July, 1896, was apopinted Minister of Public Works. He resigned this position later on, and again returned to journalism. elected to represent Montmorency in the

#### CHRISTMAS MAIL.

ENORMOUS PILE OF MAIL SACKS SENT TO EMPIRE.

Millions of Money Orders Sent Abroad by Santa Claus—No Financial Stringency—Vessel Will Reach England Before Christmas.

New York, Dec. 18.-The Tribune today says: The White Star liner Oceanic, the last steamer to leave this port that will land passengers in England before Christmas, steamed Ifor Southampton power.

will and passengers in England correctors. Christmas, steamed "For Southampton yesterday with the greatest bulk of east-bound Christmas" mail that has ever been shipped from New York in one bottom. Stowed away in her 4,143 mail sacks were 84,107 postal orders, representing a cash value of \$1,192,142.25.

Postmaster Morgan said that never in his association with the post office has he seen such a large amount of Christmas money orders as was sent abroad from Dec. 3 to yesterday.

"I know of nothing?" said Mr. Morgan, "which indicates more clearly the excellent financial condition of the country than these money orders. Last year was admittedly a prosperous year, yet the increase in money orders sent abroadthis holiday season exceeds the figures of the corresponding period of 1906 by \$1,156,808.69. The money sent abroad this year shews the financial condition of the rank and file of the people. If the foreigners are able to send this money abroad it is safe to assume that thrifty Americans have a similar if not a greater amount sayed."

#### thrifty Americans have a similar if not a greater amount saved." GOT THEIR MONEY.

Col. Gibson Had Snow Shovellers Paid To-day.

The army of men who were employed by the Street Railway Company on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, digging the street car system out of the snow, were all paid to-day. As soon as the atten-tion of Traffic Manager Green and the President, Hon. J. M. Gibson, was called tion of Traffic Manager Green and the President, Hon. J. M. Gibson, was called to the fact that, in the ordinary way it would take until Friday to make up the pay sheets, they gave instructions to have extra clerks put on and Col. Gibson placed \$1,000 at the immediate disposal of the pay officers. And so the men were made happy.

#### TO-MORROW AND FRIDAY The Best Days for Christmas Shop ping Now.

The Times strongly urges every reader of this paper to do their Christmas shopping to-morrow or Friday mornings. Don't leave it until the last minute

ity:

We had arranged for two magnifications, the horizontal word of the case of the horizontal properties and prop Help the tired salespeople by getting Help the tired salespeople by getting right out to-morrow morning and buying now, before the great rush of the last two or three days. It will be the best bit of Christmas goodwill you can show. Everyone who can should do this. It will be a great help to the tired hundreds of store people who are doing their best to serve the greatest Christmas trade Hamilton ever saw.

Try it to-morrow morning.

#### The Man In Overalls

What do you think of our Christma

Certainly the Beach people are hav-ing a time of it. I warned them, but they only laughed. Saturday's storm was only a starter.

How much better would it have been for those two women if they had bought the goods in the regular way, instead of lifting them! It pays to be honest.

Only one week to Christmas. Have you got them yet? If not, I'm sorry for you.

Chairman Wright's pink tea at the Refuge should find its way into the society column.

As the city grows, the fire brigade should grow. The Chief's request for more men should be granted.

How much money does it take to start

The only way to get rid of the political alderman is to get rid of the atlarge system of voting. Back to the wards.

I hope we shall have a nice day for the statue unveiling—Queen's weather.

If you are a stranger in the city go up to the Liberal Club and have a talk with Frank Woolcott. He will put you next.

The few dollars the street railway company is spending in snow shovelling will come in handy for the Christmas turkey.

The Spec, wonders if Lawyer Hobson a prophet. Naw, He is not even a prognosticator. I have been hunting up the blue-books and I find that the Hamilton Specta-tor was bribed in one instance by the Dominion Government with printing to the extent of \$2. Mr. Foster was very careful not to mention that.

You have got to be an expert Alpine climber to scale the Jolley Cut these

Be a good fellow now and keep your idewalk clean.

Shop in the morning.

#### A BRIDES' CLUB.

#### Seven Scotch Girls Cross Ocean for Husbands.

New York, Dec. 18.—Seven young Scotch women who arrived yesterday aboard the Anchor line steamship California found out before the ship was half a day from Glasgow that they were all bound for America on similar missions. The man in every case is Scotch, and has been here some time saving up his money to bring his girl across first cabin and marry her in manner befitting a well-to-do adopted American. The young women formed a brides' club on the trip and promised one another to write and tell about the wedding.

### CANNOT BE HERE.

#### Miss Kinrade Met With Slight Accident in Syracuse.

Miss Florence B. Kinrade, who was to assist as one of the soloists at Haydu's AUSSEM'S CANDIES. "Creation" in the Drill Hall to-morrow "Creation" in the Drill Hall to-morrow night, has been unavoidably delayed in Syracuse, N. Y., through slipping and spraining her ankle. The telegram sent to Bandmaster Robinson reads as follows: "Sprained ankle, indefinitely delayed; doctor forbids travelling." Miss Kinrade left this city a week ago to sing at a musical festival last Thursday evening, and was so successful that she was ing, and was so successful that she was induced to stay over Sunday to sing at the First Presbyterian Church there, exthe First Presbyterian Church there, expecting to arrive home in plenty of time this week for the concert to-morrow might. Mr. Robinson is making arrangements to fill the gap caused by her absence. Miss Kinrade is staying at the handsome residence of Mrs. Kenneth Brown; whose guest she has been since arriving in Syracuse. arriving in Syra

#### APOLOGY AND GREETINGS.

To the Citizens of Hamilton and vicin-

HON. J. I. TARTE, Former Cabinet Minister, said to be dying.

### **ONLY ELEVEN CASES** BY THE SPOTTERS.

### BANK OF HAMILTON.

A Good Statement for the Annual Meeting.

Copies of the annual report of the Directors of the Bank of Hamilton are now ready. The annual meeting will be held at the head ofice the bank on Monday, January 20th, at noon. The statement shows a year of material progress, fully in keeping with the steady growth of the bank's business during the 36 years of its existence. The year was begun with a balance of \$110,270.04 at credit of profit and less the statement of the year after. balance of \$116,270.04 at credit of profit and loss. The profits of the year, after deducting charges of management and making provision for bad and doubtful debts, amount to \$384,708.25, which amount is a little more than fifteen and a half per cent. on the entire paid-up capital of the bank. This fact of itself must show the soundest possible finan-cial condition and the ablest manage-ment.

ment.

After paying four quarterly dividends, ten per cent. for the year, and following the bank's wise policy of writing off \$25,000 on account of bank premises, the bank carries forward to profit and loss the credit balance of \$217,298.50.

The Bank of Hamilton carries a reserve fund equal to its entire paid-up capital—\$2,470.360—and a reserve of \$75,000 for rebate of interest on current bills discounted. Its assets amount to

bills discounted. Its assets amount to \$32,443,306.91, which includes \$534.978 in gold and silver coin; \$2,575,670 in Dominion Government notes and a deposit of \$125,000 with the Dominion Government, as security for its note circulation.

#### Old Reliable Store Has Great Stock For Christmas.

J. H. Aussem, the old reliable confectioner, 84 James street north, has made extra preparations for the Christmas trade at his splendid store. He has an immense stock of candies of every decription, all pure and good, plain and famey, by bulk and in the daintiest of boxes, and all guaranteed. The stock is also replete with cakes, all made with the best ingredients, purest butter and freshest eggs and thoroughly reliable. reshest eggs and thoroughly reliable.

Mr. Aussem has a reputation founded over 40 years of straight and hon rable dealing, and constantly maintain d by high quality and reasonable

Some Are Said to be Weak, Too.

Police Do No Like Their Methods.

#### Cases Will Come Up on Friday Next.

It was a surprise that the Citizens eague sprang when they asked the Chief of Police for only eleven sumselves thought there would be about fifty, and a dreamer on a local paper saw a pile "several inches high" on Chief Smith's desk, and said he was only starting to make them out then. Last night the alleged lawbreakers were served with their invitations, which call for their attendance on Friday morning in the Po-lice Court. Two Englishmen are the omplainants—one short and one tall who were employed by the League for

this purpose some time ago. The list is as follows:

Selling after hours-Nov. 25-George Case, Mulberry and ames streets.

Dec. 1—Samuel Goldberg, 215 King

reet west.
Dec. 6-John Lynch, Opera House Hotel. Dec. 7-R. R. Simpson & H. J. Mo-

Dec. 7—R. R. Simpson & H. J. Mo-Intyre, Royal Hotel.
Dec. 7—R. B. Gardiner, Waldorf Hotel,
Dec. 13—W. Hunter, Imperial Hotel,
John and Hunter streets.
Dec. 14—W. Hunter, Imperial Hotel,
John and Hunter streets,
Dec. 9—James McLarty, Terminal Hotel,
King street east,
Selling liquor without a license—

Selling liquor without a license 30-Thomas Lee Sing, Chinese retaurant, 18 York street. Nov. 30—Lucy Manix, 46 Cannon

street west. Dec. 9—M. B. Lee, 20 John street orth, Chinese restaurant Dec. 1-Frank Howe, Manhattan restaurant, Merrick street

The police are not praising the work of the Citizens' League detectives over of the Citizens' League detectives over much and seem to think that they were much and seem to think that they were wantonly begging men to break the law in order to get the cases. Some time ago in the police court the Magistrate dismissed some liquor charges because Government detectives had persuaded a man against his will to break the law by putting up a hard luck story and

upon over 40 years of straight and honorable dealing, and constantly maintained by high quality and reasonable prices.

SCHOONER SUNK.

SCHOONER SUNK.

Crew of Six Men Rescued and Taken Ashore.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Dec. 19.—The schooner Jesse Barlow, of Mystic, Conn., was run down and sunk in Pollock Rip Slut by the tug Lehigh at 8.30 o'clock last night and her crew of 6 men who marrowly escaped being carried down and sunk in grant of the proprietor and the received a summon yesterday.

### HIS LORDSHIP'S **ROMANCE**

She sat and watched the dawn of the golden morning. There was no more battle—it had been lost; no more struggle—evil had prevailed. For weal or for woe she had shaped her fate. She had sworn she would win, let the cost be what it might. Nature woke up from its rest; the birds began their morning hymn; the dew-laden flowers opened their eyes, and sent abroad their thousand pertumes; the bright sunbeams warmed and gladdened the earth; but something died that night in the heart of Inez Lynne, and never woke again until it awoke to remorse and despair.

When the bright morning was further advanced, she rose and proceeded to make a careful toilet. She was had away the traces of her tears.

"I have done no harm," she thought: "I have done no harm," she thought: "I have done no harm," she thought:

something died that night in the heart of Inez Lynne, and never woke again untill it awoke to remorse and despair.

When the bright morning was further advanced, she rose and proceed ed to make a careful toilet. She washed away the traces of her tears, she smoothed the long tresses, she dressed herself in one of her prettiest morning robes. She was even satisfied with her own appearance when she gazed in the mirror; she looked all that was fresh, and fair, and charming; yet from the face lall that was fresh, and fair, and died away that was not to appear again until.

Slowly and cautiously she left the room, and entered her sister's. She cast one rapid glance around—all was as she wished. Agatha lay, sleeping soundly, and the white hyacinth was in a glass on the table. She bent over her fair young sister, who slept such a sleep as would never again visit Inez Lynne, her sweet face wearing a look of profound happiness, a smile parting the rosy lips.

Inez felt no remorse for what she was about to do, no sorrow for the blow her hand was about to inflict. "She cannot feel," she murmured to herself, "and I can."

The slowly and cautiously she took the flower from the glass, and quitted the room.

"It is all a chance," she said, "but that chance is my last and only one. If he is down it can be done, and is she gift in this of the room.

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"Is he likely to do so?" asked Agatha, her gentle face growing paler with each

"I think so," was the false reply. "I have been so proud, so haughty, so re-served; but I cannot doubt that he

served; but I tailors have been even with that request," said Agatha, 'I shall remember what you have said to me to-night, and I shall tell him to hope—to speak for

what you have said to me to-night, and I shall tell him to hope—to speak for-himself."

"Would you like me to be Lady Lynne?" asked Inez gently.

Agatha waited two or three minutes before she spoke, then she laid her head down upon her sister's shoulder again, and said, "Yes, if it would make you and Philip both happy, I should like to see you Lady Lynne."

Then a strange quiet fell upon her. The sound of her sister's voice fell upon her ear like a sound from a distance. The gentle, faithful heart was wounded night unto death, but she made no sign. She felt relieved when her sister rose at length and said it was growing late; she wanted to he alone, and think how much she had been mistaken, and what that mistake would cost her.

The few artful words had their effect. Agatha believed she understood

The few artful words had understood fect. Agatha believed she understood now what had seemed so strange to he now what had seemed so strange now what had seemed so strange ta before. Lord Lynne had spoken stra ly when he had taken her into the servatory, but she saw what it He had wanted her to plead with for him.

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were intensely and here life would have been so bright was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved Philip so dearly, and benutiful passed with him. But if it was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here is the was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here was no deep tragedy, no broken heart, no silent despair, alton was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here was not to be—if Lord Lynne loved here was not to be—if Lynne loghth in the proper loved in their section in t the flower he had placed in Agatha's hand. She brought him the answer; and hand. Agatha, "she and the questions, but Agatha hand. She brought him the answer; and hand. Agatha," she and the questions, but Agatha hand. "Agatha wondered again at her sister's kindness, and felt a glow of happiness, believing that she was beginning to love her at last. "Let us sit by the window," asking the risk of the properties of the corp. The latest result of the corps of the first time by his and the part of the corps of the first time by his and the part of the corps of the first time by his and the part of the corps of the first time by his and the part of the corps of the first time by his and the part of the corps of the first time by his and the part of the corps of the first time her lips quivered and her "Scholland," and the part of the corps of the part of the corps of the first time hand the part of the corps of the part of the corps of the part of the corps of the corps of the part of the corps of the corps of the part of the corps of the part of the corps of the corps of the part of the corps of

words scemed very much like a half-drawn sigh.

She felt her sister's breath like a hot, scorching flame upon her cheek. She looked up and saw the beautiful face all glowing.

"Agatha," whispered the same clear voice that had deceived Lord Lynne, "if ever our cousin tells you that he loves me, what shall you say?

She felt the quick tremor that shook the young girl—she saw the gentle face grow pale.

"If ever he comes to you," continued floz, "and tells you that he loves me, when the would have to lose the coming when he would have to lose the

or whate.

"If ever he comes to you," continued finez, "and tells you that he loves me, but that I am too proud and reserved he does not dare to ask me to be his wife, but whishes you to intercede for him, what shall you say?"

The fair head was raised from her shoulder, and two pure, sweet eyes looked searchingly into her face.

"Do you care for him, lnez?—do you love him?" she asked.

Inez was almost frightened at the expression that came into her sister's face and lingered there for some moments.

"Yes, I love him," she replied, at last; "not as you cold, quiet English love, but as we Spaniards, 'Daughters of the Sun;' who would think nothing of giving a life for those we love. If ever he comes to you, little sister, and asks you to speak for him, what shall you say?"

"Its he likely to do so?" asked Agaths, "the first productive of the charge brought against im and expressed unwillingness to go with the state of the charge brought against im and expressed unwillingness to go with the state of the charge brought against im and expressed unwillingness to go with the state of the charge brought against im and expressed unwillingness to go with the state of the charge brought against the charge against the charge against the charge brought against the charge against the charge against the charge against the charge that mig Wanted in Philadelphia.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—M. Rancomi, alias Saffer, alias Count Gattino. an Italian, was arriested on St. James' street at an early hour this morring by Detective O'Keéfe, on a warrant charging him with embezzing \$1,000 from a dry goods firm named Cunjon, in Philadelphia, Pa. Count Gattino pleaded not guilty before Judge Choquet, sitting as extradition commissioner, to the charge brought against him and expressed upwillingness to go back to Philadelphia. He was remanded to await extradition proceedings.

FALSE TEETH SAVED HIM.

Port Arthur Man Fired Revolver Bullet Into His Mouth.

Port Arthur, Dec. 17. -With a bul Port Arthur, Dec. 17.—With a bullet from a Sa-calibre revolver lodged somewhere in his head, having been fired with the intention of committing suicide, William Sinclair is able to talk and walk around, complaining only of a slight stiffness of the neck. Sinclair is to appear to-morrow before Police. Magistrate Dobie to answer a charge of theft from the C. P. R. warehouse, and he attempted suicide on Sunday by putting the muzzle of the revolver in his mouth and discharging it. It is believed a plate of a false set of upper teeth saved him from death.

WHAT CAUSES HEADACHE From October to May, Colds are the most frequent cause of headache, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE removes cause, E. W. Grove on box, 25.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Sudden End of a Former Township

Treasurer.

Ingersoll, Dec. 17. —Death came to Mr. James G. Wood, retired farmer, last night while he slept. He was found dead in bed this morning by hie daughter, who resided with him.

Deceased resided in West Oxford up to a year ago, when he retired. He was one of the best known men of the county, and had served as township treasurer for 30 years.

His death was caused by heart fallure, as he was in his usual health when he retired. He was aged 83, and is survived by one daughter and one son.

AT R. McKAY & CO'S

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19th, 1907

wants, this store again demonstrates the fact, if you want to be well served come to McKay's,

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Special Sale for Thursday Only
Embroidered Handkerchiefs, hemstitched or scoiloped, regular 15c each, in 

39c
3 Dainty Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regular 25c each, in dainty box, for 50c
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3 Beautiful Embroidered Handkerchiefs, regular 35c each, in dainty box, for 776 3 Irish Linen Initialed Handkerchiefs, regular 35c each, in dainty box, for 775 3 Swiss or Linen Handkerchiefs, embroiderêd, regular 40c each, in dainty box

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Christmas Neckwear Nicely Doxed

Silk or Chiffon Collars, with bows, regular 75c, in box, for

Dainty Evening Collars, regular 75c, in dainty box, for

Dainty Lace or Chiffon Collars, regular \$1.00, in picture box, for

Stylish Silk Tailor Made Collars, regular 98c, in picture box, for

Embroidered Collar and Cuff Sets, regular \$1.00, in dainty box, for

Fancy Collars in lace, with jabot, regular \$1.30, in dainty box, for

Fancy Black Lace and Chiffon Collars, regular \$1.30, in dainty box, for

Crepe de Chine Ties, all colors, regular \$2.50, in picture box, for

Special Sale of Christmas Kid Gloves in Artistic **Boxes With Card** 

Boxes With Card

Children's Fine Kid Gloves, in box, for
Children's Fine Kid Gloves, in box, for
Ladies' Guaranteed French Kid Gloves, \$1.25 value, in box, for
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Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, \$1.35 value, in box, for
Ladies' Fine Suede Kid Gloves, \$1.50 value, in box, for
Ladies' Lined Kid Gloves, \$1.50 value, in box, for
Ladies' Silk Lined Suedes, regularly \$1.65, in box, for
Ladies' Fine Trefousse Kid Gloves, put up in box, for
Ladies' Lined Mocha Gloves, regularly \$1.65, in box, for
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12-buttoned Trefousse Kid Glove, regularly \$3.25, in box, for
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We want you to investigate these goods nad the prices we quote for Thursday. We know that the values are the best in the city.

Women's Fur Lined Coats \$38.75 

Mink Scarfs and Muffs

Mink Scarfs \$18.00 to \$50.00 Blue Lynx Muffs,
Mink Stoles \$35.00 to \$125.00 Squirrel Ties,

\$8.50 to \$13.50 Grey Squirrel Muffs

\$8.50 to \$13.50

Persian Lamb Ties. \$8.50 to \$25.00 Persian Lamb Muffs \$8.50 to \$825.00 S13.50 S Big Silk Sale \$1.25 French Black Silks 89c

### Men's Store **Opportunities**

Practical Christmas suggestions for men. A grand array of money-saving specials.

100 Men's Silk Mufflers, square ban dannas effects, all full size, regular value \$1.25, on sale ..... 69c Men's Cashmere Socks, plain or

fancy, regular price 35c, on sale ... 25c Men's Cardigan Jackets, a correct 

No trouble to show goods

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\$1.25 Priestley's Black Voile for S9c
75c Cream Mohairs for 59e
85c Silk and Wool Waistings 59e
60c Scotch Tartans for 49e
59c Black Henrietta for 42e

### Xmas Gifts for the Baby

-Third Floor-Infants' Bootees of silk and wool at | 10 to 25c | 25c

Children's Wootlen Scarts

25 to 75e
Children's Muffs . 75e to \$1.25

**Fancy Linens** Lunch Cloths, hand drawn and hand Lunch Cloths, hand drawn and hand embroidered 50e to \$12
Tray Cloths 50e to \$2.50
Centrepieces 20e to \$1.75
Tea Cloths \$1.50 to \$12
Snow White Damask Cloths \$1.75

'Many freak customers? Oh, some," said the harber.

"I've got one customer, a regular, who always makes an appointment by telephone. He has his own office and so can control his own time, and days when he wants to come over he gets me on the telephone and finds out how my work is running, how many I've got ahead, and appoints the hour and minute when he'll be in. I am able to tell him very close to the time when I'll be through with the work I've got on hand or waiting. This appointment is good for him for thenext turn in my chair after the time set, just the same as if he'd been waiting in appointment is good appointment turn in my chair after the time set, just the same as if he'd been waiting in the shop, and it saves him a lot of time. "Still, I don't know as you'd call that freakish exactly; plenty of men make appointments with their barber now by telephone, I just thought of that about this man because this same man has got one little peculiarity that I sunnose you might almost call freakish. "He wears a beard and mustache and twice a month he comes to get himself trimmed up. He comes on the first and the fifteenth of the month, and he's so regular that you could set your alendar by him, if you wanted to. That is, usually. "But once in a while he takes a freak notion into his head that he'll let hie

whiskers grow and see what they'll do. He knows he looks better and younger trimmed up in good shape, but about once in so often he lets 'em grow. I have an idea that this is somehow a sort of relief to him.

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"He's a steady going sort of a man, right on the job, never flying the pace in any way, and I have an idea that it's sort of fun to him to let his whiskers run riot once in a while. I may be off on this, but that's the way it strikes me; and that I suppose you might call freakish.

me; and that I suppose you might call freakish.

"He lets things go that way for about two months, and then on one of his fixed regular dates he comes in to get fixed up. And he needs it. He hasn't got the handsomest, most regular beard in the world; looks moth eaten in spots and really ought to be kept in order, and I fix him up in good shape, improving his appearance greatly and incidentally knocking about ten years off his age, and then what do you think he does?"

"Why, every time he comes in like that after letting his beard go and starts in again regular he pays me alt the back tips for the times he skipped. He says it's no fault of mine that he didn't come in, and he doesn't see why I should suffer because he took a notion to let his whiskers grow, and so he pays

to let his whiskers grow, and so he pays me always for this trim and all the back tips besides. "And for that really I suppose you

whiskers grow for a while; let 'em might call this customer of mine a freak; sprout and see what they'll do. He how he looks better and younger trimdon't you think?"

Fireless Stoves

Fireless Stoves.

American women seem slow in utilising one of the greatest labor-saving devices ever invented for the householder. Several years ago fireless stoves cr self-cookers came into use in Germany. They consist of boxes, constructed with double walls, containing material charpevents the escape of heat. The food is first thoroughly heated on an ordinary stove, then placed inside the lox, sealed and left until wanted, were all the flavors retained that, by the ordinary process of cooking, are dissipated. American men promptly utilized this discovery; fireless stoves have been found invaluable by the army in the west. Why have the women remained apathetic? Is it because the self-cooker, as at first constructed, was available only for boiling or stewing food! If so, there is no further excuse for holding back, for, as Consul General. John W. Dye writes from Berlin, there is now on the market an improved fireless stove that not only cooks, but fries and roasts, with the aid of a heated stone. Here is a help in solving the servant problem by reducing the hours of work.

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Apply box 30, Times.

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FRANK D. W. BATES, M. D., EYE, EAR, Nose and Throat Specialist, has removed his office to Room 305, Bank of Hamitton building. Hours 9 to 12 and 2 to 5. Telephone 725. Dr. Bates has opened an office in Detroit, and from now on will spend from the hot fire here, and from the 22rd to the end of the month is

DR. T. SHANNON McGILLIVRAY H., S removed from the corner of King and James streets to his residence, 164 James south. Specialist in heart and nervous dis-eases. Telephone 140.

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#### FINANCIAL NOTES.

Chicago and Alton first lien 31/2 per cent and at 65 return an income to investors bonds at 66 return an income to investors of 5.50 per cent.

In November, 1906, Chicago and Alton fight lien 35, per cent bonds, then selling at 77%, returned investors 4.70 per cent. In their their cent.

no investor.

Baltimore and Ohio, Southwestern division,
per cent bonds sold a year ago at \$1%,
which they yielded 4.14 per cent to in-

per cent debenture bonds at 4.64 per cent income.
Oregon Short Line gold 4 per cent bonds, maturing in 1929, sold one year ago at 954, at which they yielded about 4.24 per cent in-

Oregon Short Line gold 4 per cent bonds, naturing in 1929, yield about 6.32 per cent naturing the present price of 83. Pittsburg, Dec. 18.—Oil opened \$1.78.

New York, Dec. 18.—The stock masket pened irregular.

New York, Dec. 18.—Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 11.20 bld; Jan. 10.54; March 19.75; April 10.75; May 10.81; June 10.82; July 10.77; Aug. 10.60 bld; Oct. offered 10.19.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—Cattle—Receipts about 1,000; market strong to 10e higher; Beeves 5.40 to \$6.15; cows and helfers \$1.15 to \$4.60; exas \$3.10 to \$3.85; calves \$5 to \$5.75; westruers \$3.30 to \$4.75; stockers and feeders 230 to \$4.75 Hogz-Receipts about 46,000; market steady, to lower; light \$4.30 to \$4.75; mixed \$4.30 to \$4.75; mixed \$4.30 to \$4.75; roughs \$4.50 to \$4.50; beavy \$4.30 to \$4.50; bulk of sales \$4.55 \$4.70.

### COBALT NOTES

Mr. F. D. MacNaughton, who has had min-ing experience in Nova Scotla, has been ap-pointed superintendent of the Trethewey Mining Co. Col. Hay, the president of the company, is at Cobalt inspecting the pro-

Mr. George F. Morton, of the Shareholders' Protective Association, has received many enquiries in regard to Ontario and Western mining companies, both in Canada and the United States. The association has investigated a number of cases and has succeeded in obtaining a mass of information shedding light on the methods of some of the mining promoters.

The directors of the Nipissing Mines Com-any have declared a regular quarterly divi-lend of 3 per cent., or a total of \$180,000, to ee paid on outstanding stock. The cash aur-lus is \$400,000.

#### SEVERAL ACCIDENTS.

Charles Pawley, 180 Queen street north, was burnt about the face and hands by the contents of a tar pot boiling over. He was taken to the City Hospital, and is doing well this morning. Peter Murray, Mountain Top, was thrown out of his sleigh last night at the corner of Herkimer and James streets, and his shoulder dislocated. He was taken to the City Hospital, but was able to leave last night.



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### **ARBITRATION HAS BEGUN** AS TO COST OF LIGHTING.

### Judge Snider Will Have Little Time to Spare During Rest of Year.

treet lighting arbitration was commenced, Judge Snider being the sole arbirator. The arbitration is under a clause in the agreement between the city and he Cataract Power Company, which provides that the rate for street lighting is be reduced if, in the opinion of the City Council, the cost to the company of supplying such lights has been, or can be, materially reduced "owing to new

discoveries or advances in the electrical art," by giving six months' notice. The city, it was stated, contended that the cost of producing the light had been greatly reduced, and the city had not een given a reduction in the price, which is \$85 an are light per annum. According to the contract the price per light was to be \$85 up to 400 lights; \$82.50 for lights from 400 to 500; and \$80 for all lights over 500. The city had used

391 lights on an average. Mr. Hugh Rose, Toronto, and Mr. F. R. Waddell acted for the city, and Messrs. J. M. Gibson and W. W. Osborne appeared for the company.

Mr. Rose stated that the city was pre pared to give evidence at once and hoped to be able to proceed as rapidly as the Judge desired. His Honor stated he had many appointments up to the first of the year, but could sit again on Sat

The first witness called for the corporation was Mr. Kent, City Clerk, who put in the original agreement. He also stated that the City Council had served notice on the comments in 100.

notice on the company in 1905. He read the letters sent to the company. the letters sent to the company.

Mr. W. C. Brennan, secretary of the
Board of Works, said the city was claiming a refund of \$25 a year per light since
the time the notice for a reduction was
served. This amounted to \$26,079. He
said the amount claimed was fixed by
the Board of Works, and was arrived at
on the reports of some experts from To.

on the reports of some experts from To onto or Buffalo. Cross-examined by Mr. Gibson, witness ild he did not know why the case had said he did not know why the case had not been proceeded with promptly, unless it was that the late Solicitor's illness prevented it. He was asked what were the discoveries in electrical art that caused the claim to be made. Witness said he was not an electrical expert, but he fancied the light was being produced very much cheaper now than when the contract was executed. Pressed further, he said the company needs to trim the are lights now about once a week, whereas formerly these lamps had to be trimmed daily.

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He was asked if the city had recently advertised for tenders for street lighting at the close of the present contract. He said the city had and received only two tenders. Mr. Gibson asked him about these and esked the arbitrator to order their production. The Judge so ordered.

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Mr. Gibson objected to the witnesses giving evidence in regard to advances in electric light since the time the City. Council passed the by-law, calling on the company to reduce the price. The Judge said he would hear the evidence, subject to the objection. The witness said great progress had been made since 1899. There was a considerable reduction in the cost of installation and appliances and a great improvement made in the quality of generators, etc., the result being longer life for this machinery. There would be a saving in the production of electricity where very large generators are in use. This would apply to the new big generators that the company has installed at DeCews Falls.

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The improvements in the iron in the case of generators applied to transformers too. There was also improvement in transmission. It is possible to transmit at a much higher voltage, increasing the capacity of the line. He explained in detail the changes in this branch of electrical science which took place between 1898 and 1903. Porcelain is used now for insulation, instead of glass. 1890 there was no general use of transmission lines of more than 25,000 volts. Now he believed that the voltage on the caracter's lines from DeCew's Falls could be increased 36,000 to 50,000. In lished, and since then plants of houm 1905 60,000 vole plants had been establigher voltage. By that time it was recognized as good practice to transmit at higher voltage than 22,000, the amiliant carried by the company. Increased voltage reduced the current or power losses to the line. It also reduces the cost of installation.

By doubling the voltage the losses would be reduced to a quarter—from, say. 10 per cent, to 21-2 per cent. About 1900 the closed are system, which was in in the cost of operation. In 1901 the Hamilton company adopted the Manhatta tan system, and about two years later, he was informed, the Manhatta Company had to remove its lamps, and the General Electric style of lamp was installed.

he was informed, the Mannattan Com-pany had to remove its lamps, and the General Electric style of lamp was in-stalled.

By change from the open to the closed arc system it was possible to do away with some transforming apparatus, which meant a saving in current.

—In another part of this big paper "Doc" Lambert, the well-known shoe repairer, King street east, near Wentworth, offers the citizens his best wishes. Be sure to read what the "Doc" has to -The Gurney Foundry Co., Limited, 18 MacNab street north, is announcing special prices for the Christmas trade in

### Could We Harness Lightning

Having harnessed the streams and even converted wave force into electricity; the modern physical scientists have undertaken to make a more careful study of the phenomena of lightning in the clouds with a view to possible utilization for industrial purposes, says a writer in the Montreal Star. To the electrician the play of lightning seems like a great waste of energy. An electrical storm possesses enough potential energy to drive a good many factory wheels. A lightning flash several miles long casts athwart the earth an illumination so great and intense that our

combined. What would be the unfortunate condition of the inhabitants of any district where a lightning flash caused a deluge of nitric acid is something not pleasant to contemplate.

But such does not happen. Ever since man has inhabited the earth violent thunderstorms and electrical flashes have broken the monotony of summer's heat, and so far as the records show no remarkable visitation of unusual calamities has resulted therefrom. Yet the phenomenon of the lightning flash have puzzled scientists. They could not understand why ozone and nitric acid were not formed in enormous quantities by even an ordinary flash.

But the secret of it now appears to be that our eyes are not capable of recording accurately this peculiar phenomena of the heavens. It is all an optical illusion, this watching a flash of lightning. It is not one violent discharge, but a series. A flash two or more miles in length is made up of thirty or fifty successive discharges, occurring so rapidly that their appearance seems almost simultaneous to the eye. An impres-

idly that their appearance seems almost simultaneous to the eye. An impres sion on the human eye persists for only 0.1 second, and it cannot measure any thing less than this. Consequently if a flash of lightning is only one one thous-andth of a second in duration we cannot distinguish it from one persisting only 0.1 second. Herein is where the secret

ence between different points of the cloud of 50,000,000 volts.

Sensitive recording instruments have begun to measure the lightning flashes, and in this way our knowledge concerning the electrical discharges of the clouds is being made more accurate. For instance, it is pretty well known now that the duration of the discharge is about one-five-hundred-thousandths of a second, a duration that is utterly incomprehensible to the human mind. The average energy of the discharge at 10,000 kilowatt seconds would be equal to 7,000,000 foot pounds expressed in simpler language.

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If we accept this potential energy of a flash of lightning, constituted as it is of a series of almost simultaneous discharges, we might translate it into even plainer language by showing what it could do if it was directed toward some useful work. In electrical science we speak of the kilowatt hour instead of the kilowatt second. We knew approximately what can be accomplished by a kilowatt hour when electricity is harnessed to perform different work. On this basis of computation the potential energy of our flash of lightning in the clouds could perform some marvellous feats in the industrial world.

Approximately it could saw 330 feet of deal timber if harnessed to a mill

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formation bangs, senice sevurs, any switches,
for surface, first and stove so of the Christmas trade in natural gas goods, heaters and stoves of all kinds. They carry the famous Important severs throw out of his sleigh last night at switch the drive a military size, in New York city and one in Boston.

For Husbands So.

Feter Murray, Mountain Top, w Approximately it could saw 830 feet of deal timber if harnessed to a mill

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But that we have many misconceptions about lightning is apparent from recent investigations. A lightning flash frequently extends over several miles of space. A single flash of 10,000 volts and inche would thus require a potential difference of about 1,200,000,000 volts and inche would thus require a potential difference of about 1,200,000,000 volts for the entire length of two miles. Such a voltage in the clouds is almost inconcievable. It is not in accord with all of our ideas of the nature of electricity. It should, so far as we can conceive, annihilate whole communities and decident of the provided of

### THISTLE RINKS.

How the Curlers Are Drawn For the Year.

The Thistle Curling Club has selected the following rinks for the coming sea-

C. Murton, G. Raw, Dr. Carr, J. Boddy, G. W. Robinson, C. Doolittle, F. S.

G. W. Robinson, C. Doolittle, F. S. Glassco, T. Clappison, skip.
R. Moodie, J. Allan, G. H. Douglas, W. H. Davis, skip.
A. T. Horning, W. H. Bruce, J. Gartshore, Rev. J. Young, skip.
J. Scott, Dr. Peters, B. Racey, Dr. Edgar, skip.
H. Ambrose, A. Pearce, Dr. Roger, Dr. Glassco, skip.

Glassco, skip.

J. Kemp, S. Ripley, D. McPhie, F. J.
Howell, skip. E. Lazier, W. J. Thomson, H. Wilcox, J. Leggat, skip.

Rev. S. Daw, S. McDonald, J. Billings, Dr. Malloch, skip.
H. Lazier, W. A. Stewart, C. W. Scott, C. S. Wilcox, skip. H. S. Case, Dr. Langs, Dr. Coleman, H. A. Wardell, skip. L. Scott, Dr. Carter, C. B. Linton, Dr.

L. Scott, Dr. Čarter, C. B. Linton, Dr. Woolverton, skip.
R. Watkins, J. E. McGee, J. Thomson, sen., J. A. Thomson, skip.
Dr. Langrill, W. Champ, S. F. Washington, R. S. Martin, skip.
Dr. Arnott, Dr. McNichol, Rev. D. R. Drummond, Dr. Russell, skip.
T. J. Farmer, W. R. Drynan, H. Ralston, W. S. McBrayne, skip.
J. Gillard, Dr. Rennie, R. B. Ferrie, J. Y. Osborne, skip.

J. Gillard, Dr. Reinne, R. B. Ferrie, & Y. Osborne, skip. R. L. Iunis, W. Southam, S. Glassco, F. R. Martin, skip. W. W. Osborne, G. F. Crawford, F. W. Gates, R. S. Morris, skip. L. H. Glassco, J. J. Morrison, H. H. Champ, D. McConachie, skip.

MRS. GALLAGHER'S DEATH. Mrs. Elizabeth Gallagher died laste evening at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. Whitney, after a short illness. Deceased fas 75 years of age. She was the relict of James Gallagher. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon from the residence of her son-in-law, 306 King street east.

WHALEBONE. WHALEBONE.

The economic value of whalebone is due to its combined qualities of lightness, elasticity of springiness and flexibility even when split into thin strips. It has also the property of permanently retaining any shape that may be given to it when it is heated and then cooled under compression. Although many substitutes have been introduced, such as steel, cattle horn and turkey quills, nothing has yet been found that competes with it in a combination of all the qualities above noted. It is therefore undivalled as material for use in whips, corsets, or dress stays and similar purcorsets, or dress stays and similar pur-

The cutting of whalebone, that changing the rough slabs into the forms and sizes suitable to the different uses, is carried on principally in New York city and Boston. There are four factor-

#### THE HAMILTON TIMES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18, 1907.

#### CHRISTMAS.

Over nineteen hundred years ago little Child was born, and down thr the centuries the anniversary of His birth has been celebrated and honored throughout all Christian lands. His benediction in after years of "Peace on earth and good will toward me," became the moving motive in the hearts of His followers, which has found special expression at each recurring anniversary. He who was Love personified left a legacy of love to us, which embraces all man-Would it be too much to say that it is the influence of this wonder ful love which touches all hearts at this season of the year, and makes us open softer sensibilities, finer feelings and more charitable thoughts than those which usually actuate us at other times? That the reflex of this Divine love is more felt at this than any other season? We believe this to be the case. When we contemplate the great sacrifice made for us, there need be little wonder that the injunction "love one another" comes home with force at Christmas time. And thus it is that our hearts mellow towards others, and that our sympathies and good wishes find expression in gift giving and other outward tokens of regard on this the anniversary natal day of the Saviour of the world. Once a year we draw closer together. Kindness takes the place of selfishness; business rules give way to the golden rule, and for a brief season at least we live on a higher plane of

Perhaps the greatest lesson we learn from this Christmas is that of service pleasure and happiness are to be found in doing unto others. Selfishness has nothing in common with the Christmas spirit. "It is more blessed to give than to receive" has a wider meaning than that usually attached to it. Gift giving is right and proper, but unless we give in the proper spirit, we give in vain. Not only how we give, but to whom we give, should be taken into ac count. While remembering friends, and those who will remember us, we should forget those who cannot reciprocate -those who stand in need of our gifts Canada is a prosperous country. We thank a kind Providence for that. But it is also a poor place in winter for ticket. those who have not the wherewithal to procure the necessities of life, and

Then Christmas is essentially the children's day. The child Jesus, when He grew up, said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me," and as if to emphasize these words upon us all it is only through childlike faith that we car "come unto Him." Santa Claus! Is there such a person, or is it merely a figment of the imagination? Children Claus?" and we have answered "Yes." Good old Santa as surely lives as do love and sympathy and kindness reign in the human heart. Santa lives in every father and mother who cherishes favor of Hydro-Electric power so as to the happiness of their offspring. He is get even with Hamilton. a living potentiality, the outward exhibition of which is seen every Christ-

ose, most of whom are strangers from

the old lands, we should not forget.

"Inasmuch as ye did it unto the least

of these ve did it unto Me."

In the kindliest spirit and with the best wishes towards its numerous readers and advertisers, the Times wishes

A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

NEXT YEAR'S COUNCIL. The prospects for getting a good busi ness City Council for next year are not very bright. Instead of a general move on the part of the citizens to secure men who understand city business and who have enough of business capacity and public spirit about them to give us good government, we find cliques of men meeting and planning to elect men to real the Council, not because of their special fitness for the position, but because they they place above the interests of the city at large. Perhaps the worst and most dangerous of these cliques is the one made up of certain Tory politicians, who manage to use the "machine" in their efforts to capture the Council, And why do they wish to capture it? Not for the good of the city, you may be sure. By controlling the Council, they figure out that they can control the offices, make the appointments, and, what is more important to them, control the votes of the aldermen. In other words, their object is to run the city in the interests of the Tory party and its friends, and not in the city's interest. This year it looks as if a special effort were being made by these men to get possession of the Board of Aldermen. A new organizer has been appointed, who is supposed to get the supporters into ticket, and in case any should be found voting other than the proper ticket, the party organ solemnly warns then that they will get no jobs if they don't temperance people, who are pushing canany special qualification they may have unfortunate position, but iust because they are temperance men and will vote for a reduction in the number of liquor licenses, which may be a laudable enough object in itself. Also the hotel men are spoken of as having a desire to bring out a few "wet" men to counterbalance or out-vote the "drys." We also have the Labor men—a class with which we have considerable symithy which we have considerable symithy thich we have considerable symithy the laye considerable symithy with the control of the Dominion Meterorological service, remarks that he is inclined to counterbalance or out-vote the "drys." we think any Canadian who has ever been anywhere else will heartly agree with him. with which we have considerable sympathy and have no desire to antagonize.

But we submit that a Labor man has no more right to a seat at the Council be-

fessional man because he is such, and he has none. A Labor aldermanic candidate should be elected on his merits the same as any one else. Lastly we have the North End Improvement Society and to it we frankly say that we hav little or no objection. It is sectional, of course, but its object is the advancemen

of at least one portion of the city.

It is unfortunate that the situation is such as it is at present, because there is great need at the City Hall for capable men to take hold of the city's affairs For several years back we have had overdrafts, until now such a thing has become a matter of course. Last year the Mayor appeared before one of the Committee, asking power to borrow money to pay off the then overdraft, etc., and in doing so he gave his personal guarantee that that would be the last-that there would be no more. But there is another over draft this year, and it would be interesting to know what Mayor Stewart pro poses to do about it. Then we have the sandsucker and filtering basins farce. and the continual wrangle about street railway matters. We are not defending the Street Railway Company, but we say that no satisfactory arrangement can be made with that company with the present aldermen, many of whom declare that they were elected on the pledge that they would not yield an inch to the company. Now this is unfortunate, not for the company, but for the city. Hamilton is not more than half served by the street railway. It should have another south and another north line, as well as another cross line. But it cannot get them and will not get them as things now are.

Then next year will have its own problems. Chief of which, perhaps, will be the power and light problem, one idead men are not wanted at a time like this. The city needs the best men it can get. Men who will do their duty to it, with out any string tieing them to party, clique or lodge. It is not yet too late to

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

This is good shopping weather. Take dvantage of it.

But there are people who think they could be better off off the temperance

The Christmas Times carries the message of peace and good will to its thou-

After all, the real Christmas season egan with the appearance on the streets of the Christmas Times.

That "Minister of Power" quip of the Herald last evening only shows that when it tries to be funny it becomes

It's not necessary to wait until the last minute to post your Christmas gifts. have asked us, "Is there a really Santa Don't put all the work on the postman

> Mr. Beck will not tell us on Friday night that other places are to vote in

If Mr. Foster is anxious to reduce the expenditure of the Dominion Government he might throw off that \$1,000 creased indemnity he is pocketing.

We have heard of a man's heart being in his mouth, but we never heard of it being in his pocket before. These Tory workers must be natural curiosities.

Harry Wright's committee having wound up the year's business with a tea party, the Civic Coal Committee may be expected to close the season with a hop or something like that.

countries on this continent it is by reading that people learn what widespread hardship is.—Montreal

We will venture the assertion that as real widespread hardship can b in New York and Chicago as there is in London, England, at the present time.

The Times takes much pleasure this evening in "pointing with pride" to the many advertisements in this holiday is sue. Christmas buyers will serve their own interests by losing no time in reading the advertisements of the merchants which appear, and then hurry to make their purchases at their stores.

Mr. Mortimer B. Davis, the wellknown Montreal tobacco manufacturer, is well pleased with the French treaty. He anticipates an inflow of French capi tal into Canada in consequence, and savs that the articles on which Canada has granted a reduction below her intermediate tariff are essentially of French manufacture, which we do not produce ourselves, and which do not enter into com petition with our own products. He also declares that the concessions granted by France to Canada amounts to nearly ninety per cent. of our whole trade, that is to say, that ninety per cent. of our products will in future have access to the French markets. That ought to be are always looking for additional outlets for their products.

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position did not intervene on Friday evening to end the painful exhibition of indency in debate which was indulged in by two or three of hs followers, and notably by Mr. W. H. Bennett of East Simcos

Kingston Whig:—Comment has been made upon the fact that some teachers of the highest scholarship do not succeed. Teachers are born and made. They have the talent for teaching, and so when educated and trained they make their mark. They have the fáculty which must be natural with the individual, It cannot be acquired.

Kingston News:—There is one thing that even Conservatives will commend the Government for, that is in checking the indiscriminate immigration to Canada during this winter and to prevent absolutely the arrival of newcomers without funds. Owing to the enforced cessation of work on railway construction, during the winter months and to the curtailment of industrial operations in some lines by reason of the tions in some lines by reason of the financial stringency, the demand for labor is not so active as a few months ago, and it is only fair and just to Can adian workmen that they should be giv en, during this quiet period, some ex tra protection against alien competition

#### What It Looks Like.

The Union Trust Company will sue Mr. leorge W. Fowler, M. P., for \$5,000. This cocks very much like an attempt to take he bird out of the net of the Fowler. The Nest of Traitors.

(Toronto News.)

Mr. G. E. Foster says that young Conservatives should learn the history of the party-including, no doubt, the stirring events of the Bowell Administration.

#### Too Stubborn.

Senator Jaffray's statement ought to con-ince the World. But will it? Convince factean against his will, and Maclean will tick to his statement still.

But Is It True?

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)
"We don't want the Jap, not because he is our inferior, but because industrially and commercially, he is gur superior," said Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P. for Nanaimo, in moving

#### ANNIVERSARY TEA

#### And Entertainment at Bartonville Methodist Church

Bartonville Methodist Church held its anniversary tea meeting last night. The place was well filled and a sumptuous place was well filled and a sumptuous repast was provided by the ladies of the congregation. After which Rev. Mr. Volkek, the pastor, took the chair and, after devotinal services, called on Rev. Dr. Williamson for an address. Then followed excellent music by the choir and others, with first class readings and recitations by Miss Phoenix, of Crown Point, and Miss Gage, of Bartonville. The proceeds were very satisfactory.

#### EMERALD LADIES' AID.

The Ladies' Aid of Emerald Street Methodist Church held their annual ba-zaar yesterday afternoon and evening. The school room was beautifully decor-ated and the articles on sale, while not ated and the articles on sale, while not tumerous, were of good quality and were easily disposed of. In the evening a short programme was endered, consist-ing of humorous songs by Mr. Mackie, also a recitation by him; songs by Miss Ella Reynolds and piano solos by Miss Vera McCombs.

#### XMAS GIFTS THAT PLEASE.

Mr. P. Arland, the well-known shoc man, announces in this issue a number of practical Christmas gifts. His stock, valued at \$15,000, includes fine footwear valued at \$15,000, includes fine footwear of all kinds, slippers, overgaiters, leggings, rubbers, trunks and valises. With each purchase he gives premium tickets, redeemable at fits store, and shoppers should call during the next few days. Each customer will receive a fine calendar at either store, 6 Market square or 43 MacNab street north. Patrons will get courteous treatment at Mr. Arland's.

For a wager of \$30,000 Vicomte and Vicomtesse Raoul de Gruard have been making a honeymoon trip of the world on foot. They left Paris on May 17, 1896, and have arrived at Turin, after travelling 41,250 miles on foot.

A sear nobly got is a good livery of honor.—Shakespeare.

### KILLS SWEETHEART AND KILLS HIMSELF.

(Continued from page 33.)

Williamsburg bridge, thence through Bedford avenue to the Eastern Parkway, where further orders would be given

him.
"There was nothing about them," said Kilmartin in his story to the police, "to make them appear different from any other persons. There was nothing unpleasant to the talk they had before they started, and on the way I heard nothing to indicate a quarrel. On the contrary, they seemed to be happy. "When I got across the bridge I stopped the car and asked for orders. The man told me to go, ahead through the parkway and he would give me further instructions later. I got back on to the seat and went along the parkway as far as Truxton street. There I heard a shot

inside the car and stopped at once.
"When I looked into the car the wo-"When I looked into the car the woman was half lying on the seat and the
man looking at her. In a moment he
put the pistol to his head and fired
again. He fell on top of her and both
bodies went to the bottom of the car.
I was trying to get him up on the seat
when Mounted Policeman Howard Smith
came up. I told him what had happened,
and he told me to drive to F. W. Cable's
drug store, half a block away, in Fulton
street."

#### BAKER'S WRIT.

The writ issued by Thomas Baker, of London is against Addison H. Hoover, William Dineen, Cyrus A. Birge, R. E. Menzie, A. F. Webster, E. E. Sheppard, J. B. King, James Dixon, F. W. Hall, G. H. Adams, W. M. German, E. Guss Porter and the Sovereign Fire Assurance Co. of Canada. Co. of Canada.

Friend Recommended Cuticura -Uses Five Cakes Cuticura Soap and Two Boxes of Cuticura Oint-Like New Man.

#### **GLADLY RECOMMENDS CUTICURA TO ALL**

"I have had ezema for over fitteen years, and have tried all sorts of remedies to relieve me, but without avail. I stated my case to one of my friends and he recommended the Cuticura Remedies. I bought them with the thought that they would be unsuccessful, as with the others. But after using them for a few weeks I noticed to my surprise that the irritation and peeling of the skin gradually decreased, and finally, after using five cakes of Cuticura Soap and two boxes of Cuticura Cointment it disappeared entirely. I feel now like a new man, and I would gladly recommend these remedies to all who are sfliteted with skin diseases. David Blum, Box A, Bedford Station, N. Y., Nov. 6, 1905."

### Little Son Had Eczema

"My son when four years of age had eczema on his body and limbs and suffered badly. Cuticura Remedies were recommended to me and I gave the complete treatment a trial and at the recommended to me and I gave the complete treatment a trial and at the end of the third month my son was cured. I cannot say too much in praise of Cuticura Remedies and am always ready to recommend them to others. Mrs. G. H. Conant, Box 811, Rockland, Mass., Dec. 14, 1905."

Helpless Infants cured of Torturing, Disfiguring Humors, Eczemas, Tetters, Rashes, Itch-ings and Irritations, owe more to Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment than to all other remedies combined. No others so pure, so sweet, so speedily Complete External and Internal Treatment for Every Humor of Infants, Children, and Addits con-loring the Health Stin, and Cuttleura Resolvent for the form of Choolate Coated Fills, in visit of strying by the Children Copy, Soil Propa-poston, Base, are Maind Free, 45 page Cutterna Copy, Soil Propagation, and Copy, Soil Propagation, Copy, C

# You Can Save Money Here Thursday

Thousands of dollars' worth of goods suitable for Christmas Presents, has been marked at special prices for Thursday's selling.

Store will be open to-night from 7.30 to 10 o'clock.

### Big Sale of Books at 7.30 To-night

500 cloth bound novels, works of the best known authors, these books would be a bargain at 25c, only 2 to a customer and price 10c.

### Thursday Morning at 8.30

25c Initial Silk Handkerchiefs 9c

50 dozen Gents' Hemstitched Silk Initial Handkerchiefs full range of initials, regularly 25c, Thursday at 8.30, 9c Only two to a customer.

50c Braces 25c

25 dozen Men's Braces, every pair boxed, usual value for 50c, Thursday's special sale price ................................. 25cc

75c Fancy Comb Sets 371/2c

\$2 Long Kid Gloves 98c

50 pairs only Long Suede Kid Gloves, colors, grey or white, regularly \$2.00 value, Tuesday morning . . . . 98c \$2.25 Kid Gloves \$1.49

75c Chiffon Scarfs 19c Chiffon Searfs, 10 inches wide by 44 inches long, colors frown, navy, ecru and black, and white, regularly 75c value

50c Chiffon Scarfs 9c sden patterns in Chiffon Scarfs, regular 50c value,

\$1.50 Lace Collars 39c

Handsome designs in a Guipure Lace Collar, very deep and good value for \$1.50, Thursday morning price . 39c

25c and 50c Imperfect Handkerchiefs 15c

\$10 Jackets \$1.49

We have 12 only Dark Tweed Jackets, splendid weight nd good value for \$12.00. Just to create a little stir in d good value for \$12.00. Just to create a little sur in e cloak department we offer you your choice at 8.30 for \$1.49 ... .. \$1.49

\$2 Comb and Brush Sets 99c

#### Sacrifice Sale of Coats Thursday 100 Ladies' Coats at less than half the ordinary selling

\$8 Ladies' Coats \$3.99

\$15 Ladies' Coats \$6.99

\$15 Ladies' Coats \$7.50

Ladies' and Misses' light and dark Tweed Jackets, also black three-quarter and seven-eight length, some with velvet collars, others trimmed with straps of self or braid, worth up to \$15, Thursday morning . . . . \$7.50

### 2 Great Values in Ladies' Silk Waists

\$6 Silk Waists \$2.99

Ladies' Taffeta and China Silk Waists, buttoned either in front or back, short and long sleeves, nicely made, with fine tucks, the pleats and trimmings of Val. and Guipure insertion and lace, colors white, cream, black brown and red, these waists worth up to \$6, Thursday

\$3 and \$3.50 Lawn Shirt Waists \$2.25

White Lawn and Mull Shirt Waists, very daintily trimmed, with tucks, insertion and lace, a variety of styles, regular \$3, to \$3.50, Thursday morning price.

#### Children's Plush Jackets Thursday

36 in all Children's Plush Jackets, in beaver and car dinal, will go on sale Thursday morning at a big reduc 

\$2.98 Red or Beaver Plush Jackets .. . . . . . . \$2.00 \$1 and \$1.75 Felt Shapes 19c 

Be on hand and get your choice. \$1.50 Hand-painted Satin Cushions 79c

26 in all, pretty Satin Cushions, hand painted, frill or cord edge, colors pink, nile, blue or cardinal, cushion filled with a clear vegetable down, regular \$1.50 value, for .... ...... ..... ..... ... ...

### **Thursday Morning at 8.30 Sharp** In Great Basement The Following Bargains Will Appear

Other Cups and Saucers at 8.30 for Half Price 

\$1.25 Salad Dishes 69c 

New Lamps, 10 Per Cent. Discount Every Fancy Parlor and Dining Room Lamp will be of-fered at 8.30 Thursday morning at 10 per cent. off the

 
 Stuffed Animals, regular 10c, for
 5e

 Boys' Canes, regular 10c, for
 5e

 Halma Game, regular 25c, for
 15e

 Mechanical Cabs, regular 25c, for
 15e

 Steel Spring Sleighs, boys', 90c, for
 79e
 Odd Lots at Clearing Prices. Squeaking Frogs, regular 10c, for Ring the Stick Game, 25c, for Battledore Game, 50c, for

### **Ihursday Sale of Groceries**

12 lbs Redpath's Best Granulated Sugar, 49c, or 7 lbs or 29c, to customers buying \$1.00 worth of other gro-

Baking Powder, tin. 10e
Good Cheese, lb . . . 17e
Pure Lard, lb . . . 15e
Gold Medal Flour . 68e Cleaned Currants, lb. . 10c Table Figs, pkg . 10c Pickled Walnuts, bottle Ceylon Black Tea, 40c. 7-lb pail Jam... Red Salmon, can.. Royalty Coffee, lb. Table Raisins, lb... Quaker Oats, pkg. Pickles, per bottle Sweet Chocolate, 10c Orange and Lemon Peel, Shelled Almonds, lb 15e Milk Cocoa, tin

100 dozen Valencia Oranges at 8.30 for 5c dozen.

### To-Night at 7.30 Sharp

These goods will be reduced for sharp selling. Be here on time.

Be here on time.

Easel Blackboards, each
Boys' Sleighs at only, each
Boys' Steel Spring Sleighs, 36c, for
Noah's Arks, regularly 50c, for
Dolls' Buggies at 7.30 for, each
Nine Pins, regularly 15c, on sale for
Enamel Dishes, 29c, for
Mechanical Toys, 50c, for
SSc Dressed Dolls for

#### **Great Sacrifice Sale Of Shoes**

We find ourselves overstocked in the Shoe Section, so Thursday, in order to reduce the stock, we take four lines and offer them to you Thursday morning at 8.30 for a good deal less than the regular cost price. \$4 Ladies' Shoes for \$1.95

McPherson's Sample Shoes, in patent leather, with dull kid tops, fancy patent facings or buttoned, with cloth tops, lso nice kid or Dongola patent tips, extension soles, mili-\$2 Shoes for 98c

#### Woman's Fancy Patent Slippers, with one sheels, button and bow, sizes 4 to 61/2, regular **Evening Shoes for Small Feet**

65c Children's Felt Slippers 39c Children's Felt Slippers in red and black, fine turned felt soles, with leather outer soles all sizes, from 6 to 2, regular 65c, Thursday's bargain price ...... 39c

### Infants' Dept.

No place like here to buy just the right thing in infants' and children's Dresses, Hats, etc., this is one of the brightest little departments in the house, and the prices a little better than elsewhere.

\$1 Fur Bonnets 50c White Bear Bonnets and Caps, with earlaps and brush, all sizes, worth up to \$1. Thursday's price ..... 50e

\$3 Plush Coats \$2 Children's brown plush Coats, trimmed with frogs and cream cloth, sizes 1 to 3 years, regular \$3, Thursday.....\$2

Infants' Toques 25c

Infants' fine Wool Toques in plain white, cardinal avy, Thursday's special price Infants' Gaiters 39c

THE T. H. PRATT CO. LIMITED

### **TARIFF \$2 FOR SNOW CASES.**

FIRST BATCH OF THE WINTER CAME UP TO-DAY.

Who is Responsible for Cleaning Sidewalks Around a Church is Puzzling

The first snow cases of the year were heard this morning, and the Magistrate ounced that \$2 would be the tariff for the season. A. M. Wright, 16½ York street, was summoned by Constable Sharp, and fined & J. Alter, 103 John street south, was also a victim of Sharp's, but he will endeavor to prove to morrow morning that he had his bouse rented to a tenant, who should have cleaned the beautiful. John Reardon was not responsible for his property, as the city had seized it, and the case was dismissed. Benjamin Baskerville, postman, has been busy with the Christmas mails, and he was let down with half price. The Canadian Corundum Wheel Co. paid & for recently acquired property on Hunter street west. A. Garber, 407 King street east, was not the owner of the property for which he was summoned, and the case was dismissed. He asked for a half day's pay, and was advised by the Magistrate to sue the city.

The case of the Parguson Aysaus Bar. for the season. A. M. Wright, 161/2 York

city.

The case of the Ferguson Avenue Baptiat Church neglecting to clean show was a poser. Constable Sharp took out a summons for Rev. J. Bracken, the pastable Sharp took out a summons for Rev. J. Bracken, the pastable said he was no was a poser. Constable Sharp took out a summons for Rev. J. Bracken, the pastor, but the Magistrate said he was no more responsible for the cleaning of the show than any member of the congregation, and accordingly dismissed the charge. The police will try to figure out who is responsible, and are now satisfied that they should have the Board of Management up en masse.

Mrs. G. Noholick, 179 Cannon street west, was charged by George Shuger with threatening to do him bodily harm. She was very sick in court, and was remanded to jail for the Medical Health Officer to attend her.

John Wass, Kenwood, was charged with assaulting W. Ridley. The case was adjourned till to-morrow for witnesses.

messes.
"We certainly were," said George Scollan and William Laing, Bay street north, when they were charged with being drunk. They were fined \$2 each.

#### REDUCED TO \$795.

#### Doctor Allowed That for Services to Golspie Victims.

\$795 the bill of Dr. R. J. Gibson, of Sault Ste. Marie, against R. O. & A. B. Mackay, of this city, for services to the survivors of the wrecked steamer Golspie. He had asked \$2,005. The doctor had performed 14 amputations, for which he asked \$100 each. At the trial the plainasked store each. At the trial the plain-tiff's witnesses declared, says Judge An-glin, that it would be fair, just and hon-est to exact from a kindly-disposed per-son who had ordered the doctor to the scene, three or four times what a patient in a similar station of life, to the men in a similar station of line, to the men-treated, would have to pay. One had said he would have refused to do the work which Dr. Gibson had done in eight

work which Dr. Gibson had done in eight hours for less than \$1,000.

The witnesses for the defendant gave evidence to the effect that it was cus-tomary for doctors to charge men in a poor station of life, such as these sailors, from 25 to 50 per cent. less than would be charged for similar work for a man in a comfortable position.

#### CENTENARY LITERARY.

The Centenary Literary Society held its regular meeting last evening, with a good attendance. An exceptionally well written paper on "The Life and Poetical Works of Tennyson" was read by Mrs. G. A. Willis, Misses Nellie Marshall and Georgie Mills played an instrumental duet, and Rev. Richard Whiting led in the discussion of "In Memoriam," Miss Ella Allen adding to the enjoyment of the evening by reading a portion of the poem. The society adjourned to meet after the holidays. poem. The society ac after the holidays.

#### A Slaughter of the Great.

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A manufacturer's outlet clearance of the newest, best and most up-to-date cloaks on the market this season. Dark cardinals, hunters' greens, navies, browns and blacks, loose and tight fitting, lined throughout, some in white satin, regular values \$18, 820, \$25 and \$30, clearing at \$10, \$12.50 and \$15. Ladies' tweed coats, \$10, for \$5; \$15 for \$7.50, and \$18, for \$10; one only opera cloak, worth \$75, for \$20. Ladies' long tight fitting coats, \$25, for \$12.50; \$20, for \$10, sizes 32 to 42 bust. Misses' tweed and plain cloth coats, \$3.50, \$4.75 and \$5.75. Children's white bear and tweed coats, \$1.55, \$2.50, \$3 and \$4.95. Ladies' suits, worth \$25, for \$15; \$18 and \$20, for \$10. Skirts, \$3.50 to \$5, for \$2.95; \$5.95 to \$50, for \$1.00 sizes variety for less than makers' cost. Every piece up to the minute in styles. Ladies' blouses at \$1.50, worth \$3; at \$3.50, worth \$5, and a beautiful waist at \$3.95 and \$5. The best assortment of gift umbrellas in the city.—James Shea.

#### D. D. G. M. VISITS OAK LEAF.

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Last night was the evening set apart by Oak Leaf Lodge, I. O. O. F., for the official visit of the D. D. G. M., Bro. C. H. Mann, and his accompanying, staff, composed of P. D. D. G. M. Bro. W. Amor, P. G. Bro. Jas. Ogilvie, of Crescent; P. G. Bro. J. Rose, of Victoria, and P. G. Bro. J. Le Drew, of Unity. Bright speeches and remarks made the evening one of enjoyment to all. D. D. G. M. Bro. Mann gave encouraging reports of Ancaster Lodge, which he visited on Monday evening. To-night he will xisit his mother lodge, Unity.

#### Christmas Greetings.

To all. Call and see our Christmas goods, We will present our customers with suitable Christmas cards comencing Saturday, 21st; adults only.—M. Kennedy, 240 James street north.

#### ALIVE AND YET DEAD

Is the condition of many people. We galvanize your feelings with one dose of perfect exercise on the little steel rolls at the Alexandra. The perfect floor and air of refinement are both conducive to a happy frame of mind and a perceptible change in the general feelings.

THURSDAY, DEC. 19th, 1907

Sava Worry by Shopping all You Can This Week

### Xmas Waists Moderately Priced

Just arrived from the makers-fresh off the needle, beautiful Silk, Lace, Net and Lawn Waists in the very newest designs and most approved styles and priced very much less than you will find elsewhere.

Women's Silk Blouses in Cream and Black tucked lace trimmed, also Lusters and Cashmeres beautifully embroidered, worth up to \$2.50 and \$3, on \$1.50

#### Lawn Waists--Elegant Styles

A shipment of Lawn Waists just to hand for Christmas gifts, made of beautifully fine lawns, allover embroidered, new sleeves, beautifully tucked and all most moderately priored at, each \$1.25, \$2.25 and .... \$2.50

Women's Underwear, Worth \$1, for 50c Women's Natural Wool Drawers only, slightly imper-fect, natural wool Drawers only, slightly imper-fect, natural color, all sizes, regular \$1 goods, on sale for per pair. ... 50c | Second Se

Silk Waists at \$3.00

Lace and Net Waists \$3.75 and \$5.00

### Women's Coats Never So Cheap

Hundreds of elegant Mantles, all New York models, on sale at about balf their regular value. A chance to save half the money you intended to lay out on a gift for wife, mother or sister.

WOMEN'S COATS AT \$5.00-Splendid Tweed Mantles, good, long length, w sleeves, some of them lined, very stylish cut and well made, worth regularly \$10, on sale Thursday for ....... \$5.00

WOMEN'S COATS AT \$10.00-Purchased from one of the most advanced manufacturers of ladies' ready-to-wear garments, made of beautiful plain 

### Women's Coats at \$12.50

Broadcloths, Kerseys, and handsome tweed, very long engths, both loose and fitted styles, braided and velocet trimmed, new sleeves with cuff, blacks, browns, navies, greens and mixed plaids, worth every cent of \$20, for \$12.50

Apron Lawns, for Gift Aprons

**Belts and Bags for Gifts** 

Ladies Basch Bags, all leather, black and brown, both strap and satchel handles, at each 50, 75c, \$1.00.

Warm Ringwood Gloves

Women's and Misses' Ringwood Gloves, both imported and made in Canada, wrist and elbow length, brown, black, white, grey, cardinal, scarlet, etc., at 25, 35 and

**Cashmere Gloves** 

Women's Cashmere Gloves, black, brown, beaver, grey and white, in both plain and suede finish, at per pair 25, 35, 50 and

Children's Belts and Bags, all leather, all colors, 

### Women's Mantles at \$20.00

Swell loose back garments in pretty shade of green wine, navy, also black, silk lined, would make splendid evening wraps, very long, worth fully \$35, our price for

UMBRELLAS FOR GIFTS-A most magnificent showing and assortment of coverings and handles, natural crooks Partridge Furze and Boxwood, metal handles in pearl, burnt ivory, and gunmetal, finished with rolled plate and sterling silver. Put up in gift boxes. Special values at \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$6.00,

#### Skirts at \$2.95. Worth \$4.00

#### Skirts at \$3.95

Skirts at \$5.95, Worth \$9.00

### **Xmas Table Linens**

#1.95
Table Napkins, all sizes, in a splendid assortment of designs, specially priced at each.

\$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.95 up to \$4

### **Dress Goods Make Good Gifts**-

#### Fancy Wool Delaines-- A Bargain

#### Silk Waistings at per yard 75c

a Man of Muscle.

"We read in the papers," said Mr. Chalklington, "about what the prize-fighters do to get up their muscles—sawing wood, lifting heavy dumbbells, punching the bag, and that sort of thing. I wonder that none of them ever thought of getting a job as a kettleman in an asphalt repair gang.

"Now there's a job that would give a man muscle if anything on earth could. When they are going to repair an asphalt pavement they bring on the ground a big kettle of a capacity of about four barrels, this built into a supporting iron sylinder within which, under the big kettle, is a fireplace.

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"They build a fire of cordwood to melt the asphalt, and the kettleman attends to the stirring of the asphalt, to keep the mass in the kettle of a uniform heat and plasticity, and also the ladding of it out to the men who carry it to the layers who spread it.

"It is all hard work, but the kettleman's job is the hardest; his, indeed, is work such as only a strong man can do. To keep the asphalt in the kettle stirred up he uses a long stout fron bar, which is split up for six or eight inches at one end, the split parts being spread open at the outer ends and there joined by a stout little strip of iron, making a triangle. It is this end of the bar that is thrust into the asphalt, and the object of making the bar in this form is so that it will break up and mix the asphalt more thoroughly.

"The great mass of not asphalt in the kettle is as heavy and sticky as so much sand mixed with glue would be, and a man of moderate muscular development and unaccustomed to the work couldn't work even a straight bar through it, but the kettleman works this mass with a bar with a triangle on the end of it, which makes it twice as hard with facility.

"He thrusts the bar down into the as-

alvanize your feelings with one dose of perfect exercise on the little steel of perfect exercise on the little steel of perfect exercise on the little steel. "He thrusts the bar down into the about a perceptible change in the general cellings.

To cure a cold in one night—use Vaporesellue. It has been used extensively durant more than twenty-four years. All drug-

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long.
"And if that wouldn't beat sawing wood, lifting dumbbells, or punching the bag for getting up muscle I miss my

DIGGING THE WORLD'S GOLD. A South African Reef Good for 15 Billions.

It is mainly from Africa, America and Australia that the world draws its standard of value—some \$400,000,000 worth of gold, won regularly every year.

Africa leads with about \$150,000,000; next comes the United States with about \$95,000,000 worth of gold, won state of the state

after the dreary northward journey of a lin the midst of it loom the palatial sky-crapers of Eloff street, the princely office pulldings of Market Square with their ex-reres elevators, telephones, electric lights and all the pomp and circumstances of Wall street.

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It is a clubbouse worth balf a million. He will be a compared to the state of the st

Africa declares the Johannesburg rest good for another \$15,000,000,000 worth at least. And yet it seems but the other day that the site of Johannesburg was a mere handful of the roofed shantles on the windswept yeldt, raw and ugly, dusty and forlors. You will meet men who trampled heelessly on the \$5,000 mills and the flessly on the \$5,000 mills meet men who trampled heelessly on the \$5,000 mills meet men who trampled heelessly on the \$5,000 mills meet men handed and thirty mills and the great and the surface seemed miserably. Poor R is, yet so regular and stable in quality that all one need do is to put down machinery on a big enough scale and gridd the stuff out—sure and certain of the profit on every ton. When the secret of the sloping reef leaked out there came one of the most sneationsl gold rushes of modern times. One man found that part of hie came inside an old Dutch church. But that was no reason for reverence, he rushed in like a madman and drove his peg under the altar!

To-day, besides the surface scampafete arched the deep decen; and deeper decens are diven beyond these again to spear the fast cagging reef. No wonder \$5,000,000 will sometimes be sunk in shafts, machinery and labor and a wait of ten years patiently endured before the gold can even be touched. It is tragic fact that the golden city is also a land of disappointment. The truth is South Africa produces gold and dismonds-and nothing else. There is not another single industry to support the country.

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For this reason an army of Chinese, nearly 1,000 shivering negroes were secured, and as these came from a tropic climate they could not stand the cold winter.

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Every year sees new fields tapped. Those cause of the third states, as also in England, and the control of Australia are as yet barely scratched, because of the difficulty of travel in the water-less interior. The importation of thousands of indian camels, however, has made a big difference in this respect. New South Wales alone has 70,000 square miles of gold country which in great part has never known a miner's piet. What country we mountain of gold like Meint, Morgan, that has ground out, 2,571,365 dunces of virgin metal worth 20 an ounce? Or a mountain of silver like Broker Hult: Or a Golden Mile of marvelleusly rich rees like Kalguril? And where else can a made in the five year course for the degree of duty of the great miss of pure gold we called the Welcoms Straight, that

### Christmas Gifts=

This store has always been noted for goods of HIGHEST QUALITY, and this year the stock is better than ever.

#### Perfumes Sachet Powders **Toilet Waters**

#### Genuine Ebony

Large assortment of Brushes, MIRRORS, ETC. Every piece stamped "REAL EBONY." A few nice Toilet Sets in Morocco

#### Quality Chocolates

H. D. Foss Co., Boston.

These are without doubt the finest American Chocolates made, bar none. We have just received a fresh stock for Christmas direct from Boston. Some in PANCY BOXES suitable for GIFTS.

Mack's Drug Store

Corner King and James

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### Free! Free!

### Arland's

### Sensible Xmas Gift Suggestions

6 Market Square

\$15,000 WORTH OF BOOTS AND SHOES TO CHOOSE

FROM and premiums with every

Pick from this list: SLIPPERS LEGGINGS

OVERGAITERS, LUMBER-MEN'S BOOTS LONG RUBBER BOOTS RUBBERS, OVERSHOES,

#### TRUNKS and VALISES 43 MacNab Street North

Ask for a pretty calendar. Open every evening. Phone 3450.

Smokestack Arsenic.

Thousands of tons of arsenic are wasted annually in the futines that pour from the stacks of the great samelters of the United States. Says the United States. Geological Survey, yet not withstanding this waste, or nerhaps because of it, 8,000,000 pounds of arsenic or arsenic compounds, costing about SI5,000 were imported by us in 1206. In that year our demestic production of arsenic was the state of the grantity imported, we have our demestic production of arsenic was the state of the grantity imported, which is the state of the grantity of the state of the principal arsenic producing countries. In the United States, as also in England, the great bulk of the arsenic produced is from smeller fumes. English smelters are not allowed to pour arsenical fumes into the air, forcing them to make money out of the white arsenic saved. In the United States only two smellers have pleats for saving it one at Anaeonda, Mon., and the other at Everett, Wash.

### STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18th, 1907

### Toy Land, Joy Land, Little Girl and Boy Land

Take the elevator or the stairways to the third floor, and there you are—right in the heart of our grand Toyland—Toyland at its best, its brightest, its merriest, its liveliest.

Everything is alive—a real living Santa Claus, with a genuine telephone for the children; the smallest living pony in Hamilton; a wonderful electric workshop; the cute little Teddy Bears; the beautiful lifelike Dolls; the entertaining Books and Games; the Whirring Mechanical Toys, and the Whisning Trains, and all so good, so practical, and so substantial, that even the older people are attracted and interested.

#### Specials for To-morrow

6 only Kindergarten Sets, in red,
Table and 2 Chairs, worth regularly
\$2.50 set, at 8.30 sharp Thursday

3 only Large Easel Blackboards,
with roll drawings, for copying,
places for chalk, etc., worth regularly
\$2 each, on sale at 8.30 sharp on
Thursday

7 only Boys' Coaster Wagons,
strong, wooden body, wooden
wheels, iron tires and brake, worth
regularly \$3.75 on sale Thursday at
8.30 sharp

25 only Games, Gladsome Times,
worth regularly 25c each, at 8.30
sharp

12½c
6 only Combination Game Boards,
25 different games can be played on
the one board, worth regularly
\$1.50 each, at 8.30 sharp

98c

8 only Shoofly Rockers, the little children's favorite, worth regularly \$1, on sale Thursday at 8.30 sharp 75c

5 only Humpty Dumpty Circuses, a whole show in itself, worth regu-larly \$2.50, on sale at 8.30 sharp . . . \$1.25 

4 only Children's Desks, worth regularly \$2 each, on sale at 8.30 sharp . \$1.79

20 Granite Cooking Sets, 6 pieces, regular 25c set, at 8.30 sharp 15c

24 Dolls' Untrimmed Felt Hats, in blue, brown, grey and red, regular price 15c each, at 8.30 sharp . 5e

### Morning Bargains FROM 8.30 UNTIL 11

Girls' Watches \$1.89 

#### 60c Slippers for 35c

### Books of Poems 55c

\$1.00 Bibles for 69c 

Men's Sweaters 75c 

#### Fancy Goods Specials

Three dozen Japanese Centrepieces in roses, poppies, morning glories, cherries and many different designs, very pretty, choice at 8.30 sharp at... 98c Japanese Baskets for trimming, regularly 2 for 5c, at 8.30 sharp 3 for 5c Larger size, regular 5c, for 2 for 5c; regular 10c size at 8.30 sharp 3 

#### Photo Frames 19c

4 dozen Roll Gold Photo Frame s, in square, oval and round shapes, exceedingly pretty designs with stands, a most popular gift line, worth regularly 25c each, on sale at the Jewelry Department at 8.30 sharp . . . . 19c

STANLEY MILLS & CO., Limited

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### For Busy Thursday and Friday Shoppers



### Gift Gloves in Fancy Boxes

Buy Gloves for gifts; they are always useful, and buy them here and have the best; each pair in a fan-cy box, in wrist length, at \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Women's 12 button length Kid Gloves, Perrin's best makes, at \$2.50, \$2.75 and \$3.00.

Also in 16 button length, in street and evening shades, at \$3.00 and \$3.50. Women's Tan Walking Gloves, one button length, at per pair \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

#### Black Paris Braided Costumes \$34.50 and \$39.00

From Paris, two only new and handsome Semi Black Silk Braided and Net Costumes, at special reduced prices, regular \$49 and \$59, for quick selling, \$34.50 and \$39.00. Come early, two only.

Lovely Perfumes for Gifts Grossmith & Son's Standard Eng-Grossmith & Son's Standard Eng-lish Perfumes, put up in fancy cases, some silk lined, specially for Christ-mas gifts, are showing here and hav-ing a large sale at, per box, 40, 59, 75c to \$1.75.

#### Boys' and Girls' Tan Kid Gloves, new Christmastyles, in a fancy box, at per pair 85c and \$1.00. Buy your Gloves in Hamilton's best Glove store. White Paris Net Costumes

Three only quite new and fashion able White Paris Semi-made Cos tumes, special Christmas price \$18 and \$20, for quick selling, each \$9.50 and \$12.50.

Come early; three only.

Christmas Aprons—Lawn and Linen Every one buys Aprons for Christmas, and we are ready with a large- and fine display of new styles, in white lawn, made long and with bib, handsome embroidery and lace trimming, assorted, at, each, 25c, 35c to \$1.00.

#### Beautiful Christmas Blouses

We are making a really beautiful display of Women's Christmas Waists in filet net in white, ecru, all black and brown, made with the new kimona and Mikado sleeves, handsome Oriental lace and embroidery trimmed; others are plain tucked styes, all very stylish, at \$4.00, \$5.00 to \$9.50. Women's All Black and All White Silk Blouses, made with fine and large tucks, trimemd Val, and Guipure lace, special Christmas prices at \$3.50, \$4.50, \$5.00 to \$11.00.

Note-Store open to-night and each evening until Christmas. FINCH BROS. 29 and 31 King

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#### Abyssinian Ministry.

The decree of the Emperor Menelik mouncing the construction of a Cabinet in European lines is as follows:

"The lion of Judah has prevailed.
"Salutation be to you.
"It is some time since we thought of the corner time since we appointed the following persons:

Affa Negus Nasibu, Fitaurari Habta Giorgis, Privy Seal Gabra Selassi, Bejirond Mulugata, Likamaquas Katama, Nagadras Haila Giorgis, Kantiba Walda Sadik."—From the London Standard. announcing the construction of a Cabinet on European lines is as follows: "The lion of Judah has prevailed.

"It is some time since we thought of introducing a European system to our country. You have always indicated (this), and said it would be good if we, too, would adopt some fo the European

country. You have always indicated (this), and said it would be good if we, too, would adopt some fo the European systems.

"I have now taken steps to appoint a Ministry, and if it is the will of God I

### ATH OF LORD KELVIN

Foremost Scientist of the Passes Away.

Great Inventor and Great Discoverer No More.

#### Connected With Glasgow University For Over Sixty Years.

London, Dec. 17 .- With Lord Kelvin, o died at 10.15 to-night, there passed away not only the greatest scientist but one of the ablest characters of the age. Only friends knew with what patibore throughout the last twenty ears of his life almost incessant pair from acute facial neuralgia. To all who net him he endeared himself by his harming personality, and, to quote one of his colleagues, "his childlike humility, his very remarkable power of inspiring affection as well as esteem, his interest in and sympathy with everyone." When he resigned his professorship at Glasgow he desired to maintain his connection with the university, and at the age of 75 entered his name as a student upon the matriculation album. No one was better entitled to the name "student" than · he, for he worked unceasingly to the end of his life. Wherever he went he carried with him a green-covered notebook, and every minute not occupied in business or social duties he devoted to working out in this book the scientific problem which at the moment occupied his mind. "If only we had 30 hours in a day instead of 24," he was wont to say,
"we might get some of our work done." Leaves No Heir.

Leaves No Her.

Glasgow, Dec. 17.—Lord Kelvin, whose wife only recently recovered from a dangerous illness, suffered from a chill a fortnight ago. On Wednesday last serious complications developed, with but an occasional rally. Hope for his recovery was then abandoned. He lost consciousness this afternoon and passed away peacefully.

Until the time of his fatal seizure Lord Kelvin preserved remarkable vigor of

Kelvin preserved remarkable vigor of body and mind. He leaves no heir and body and mind. He leaves no neir and his title becomes extinct. His first wife, married in 1852, was Margaret, daughter of Walter Crum, of Thornlie Bank. She died in 1870. In 1874 he married Frances, daughter of Chas. R. Blandy, of Madeira.

The newspapers pay him the highest

The newspapers pay him the highest tribute as the foremost scientist of the age, comaprable with Newton and day.

#### A. Child. of .the Universities.

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As he stated himself when receiving the degree of LLD from the University of Toronto ten years ago, Lord Kelvin was from his birth a child of the universities. He was born in 1824, not in a university, but in College square, Belfast, the nursery of Queen's College, one of the colleges of Queen's Chiversity, of Ireland. He early went to Glasgow, taken over by his father, James Thomson, who was professor of mathematics Ireland. He early went to Glasgow, taken over by his father, James Thomson, who was professor of mathematics in the university there; lived in his father's house, a university child, and was afterwards a colleague of his father's, and for many years a fellow of St. Peter's College, Cambridge. He displayed his wonderful ability at an early age, mastering and defending, for instance, Fournier's theory of the flow of heat when a lad of fourteen or fiften. From Glasgow he went to Cambridge, where he graduated from St. Peter's in 1845 as second wrangler and first Smith's prizeman, also winning the Colquhoun sculls. From 1846 to 1852 he was fellow in his college, and in 1846 received the appointment to the chair of natural history at Glasgow. From that day for over fifty years the history of his life work was in no small measure the history of the progress measure the history of the progress of physical science. There is no de-partment of physical science which he did not enrich and extend by his discovcan not earner and extend by his discoveries. There is hardly any theory in dynamics, heat or 'electricity of which the theorems worked out and experiments made by Lord Kelvin do not form a great and fundamental part.

#### Some of His Inventions.

A bare list of his patents would fill a newspaper column. They range from an improved water tap to the most intricate scientific apparatus and include, among other things, a contrivance for deep-sea sounding that has made the navigation of unfamiliar waters twice as safe as before it was invented. To tele. safe as before it was invented. To telegraphy, marine telegraphy in particular,
his services were of peculiar value. He
acted as electrician for the Atlantic
cable from 1857-8 to 1856-6; he invented the mirror galvanometer and
siphon recorder in connection with submarine telegraphy; he acted as electrical
engineer for the French Atlantic cable
in 1869, the Brazilian and River Plate
cable in 1873, the West Indian cables
in 1875, and the Mackay-Bennett Atlantic cables in 1879. He was the inventor of a mariner's compass in use
on all the seas, and of many electrical
and other measuring machines, among
them the line for measuring the speed
of boats at sea.

The successful completion of the Atlantic cable in 1866 brought
him a
knightbood, and in 1892 he was created

In 1809 Lord Kelvin resigned this chair of natural philosophy, but he still maintained a close connection with the unitaristic and was made Chancellor in 1904. At the time of his death, he had been for sixty-one years in closest touch with his alma mater and had long been regarded as her greatest son.

Lord Kelvin was a voluminous writer on scientific subjects.

Kelvin, or Prof. William Thomson, as he then was. It is true that Field financed the enterprise, and that he furnished the enthusiasm and persistence without which Europe and America could never have been electrically joined, together. But the laying of a cable beneath the ocean between the continents was not the only essential to the success of Field's Napoteonic scheme. A way to make the cable work, a method to insure its economical delivery at one end of the words entrusted to it at the other, was as necessary as the cable itself, and that was a task which Field was quite unable to compass. In 1858, when the first cable was laid, only to break a short time afterward, Thompson had the problem only partially solved, but in 1866, when the second cable was laid, the Thompson apparatus for deep-sea cabling was practically perfected. He was promptly knighted for his achievement by Queen Victoria, and the whole world has profited immensely therefrom ever since.

#### Kelvin in the Class Room.

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During his long occupancy of the chair of natural philosophy in the University of Glasgow, Lord Kelvin made use of many simple and familiar objects to illustrate his lectures. Eggs, jelkies, shocmakers' wax, tops, globes and bottles were among the most common. One of his favorite demonstrations was to aim and fire a rifle at a pendulum bob, measuring the displacement of the latter to show the velocity of the bullet. Before the smoke had disappeared he was at the blackboard figuring out the solution. A more significant, and perhaps a more popular, experiment was spinning more popular, experiment was spinning an egg which was suspended in air. If this was hard boiled it would whirl a long time. Affrot, it would soon cease, owing to the friction between the contents and the shell. His inference was owing to the friction between the contents and the shell. His inference was that the interior of the earth cannot be fluid or the globe's rate of rotation would have been checked long ago. It is related that the students once conspired to change the eggs which had been supplied for this illustration. Not one would spin properly, and the lecturer easily guessed the reason. "None of them boiled!" was his only comment. So profound was the admiration of the boys for his learning, originality, enthusiasm and amiability that they rarely indulged in mischievous pranks. It is related, though, that on one occasion, while his back was turned, he was struck on the head with a big paper wad. On this occasion he betrayed heat that was highly exceptional with him. Facing about, with eyes aflame, he shouted, "If I knew who dared throw that pellet, by heavens I would crucify him!"

#### ART FURNITURE.

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#### GOMPERS SAYS

#### Labor Will Not Consent to a Wage Reduction.

New York, Dec. 17.—Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, speaking as Vice-President of the Civic Federation, declared that the working man realized that the financial situation is not any fault of his. Speaking of the threatened decrease in wages for labor, he said:

sand other measuring machines, among them the line for measuring the speed of boats at sea.

The successful completion of the Atlantic cable in 1806 brought him a knighthood, and in 1802 he was created a Baron. He was President of the British Association in 1871 and of the Royal Society from 1890 to 1895. But though hehad won for himself the greatest honors in the scientific world, he still continued his labors, and his friends said that the older he grew the harder he worked. No practical or scientific problem seemed either too large or too small for his attention.

In August, 1897, he visited Toronto with other eminent members of the British Association, which met in the city that year. He was deeply interested in the United States side of the river, but the plants that had been installed at the time of his visit. These were all on the United States side of the river, but the plants for development on the Cunadian side were referred to Lord Nelvin and he examined them with interest.

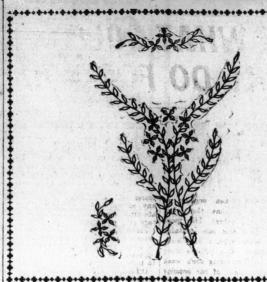
In 1899 Lord Kelvin resigned his chair

#### DECIDED FAILURE.

on scientific subjects.

It is customary to give all the credit for the first successful Atlantic cable to Cyrus W. Field, but by right the credit should be divided between field and given Underwood satisfactiv

#### HOME NEEDLEWORK PATTERN-SERVICE.



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#### THE NIGHT MAGNIFIES.

Samething Worth Knowing or Those Prof. Von Joggleby Has Now Discov

You have lain awake at night," said physician, "and heard a mouse gnaw ing at the woodwork somewhere down in a kitchen cupboard. His listener nodded.

"How loud did it sound to oud as a burglar splintering the door ambs with a jimmy?"

Two nods.
"Would you have minded any of these sounds in the daytime!"
A shake of the head.
"Now, I have no doube you think that the seeming loudness of these sounds was due to the contrasting silence of the night. But take another test. You have been in love!"

Labor, speaking as Vice-President of the Civic Federation, declared that the working man realized that the financial situation is not any fault of his. Speaking of the threatened decrease in wages for labor, he said:

"Twenty times in the last 12 hours, since I have been in New York, men have come to me and whispered in my ear and told me that the workingmen must come down in their wages. But let the employers of labor remember that if they attempt to force down labor they will not have the easy sailing they did years ago."

ALLEGED CRUELTY.

A Woodstock Couple Acquitted by Magistrate Ball.

A smile of gratification

due to the contrasting silence of the might. But take another test. You have been in love?"

Um-um (without utterance).

"And do you remember how much softer and warmer and more thrilling was the touch of your best girl's hand as you strolled with her on the way home from singing school at the witching hour of half past 9 p. m. than it was when you called in the forenoon to aski fyou might escort her to the afore-said vocal exercises?"

An unspoken yum yum.

"Was it the night's silence then that added the finishing touch!"

"It was not." the physician replied to his own question, noting his listener's look of uncertainty. "Take another instance: You think you know how to write—a little?"

A smile of gratification

But take it for granted that whatbut take it for granted that what-ever your cause for worry at night it will look smaller by day light, and refuse-to dwell on it. If your anticipations are pleasant, nurse them and you will fall asleep. In the morning you will not be downcast because your magnified hopes of the night seem unlikely to be real-ized."

#### ered the Sun Dials on the Roofs.

"You, with your characteristically kindly estimate of everybody," said Prof. von Joggleby, "might not think so lightly of my intelligence, but the fact is that I am like most people. Many things that fall under my eyes escape me alto-gether, or 1 fail to take their signifi-

jambs with a jimmy?"

Another nod.

"You have been awakened at 1.30 a.m. by the crying of a teething infant next door?"

A shudder.

"And it sounded like the hoarse murmurs and mingled ululations of a frenzied mob assembled outside to demand somebody's blood?"

Partial collapse.

"Along toward morning you have listened to the thin, small voice of a mosquito circulating above your head."

An involuntary slap.

"Did it sound like the screech of a planing mill turning out clapboards for a barn?"

Two nods. fence tops; the dogs that jump and scamper in the yards and try to catch the cats; the people, old and young, that come here to work, to idle, or to play.

come here to work, to idle, or to play.

"Here I had seen the seasons come and go, seen winter lay upon the ground its protecting mantle of snow, and seen spring come again to melt the snow away and warm the earth and bring out upon shraibs and trees tender buds and green leaves. I had seen all these things for year after year, with a full understanding and with an interest that never failed, and. I had seen for as long the shadows cast by the chimneys rising above them on certain flat roofs in view from my somewhat lofty window.

A sigh.

"There you are. You recall the idea and some of the epigrams and a little of the setting, and all of it is so commonplace that you wouldn't think of trying to make anything presentable out if it.

"The fact is," the physician went on "the night magnifies. At night our pleasures are more keen, our pains more distressing, our small successes are triumphs, our little failures are disasters, our faintly, cherished hopes appear before us as things realized, our small worries as overwhelming calamities.

"You find yourself awake in the night and your thoughts wander back to some time in your youth when in the presence of those older and wiser you—as you now see it—were guilty of some slight breach in deportment or of some little offence to good taste in speech, and you dwell upon the condemnation that must have fallen upon you. In the morning if what you were dwelling upons os seriously occurs to your mind at all you smile and say to yourself that if your fault was noticed by anybody at the time it was too trivial for any one but you to remember.

"The night magnifies," the physician repeated. "Such things as I have mentioned prove it. It is partly due to the silence, but more to ourselves. To account for the latter would keep metalking.

"But take it for granted that whatever your cause for worry a night it street and loses."

"Take for a making due progress with my work.

"And they tell me, too, as I had never realized it before, of the motion of the earth in space and of the wonders of the universe. The cats and the dogs ond the people earth; or the revolution of the earth in space and of the wonders of the universe. The cats and the dogs ond the people earth; leave the time it before, our mention that it is an to the friendly clock licking at my back; toward the clock because it, while it does tell of the passing of time, is yet but the work of man like myself; but now for things more impressive by far and above and beyond us all, I turn to the slowly, surely, silently moving shadows cast by the chim-lea

speculator?"
"Anyone, my son, who goes into Wall street and loses."
"And what is a financier?"
"Anyone who goes into Wall street and wins."—Washington Star.

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#### LEMIEUX ACT.

#### Sam Landers Speaks Up For the Lemieux Act.

New York, Dec. 17 .- Seth Low was elected President at the coming session to-day of the National Civic Federation. Workers of Canada said to-day that the Workers of Canada said to-day that the Canadian law practically prohibiting strikes and lockouts was the best measure ever enacted in the interests of capital and labor. When Mr. Gompers asked what would prevent a firm closing down on the pretext of necessity, Mr. Landers replied: "A tree must be planted before it can be pruned and watered."

#### Great Variety is Seen.

A Point of View From Which Their AS TO UMBRELLA HANDLES.

"I have read," said Mr. Jorkinson, "of the innumerable varieties in which umbrella handles are now made, and this seemed to me, in a way, like simply catering to people's vanity; but now after going to church on a rainy Sunday I find myself regarding this great variety of umbrella handles from another point of view.
"At a moderate calculation there were

"At a moderate calculation there wer "At a moderate calculation there were a hundred persons who brought umbrellas with them to church on this particular Sunday, and one after another as they came in they all deposited their umbrellas, all together, in one big umbrella holder that stood in the vestibuic; that is, almost all. There were one or two whom I noticed put their umbrellas just outside the rack, over in a near corner, where they would be a little separate and so be more readily found and identified.

ate and so be more readily found and identified.

"I am bound to say that this seemed to me a somewhat dangerous thing to do, not because I thought that on coming out anybody would intentionally take the wrong umbrella, but because of the liability to make mistakes. Why, I have known mistakes to happen even where there were only perhaps a dozen umbrellas huddled together.

"But nothing happened. The services over and the congregation dismissed each and every one of these churchgoers got back his own identical umbrella, and all this without the slightest trouble, hurry or confusion.

"As it happened I was one of the car "As it happened I was one of the earlier ones out, and I saw the one or two men who had put their umbrellas over in that corner outside of the rack reach over there and get theirs; and I felt conscious as I took mine out of the corner of the rack in which for its easier discovery and at the same time to make less the liability of anybody else mestaking it for his own I had placed it.
"Even here, on this privileged subject, there was a little joking.
"Do you suppose you can pick out a good one?" says, smilingly, one of two men as they approach the rack, and the other says smilingly in return:
"Oh, I guess sa,' but what he really did was scrupulously to select his own;

"I was one of the last in the and one of the first out, and so I saw nearly the whole number of umbrellas nearly the whole number of umbrellas and of the hundred of the hundred in the rack I believe no two had umbrellas alike. Hence my changed view as to the myriad varieties of umbrella handles."

The Great Advertisers.

If merchants possessed the keen appreciation of the advantages of advertising by which the actress lives no newspaper or periodical would have to employ solicitors, and no advertising medium would live upon anything less mutritious than the fat of the land. The most ordinary musical comedy person who plays to the gailery gods and kicks in the same direction has the average merchant beaten all hollow as an estimator of the worth of space upon the printed page.—From The Louisville Courier-Journal.

men and Women.

There is a great tendency nowaday, to view in two sangers as fifted the chimneys rising above the control of falling in love remains and supportancy rising above the control of the chimneys rising above the control of falling in love remains and religion, it is not explicable by read on the chimneys are destroined in the control of t

than 20,000 tons; and this will increase so rapidly that a 30,000 ton ship will probably be affloat before the close of the next decade. The main armament will consist exclusively of heavy guns of not less than 12 inches-calibre, and unless the difficulty of eroision can be overcome the 12 inch will give place to a 13 inch and possibly to a 14 inch plees. Future engagements will be fought at an extreme range, the extent of which will be limited only by the ability of the fire control officer to see the fall of the shots. The determination of the range at which an engagement shall be fought will lie with the fleet which possesses the faster speed.—Scientific American.

### Mysod agents with soft bull soft assessed and season an Tennessee Tomatoes.

In Claiborne county, Tennessee, more than 700 acres were planted this year in tomatoes, and to handle the estimated crop of 1,000,000 bushels about 2,000,000 quart cans were brought into the county at an outlay of \$40,000. Nearly 50 canneries, big and little, handled the crop.—Southern Farm Magazine.

erop.—Southern Farm Magazine.

Mr. Frank A. Jones, who was deposed from the position of deputy returning officer at London, has entered suit for damages against Mayor Judd and a number of aldermen.

Eight thousand workmen in the Tarapaca nitrate fields in Chili have gone on strike, and troops have been ordered to the scene of trouble.

Frank Law, mining bloker, pleaded not guilty to a charge of donspiracy in connection with the flotation of the Highland Mary mine.

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#### TRAPPING WOLVES. Advice as to How to Capture and Pois

Them. (Montreal Witness.)

A subscriber of the witness living and Latchford, Ont., has written asking for the best way to hunt wolves in the Nipissing district, and also how to poison them. The following directions just prepared by Afr. Hone, a hunter of long experience, one connected with the sporting department of the control of

C. P. R., will probably be read with interest by him and many others in country districts:

To make a success of poisoning and trapping wolves it is necessary first to gain their confidence, or at least remove their fears, especially in the former case. This is easy enough to do, but it takes time. To throw down poisoned meat of any kind, or to beit a trap the same day it is set, is only to excite suspicion, and defeat the object in view, for of all the carnivora, wherever found, the woff is the meat crafty and entenings. The interpretation of the carnivora, wherever found, the woff is the meat crafty and entenings the same day in the carnivora, wherever found, the woff is the meat crafty and tenings has traps the same day he can be made and the same day he can be allowed as the receipt of the same of the completely before any bisk is placed in the trap. The trap should be set some days ahead, according to the state of the weather, a little to one side of the game trails, especially those following a stream or lake, in a naturally made place, where deer cannot step on the trap, but which the wolf will have to walk over to reach the bait. Under no consideration handle the bait with bare hands, but with gloves which have been held over a smoke made from feathers or fur. Don't go any nearer the trap or traps, than is necessary to throw the bait behind it.

held over a smoke made from feathers of fur. Don't go any nearor the trap or traps fun. Don't go any nearor the trap or traps fun. I be necessary to throw the balt behind it leads to be not be an included in the latter is covered with anow, are excellent places for a trap. Wolves always visit them.

By using two traps together you have a double chance of catching them. On getting into one the wolf will commence to etruggle, swing around, and stop into the other. Then instead of having to trail the animal a mile or more to find that it has caught on a tree or root and twisted its leg off, you will be sure of it, for nothing but man or death can release them out of double traps.

It is in poisoning the wolf that you must gain its confidence; i.e., feed the brutes for some time, until all suspicion is allow in the confidence; i.e., feed the brutes for some time, until all suspicion is allow in offer and crusted over so much the beiter; for, not being able to catch deer easily, and having to live on smaller game, they will always be half hungry, and therefore follow a bloody trail all the more readily.

Having found a section of country hunted over by a pack, run a trail through it from eight to ten miles long, with two shorter ones, one on each side, the three meeting at one point, acording to formation of country. These three trails form the arrow-head. The wolves cannot miss running on one of the trails, and once they have found the middle long one, it will be sufficient to use. Commence by dawing the rought of the middle long one, it will be sufficient to use. Commence by dawing the commence to leave small pieces of liver, lungs, or other meat here and there along it for them to pick up. Once they commence to pick these tid-bits up nicely, which they may do in the first week or ten days, just according to how they have been educated by various kinds of trappers, drop the last nices, which should be no farger than a wolf can swallow easily without chewing. If the proper amount of polson is administered, and the

By seiting up tents back from the trail when first starting, one has a good chance on a bright moonlight night of getting a shot at them, providing always that the packs are running down wind. They run more quickly from the stant of man than they do the very smight at him. A down will do be very smight at him. A down will do

the suspicions you have been at so much trouble to allay.

Shares can be used too, but, like the trap, are better disponsed with. Polson should be used alone, traps and enares together. In the rookies, on both sides of the line, I found the practice was to shoot a deer and cut gashes all over it, and place enough strychnine in the animal to kill more wolves than were in the entire vicinity. This method is not only wastful, but useless. Even if the wolf does go near the carcass it tasteg the etrychnine, which is very bitter, with the first mouthful. If, on the other hand, it is so hungry that it continues to eat, it get too much, and, as I have said, vomits. Magpies, squirrels, and chipmonks are the method. Under of the wastful, amsteur method. Under of the wastful, amsteur trychnine be used on any muchaces, should attrychnine be used on any muchaces should attracted the said of the is liable to kill useful

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As most of the wolves in Eastern Canada have been educated more or less by various kinds of novices, the most experienced trappers is liable to failure at what he could otherwise make a success.

The method outlined above-is to be followed at the Canadian Pacific Wolf Hunt at Kippewa, Quebec, in January.

The Admiralty has expressed its approval of the retention of Major G. R. Poole, R. M. C., in Canada for a further

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### Will Race Under Colors of Toronto I.-C. A. C.

Charlie Conkle Defeated Eugene Tremblay in Straight Falls at Kansas City-Langford Defeated Iim Barry at the Coast-Walter Willoughby Offers

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—As matters stand now, the proposition from New York is to send a Canadian team to the Irish-Canadian meet on Feb. 8, and that team will be, if they can be got to go: Longboat, Coley, Green, Creed, Con. Walsh, and Bobby Kerr.

In return for this, the Irish-Americans promise to send up here to Toronto a full team to compete in a meet with the Canadians. The local event would take place about a week later than the one in New York, and would be one of two days.

The Irish-Americans are willing to accept the C. A. A. U. cards of the Irish-Canadian team to compete in the control of two days.

Sanktor Whitney, who bought him from Mr. Billings, campaign, and after using him for amateur racing sold him at Madison Square Gardea in the fall of 1905 for \$7,500.

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Senator Whitney, who bought him from Mr. Billings, campaigned him with remarkable success in 1906 and 1907, the horse baving won nearly every race in which he started, beating all the best pacers in training. He did not lose a race this year.

It was the consensus of opinion among horsemen at the close of the season that angus Pointer could best 2.00 and could beat any barnase horse in the world, Dan Patch, the wind shield champion, not expected. Had he lived it is probable that he would have been barred in the Grand Circuit next year.

SADDLE AND SULKY.

cept the C. A. A. U. cards of the Irish | SADDLE AND SULKY. Canadians, notwithstanding the fact that President Sullivan, of the A. A. U., re- les fuses to recognize them. It will not be a new experience for Mr. Sullivan to up." He did that in connection with the Federation, and again he had to abandon his outlawry of the Skating Association. He is anxious for a recon ciliation with the C. A. A. U., but the latter body will prefer an alliance that can be depended on. Fair-weather friends are not wanted. GERMANY AND THE OLYMPIC.

GERMANY AND THE OLYMPIC.

Germany will be represented by her champion athletes in the Olympic games in London in 1908. The arrangements for their participation will shortly be taken up by the permanent "Imperial Committee for Olympic Games," whose protector is the German Crown Prince. It is possible the expedition to London, which will undoubtedly be again in charge of General of Cavalry Count von Asseburg, who led, the Teuton delegation at the Olympic games in Athens and St. Louis, will be financed, as on previous occasions, with Govenrment funds.

The athletes who will wear the German Imperial colors in London will probably be selected from among those who have made the best records in Germany during the year 1907.

during the year 1907.

The Fatherland's champion sprinter is V. Duncker, who holds the record for 100 metres (109 yards) in 104-5 seconds, and who runs 110 metres (120 yards) over hurdles in 16 seconds. He ran third in the Athens hurdle race in 1906. For middle distances the German

For middle distances the German champion is Johannes Runge, whose records are: 400 metres (437 yards), 51
1-5 seconds, and 800 metres (874 yards), 1 minute 59 2-5 seconds. He won the 800-metre handicap at 8t. Louis in 1904 in 1 minute 58 2-5 seconds.

For distance over 1.500 metres (1.640 yards), G. Zimmer, of Hamburg, holds the record. In 1907 he ran 1.500 metres in the good time of 4 minutes 14 3-5 seconds.

onds.

The record-holder for long distances is
H. Muller, of Berlin. Muller finished
tenth in the Marathon race at Athens,
won by Sherring, and second in the walk

con by Bonhag.

Weight throwers and wrestlers will

lso go from Germany, including Rondi,

f Cologne, and Schneidereit, of Dusseldorf, and a strong delegation of swim-mors, including Schiele, Rausch, Riemann and Gubener, some of whom won nota-Gubener, some of whom wo

U. S. AND THE OLYMPIC. U. S. AND THE OLYMPIC.

The committee of the Olympic games, which are to be held in London next July, has set June 6th as the day for the try-outs for the American tests. There will be two try-outs, one in the east and the other in the west. From the showing made in these meets the team will be selected. All events will be on the programme except the Marathon run and the ten-mile walk. The following is the full programmme:

100, 200, 400, 800 and 1.500 metres.

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100, 200, 400, 800 and 1.500 metres
flat; 110 and 400 metres hurdle; 3.200
metres steeplechase; five-mile run;
standing broad jump; standing high
jump; running broad jump; running
high jump; hop, step and jump; pole
jump; hammer; shot; three-mile team
race (five to run, three to count); 3,500
metres walk; discus (1) free style, (2)
Greek style; javelin; ten-mile walk (16
kilometres).

Greek style; javenn; ten-mile wan (10 kilometres).
Swimming—100, 400 and 1,500 metres, high diving, from five to ten-metre springboards, firm take off; faney diving, from one to three-metre spring-boards; 200 metres team race; 200 metres breast stroke; 100 metres back stroke; water polo (teams of seven).
Wrestling—Style: Catch-as-catch-can, three bouts limited to 20 minutes; five weights; (a) bantam to 119 pounds, (b) feather to 133 pounds, (c) light to 147 pounds. (d) middle to 161 pounds, (e) heavy, over 161 pounds.

#### ANGUS PORTER DEAD.

#### Senator Whitney's Great Pacer, Passed Away Yesterday.

#### CONKLE WON.

atch-can style, at Kansas City. The ind the second in 91/4 minutes. WILLOUGHBY AND GOTCH.

WILLOUGHBY AND GOTCH.
Butfalo, Dee. 18.—Frank Gotch is said to have made a match in Cleveland to ment Doc Payne in a boxing bout in private. It Gotch is ambitious to shae as a puglish the can find men in his own profession who will accommodes him with a bout. Water Willoughby, the local wreatler, is ready to meet Gotch at any time at the boxing game and will bet him enough on the side to make the match profitable as well as literasting. Willoughby is bandy with the gloves and hardworably impressed those who have seen him in private workouts. Gotch outwelghs the Butfalo lineman, but the latter is contident his superior skill would off-set this advantage.

ANGFORD BEAT BERRY.

the open air."

Mr. Urban explainde that this was due to the light in the building which during the fight was of 55,000 candle

the United States and South America are looked upon as the finest mar-kets for cinematograph pictures of this kind.

Yesterday the film was worked before Tommy Burns, the victor in the great fight, who came down specially to see it.

### New Orleans on Monday, but Civill retained him. The number of Irish winners on the flat in England in 1907 was 218, and the number of races won, 385, and the anrount of stakes won £132,568. Jockey Radtke will ride in Russia next season, they eav, but next season, is, like Russia, a long way off. Particularly is this true for a rider on the down grade. WILL DO FOR YOU!

Brings Out All the Werst Points in a Man's Character, Says an Authority.

It has been said that golf brings out all the worst points of a man's character. The selfish man is more selfish, the irritable more irritable, and the chast more dishonorable when engaged in this demoralizing pastime then what participating in any other! Like most sweeping assertions, this one contains a modicum of truth, with a large measure of inaccuracy. Golf affords more opportunities for discovering one's weak points than any other of our popular pastimes.

In games played by teams there is always a certain amount of influence exercised by the true sportamen over their more selfish comrades. At rackets, it tennis and similar games there is too much cative exercise, and the physical powers are too much in the ascendancy to permit our mental failings to become so apparent as at golf, but even in a these games the selfish or unsports-manike player can make himself objectionable. Too frequently one sees the man who is being beaten trying all sorts of shady devices to put his opponent off his game. He will dawdle

### About the Tipster's Bunco Game.

When the advertising tipster comes unin the Motion Pictures. nclined to regard him as a per proposition and look farther. The peron who goes racing even occasionally fight d will club, an undertaking that necessitated laying special cables from the street.

"Then in case one failed, we had two cameras going all the time.

"Altogether those films cost us just over \$3 a minute to make, apart from the initial cost of arrangement.

"But the result was quite satisfactory, the films are as clear and contain as much detail as if they were taken in the open air." does not regard the advertising tipster The advertising tipster does seriously. not appeal to him and the tipater does not intend that he should. The managers of the racetracks do not regard him seriously; he is simply a harmless proposition who probably may stimulate trade without getting himself into trouble.

As a close up proposition the judga who preside over racing regard the tipster, whether he advertises or not, as a merry jest. Sometimes he is useful to during the fight was of 55,000 candle power.

As for the film itself it is a wonderful production. From start to finish the whole fight is shown, each round separately.

America is clamoring for copies of it. To-day a number of expies leave England for New York, where they will be shown by the end of next week.

Last night the great fight was shown at the Alhambra.

It is expected that this film will have a big circulation. It will be shown in the next few months all over the world, from Landon to Yokohama.

But it is to America that the largest number of films will go. Canada, the United States and South America are looked upon as the finest markets. the wise dignitary who wishes to keep a line on the horses, for he gets up times and watches the morning gallops and is quite free with his information when such information serves a useful purpose. He may make capital of his familiarity with the judges, but the latter take him for an honest felow, which

he generally is.

Peddling tips has come to be regarded as legitimate traffic on racetracks, for as regularity trainer comes under that head at one time or another. In ordinary racing usage it is not considered pernicious for the person who has a trusty steam gauge and a sharp eye to take advantage of the information thus obtained. Whether he advertises or not,

take advantage of the information thus obtained. Whether he advertises or not, he may have something up his sleeve which has a commercial value equal to those who affect a superior knowledge to his own. I mean by this, owners and trainers who want to get a line on the other man's horses to offset the line they have on their own.

The professional tlpster who trades in this kind of information never realizes abundantly on the knowledge he may acquire. He is perfectly on the square and his only hope for reward is that some-body directly interested will put down a bet for him. On the other hand, the advertising tipster is he who does not necessarily have to know what is going on in the morning or the afternoon. His purpose is to take a broad chance with those who do not understand the intricacies of cht game and are far removed from the scene of action. As a matter of fact, the advertising tipster regards a close up knowledge of regards of fact, the advertising tipster regards a close up knowledge of racing as a handicap. If he knew what he affects to

There are so many angles to a horse race, or a series, the advertising tipster generally may be depended upon to get away with any kind of a bluff he may put up. The most frenzied follower of horse racing is the man who does not know and who does not pretend to know. His education consists simply of what he reads in the advertisements. He is carried away with the belief that everything is fixed, and he depends upon the person to whom he gives his name and address to inform him as to how it is fixed. He does not care about racing as a spectacle, and, in fact, would strongly resent the imputation that he was interested in horse racing for itself almoe. Such a person is the meat of the advertising tipster.

A case bearing on this point came under the eye of a federal judge in New Orleans a week ago. The judge didn't know anything about horse racing, and evidently did not care. The advertisements of certain tipsters were offered in evidence before him. He gazed long and learnedly at the extravagant promises of the good things that were coming off and actually came to the conclusion that if the advertisements were honest about it the proprietors of the race tracks must be in with the play. His words, in effect, were as follows:

"Here's a man who says that he knows for an absolute certainty that a certainty

fect, were as follows:

"Here's a man who says that he knows for an absolute certainty that a certain horse will win on a certain day, and quotes the exact odds the bookmakers are going to lay against it. He makes no qualification. He goes so far as to say that all the chances that militate against the success of this horse absolutely have been eliminated, even as to the oning of the men who may sit in the opinion of the men who may sit in judgment over the result. If he does not know all this he is a liar. If he does know all this and the race results just know all this and the race results just as he predicts, then there must be oulpable knowledge on the part of the owners of the race track. I am not willing to believe the latter, as my common sense teaches me that such a thing could not go on indefinitely and exist. But I maintain that if such things are not possible it is incumbent upon the owners of race tracks to discourage such procedure or else admit that they are parties to a fraud."

a fraud."

That was the judge's way of looking
at it, and you cannot say there is any
other reasonable one from his position
on the bench. The race track manager knows that there is no chance for the advertising tipster to make good on such promises as those. As long as the adver-tising tipster pays his money at the gate and behaves himself while he is inside know he would hesitate before spreading the race track manager is satisfied.—Hugh Keeugh.

New York, Dec. 18.—Lipton has offered a cup, valued at \$10,000, to the Brooklyn Yacht Club for a race to Bermuda next year. Lipton announces that as he is building the largest size cutter for racing on the other side, he will not race here in 1908.

here in 1908.

London, Dec. 17.—Referring to the Canadian competitors for the Olympic games, Sporting Life says: "We wish Canada to send its very best amateurs, but the inclusion of Flanagan's hippodrome crew—Irish-Canadian A. C., is practically out of the question."

Calgary, Alb., Dec. 18.—Whether or not a boxing contest is a prizeright is to be determined in this city on the 19th by a 28-round go between Billy Lauder, the Canadian Hebtweight, and Kid Howell of Minnespole. Local followers of the sport contend that boxing is but an evolution of the oldtime pillow fight, and two of the city pastors have been invited to attend that they may see for themselves what a harmless and childlike pastime the manly art is.

SHORT ENDS.

Little Paragraphs of Sport From Far and Near.

BILL SQUIRES AGAIN.

Big Englishman to Meet Jim Flynn on Friday Night.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Thirty or more ap-Torento, Dec. 18.—Thirty or more applications for reinstatement came before the Toronto members of the C. A. A. U. Registration Committee yesterday, and will now be passed upon by the other members of the committee, C. C. Holland, of Montreal, and F. Grierson, of Ottawa, A report will be received from these two Eastern members in time to lay the committee's deliberations before the Board of Governors at their meeting on Saturday.

Saturday.

London, Dec. 18.—Sir Thomas Lipton declares that he has no intention to race the new Shamrock for the international cup recently offered by the Brooklyn Yacht Club for competition in American waters in 1908. He says that next season he will be fully employed in British waters, for which the Shamrock was specially built.

### INDIAN BOW AND ARROW.

Made-The Quiver.

Made—The Quiver.

The bows of the North American Indians were made of wood, bone or horn. Sometimes the bow was made of a single piece of wood; sometimes of several pieces; perhaps it was of wood alone, or it might be backed by sinew or by the skin of some animal. The material for the weapon was gathered, says Forest and Stream, whenever it was possible, and a man might have in his lodge a number of sticks each of which he intended ultimately to fashion into a bow, or if he did not live long enough for this the bow wood would descend to his heirs. As the most important implement of hunter or warrior the bow was highly valued.

Bows of bone were made sometimes of sections of the rib of large animals, spliced and glued together, and were usually backed by sinew. Those of the antler of elk were sometimes in a single piece, and at other times in sections beveled at the ends and neatly glued and spliced. Bows of horn were often made of several pieces similarly gitel and spliced, but the horns of the might have been with the control of the might have been were sometimes and single piece, the horn being the gitel and spliced, but the horns of the might have given and slender rods which were taid together, glued and back: 'iv sinus.

Another type of shem horn bow was in a single piece, the horn being that the spiral being steamed or boiled and then straightened and caused to dry straight. Bows such as these were unusual, but they were also very powerful, and never wore out. On the other hand, it is said that bows made of bone or of antler were more for show than for use. They were good to look at, and for a time were effective, but after a few years became dry and brittle.

Next to the bow, and in fact so much a part of it that it cannot be separated from it, is the arrow, a complex implement the development of which we may imagine to have been very slow, and which, no doubt, was well advanced to The bows of the North American In

ment the development of which we may ment the development or which we may imagine to have been very slow, and which, no doubt, was well advanced toward its present form before the bow was thought of. We may faney the arrow to be the outgrowth of a single stabbing instrument, which developed into a dart to be thrown, similar to certain tow is still in use among the children of toys is still in use among the children of

to a dart to be thrown, similar to certain toys is still in use among the children of our plains Indians.

The arrow consisted of three essential parts, the head, the shaft and the feathers. Sometimes the shaft was compound, consisting of more than one piece of wood. The primitive head was very various. The feathering is comparatively a modern invention, so much so the today traditions exist as to its development and the various steps toward the improved feathering of modern lines are given. Even within the last 40 or 50 years the children among our wilder tribes have employed very primitive forms of arrows, using in their hunding of little birds arrows without heads and having merely a sharpened, fire hardened point, arrows without feathers and again arrows feathered after an earlier method, of which, as practiced by adults, we know only by tradition.

The bow string was usually made of twisted sinew, sometimes put on the bow green and allowed to dry there. In the

The bow string was usually made of twisted sinew, sometimes put on the bow green and allowed to dry there. In the southwest, however, the string was some-times made of vegetable fibre. In other sections it might be made of strips of rawhide or intestines of animals.

"At last," quoth he, "I've gained the height I ever knew I would!
This great reward has come to me for being always good!
Show me the register, kind sir, that I may sign my name—
No doubt you'll recognize it, for on earth 'tis known to fame."

I saw St. Peter's face the while he watched the other sign; It bore a look of deepest scorn no pen could e'er define.
Upon the book I looked and saw the cause of Peter's rage;
The name of "I-emuel Lemon" had been in the lold Maphistopheles you are a hazeball fan."

"That sweet word 'baseball' to your ears was just about the same was just about the same as way in the same as a ying doughnuts' to the man who's was just about the same as a long and narow bag, just wide enough to admit the unstrung bow. Imperior to a stiff rod of wood nearly as long as the quiver, was the 'shorter, wider bag for the arrows. It was slightly longer than you to go; I even doubt if they can find a place for you below.

Take my advice, just try the good reincarnation plan,
And tell old Maphistopheles you are a hazeball fan."

# for a Man

Is often a very perplexing question, and causes no end of worry to "my lady." Something in Men's Furnishings affords a satisfactory way out of the difficulty.

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made from the skin of the otter, but the hide of the panther was also highly valued for this purpose, and bow cases and quivers were frequently made from the hide of the buffalo calf. In later times the skins of cattle were used for the same purpose, and I have an old bow case and quiver made from the skin of a mule, one of the pack train of the Seventh Cavalry killed at the time of the Custer fight.

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF THE COW **TESTING ASSOCIATIONS FOR '07**

TESTING ASSOCIATIONS FOR '07

Sir,—Judging from certain replies to our circular of Nov. 26 in regard to the cow testing work for 1908, it would seem that some of the members of the associationa have had the impression that the Department of Agriculture had agreed to bear the whole cost of testing the milk for an indefinite period. I beg to point out that the last agreement on this point covered only the season of 1907. It was so stated, distinctly, in all our circulars, bulletins and other literature covering the work, and the organizers were instructed to the same effect. I regret it if there has been any misunderstanding on that point.

In all other countries where the work of cow testing has been carried on the members of the associations have borne the greater share of the cost, and in some cases they have received no government assistance, the work being organized and conducted as a result of the initiative of the dairymen them.

selves.

The sum which Canadian dairymen are this work amounts to a very small frac-tion (about ½) of the actual cost of doing the testing. Yours very truly, J. A. Ruddick, Dairy and Cold Storage ommissioner. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 13, 1907.

BRITISH MUSEUM.

Great Institution Was Begun by Gambling Device.

bling Davice.

The British Museum, which, under the friendly eye of the king, is now smooting out an infan british the king, is now smooting out an infan british the from the mighty parent tree, again the London Curonicle. It was in the same that the rustees of Sir Hans Slome of fered to the nation for £29,000 the wonderful collection of coins, manuscripts, printed books and natural history curfestites. As an additional inducement to the State to provide house room it was pointed out that the Harleian collection of manuscripts could still be secured for the nation on payment of £19,000, and that the collection of Sir Robert Cotton, although nominally the property of the nation, was so carelessly housed that a large part had already been destroyed by fire.

The government refused to find the cash, but declared its readiness, after the true British sporting manner, to allow the public to samble the British Museum into existence. £3 tickets, £290,000 to be distributed as prices and the balance to go toward the purchase of the Sloane collection. The scheme proved successful, although the man-

prises and the balance to go toward the purchase of the Sloane collection. The scheme proved successful, although the manager of the lottery fell into disgrace and was fined £1,000 for taking an lilegal premium. In this sordid fashion was the British Museum planted and watered in the naiser of the Montagus, in Bloomsbury. Its first days were far from prosperous. An income of £000 only was available from the great gamble. Two bequests brought the total up to £2,448, leaving after payment of the few salaries, about £100 to make frosh purchases.

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verse. The Bibliotheque Nationale, in Paris, the largest in the world, can beast of only thirty-one.

Napoleon's Guins Revert of France.

The republic has at last become undisputed owner that out of the street owner at the fall of the Empire the celebrated guness. Lepage came into possession of these weapons, though history sayeth not how, and lent them to Louis Phillippe, who in turn loaned them to the Museum of Arms at the Invalides.

When Lepage died he willed those six guns to the State for fifty years, with the stipulation that at the axpiry of that period they should be sold for the henefit of six daughters of old pencioners of the Hotel des Invalides.

The fifty years have come and gone, and there are still a few, but very few, and very a Paris Chellett at the Invalides, which is a Paris Chellett at the Invalides, which is a Paris Chellett of the late of the street of Lepage has managed to come to terms with the law and to get around the testament 2v a deed of xift, and henceforth the public vil be able to see the Little Corporal's six scorting guns exhibited in the National Artillers Museum—From the London Randard.

William R. Smith, a Scotchman by

William R. Smith, a Scotchman by birth, is about to complete his fifty-fifth year as superintendent of the Botanical Garden in Washington.

### Some Snap Shots at Sport and Sportsmen

gold rings they will be able to show their "metal" to the world.

Jockey Jimmy Foley is at Los Ange-

Pat Civili's Dr. McCluer was boosted

Pictures of the Burns-Moir

have reached this country and

por, as follows:

prove interesting to the fight fens.
An account of the work of taking

them at the National Sporting club.

of London, is given in the London Mir-

One of the most remarkable cine

matograph films ever made was that

of the great prize-fight between Gun-ner Moir and Tommy Burns, at the National Sporting club on Monday

Every incident in the fight, from the

preliminary handshake to the final knockout blow, was recorded by the

knockout blow, was recorded by the camera.

Mr. Charles Urban, who took this wonderful series of photographs, yesterday gave the Daily Mirror some interesting information.

"Over a mile of film was used," said Mr. Urban, "the actual length amounting to nearly 6,000 feet.

"This means that nearly 96,000 separate photographs were taken, the photographs on the film averaging 16 to the foot.

"Each photograph is quite a small one, the size being only one inch by three-quarters of an inch, and these were taken at the rate of 16 a second.

"To be able to photograph at this great speed special lighting hrrangements had, of course, to be made.

"This cost us over \$1,500 alone. We

**Burns Sees Himself** 

Big Bill Burkholder wants a 24-foot ring for his. No little finger ring will satisfy him.

Answer to Runner-No. Billy Sher-

chaser can be found for it at the figure demanded by the owners Frank Farrell, Clarke Griffith and Willie Keeler

Joseph Notter, the jockey, will re ceive as a retainer from Jas. R. Keene in 1908 five per cent, on all stake which he may win, in addition to the usual fee for winnings and losings, and he has been guaranteed \$10,000 from his retainer. Walter Miller received on the Keene at the close of the season of 1907.

player, last year with Boston, is booked

Lebanon, N. H., Dec. 18.—Angus Pointer. 2.01 3.4, regarded as the best free-for-all pacer in the country, died here yesterday, the property of Senator George E. Whitney. The horse was sent to the recent auction in Madison Square Garden with the intention of selling him, but was bid in by Senator Whitney for 88,000 and returned to his old trainer, E. A. Sunderlin, at Lebanon, to be fitted for another campaign in the Grand Circuit.

Angus Pointer was a bay gelding, nine years old, by Sidney Pointer, 2.072, son of Star Pointer, 1.594, from Jane, by Grant's Hambletonian. Bred in Canada and brought out green in the spring of 1904, he started in nineteen races, winning eleven of them and gaining a record of 2.04 1.2 to wagon, with an amager of the proposed bout between Burns and Johnston, which looks to be about a year away, an eastern writer says that there is not a shadow of doubt that Johnson should show the public that he is the master of Joe Jeannette before he talks of the match. Johnson should insist on a match with Jeannette will not avoid the issue. Then, when Johnson has demonstrated beyond doubt that he can beat Jeannette be can demand an opportunity to wallop Mr. Burns.

The Victory of Rutt in the six-day grind at New York merked the first six day team contest that was won by a ling writer.

rode in the race were elated by Rutt's defeat of Fogler in the sprint. Georget, Dupre, Darragon and most of the other at once. Rutt and Stol, who are now un der the management of Charley Earle. will remain here to appear in vaudeville and give exhibitions of fast and fancy Answer to Runner and and give exhibitions of the first-ring is not eligible, to run in the Irish-riding. Fogler is under contract to ride in Beston shortly, while most of the other American riders are also under contract. Galvin will go back to his farm in Connecticut.

> the English papers get from this side of Daily Mail:

Alfred Shrubb, the champion longdistance runner, who has been declar-ed a professional by the Amateur Athletic Association, recently met and defeated Tom Longboat, the Indian wh won the American Marathon race last April, in two races over distances of a

be a Sunday school teacher. He backslid after a successful parlay on second "Bunk" Congalton, the former Guelph choices that netted him about three layer, last year with Boston, is booked years' salary in thirty minutes. At the same track is the former president of the Anti-Crime Association of Reading, Pa. He discovered a system that worked long enough to wed him to the bet-

> A good deal of interest is being shown in sporting circles in the coming of Bob Fitzsimmons, the ex-champion fighter of the world. Bob will do a monologue at the Savoy next week.

The Copeland Brewing Co's. vest pocket reference guide has just made its 12th annual appearance containing informathan ever. The book was com Harry J. P. Good, the well-know

### ST. PETER AND THE BASEBALL FAN.

gate up there;
I idly strummed my gleaming harp and
flapped my dainty wings.
And joined the chorus that the angel
choir always sings.

A loud knock sounded at the gate and echoed through the hall,
"Who summons me" I heard the voice of good St. Peter call.
"Pray, open wide the portals, sir," a soft voice made reply,
"For, 'tis not meet that one should wait who's been so good as I!"

"A most important personage to speak to me that way! So drop the bars and let me in!" I heard St. Peter say. The chains were loosened, and a man of

spectral form and face.
With slanting brow and studied frown,
came shambling in space.

Twas in a dream the other night, a dream both rare and fair,
I stood beside St. Peter at the golden gate up there;
I idly strummed my gleaming harp and flapped my dainty wings.

But there's no room in heaven for a man with your career!

"Now, I have heard you ne'er would go to see a game of ball; That e'en a double-header held for you That e'en a double-header held for you no charm at all; That when your wife would fain go out and see the boys at play, You'd put her off with some excuse un-til they'd gone away.

You never roated for the team that "You never roated for the team that was your city's pride;
The sport was on the level, but its sourceness you decried.
To some sequestered nook you'd go when they came home to play,
And, far from lusty, hearty cheers, you'd pass the day away.

### **BUSINESS TAX** WORKS BADLY.

City Will Lose Considerable Taxes it Expected.

Quite a Lot of Income Will Also be Lost.

#### North End Improvement Society Adopts Slogan.

There are arrearages in the 1906 assessment to the amount of many thousands of dollars, as a result of the change in the assessment, which it looks as if the Court of Revision will be obliged to wipe out some day at one fell oop. The court last night wound up its business for the year, when it dealt with appeals against taxes, and struck off about \$1,000 of the 1906 taxes. About fifty dressmakers, who had \$250 business assessment placed after their names, will relieved from paying the tax. number of the dressmakers have already settled, but they will not likely get their money back, for the Court of Revision has no power to refund taxes. Cobblers carters, hucksters and others, who had a \$250 business assessment against them as a result of the system in vogue, have all been dropped. A man's in vogue, have all been dropped. A man's personal earnings were formerly exempt up to \$4400. The result is that on the tax collector's books there is page after page of names of Italians and other foreigners with arrearages. In the Steel Plant section alone there is an assessment of \$30,000, on which taxes were supposed to be collected. This is in Ward 7. In Ward 5 the condition is much the same. Tax Collector Kerr says it is doubtful if one of the score of foreigners taxes could be collected from more than a dozen. An interpreter has been than a dozen. An interpreter has been engaged, but without success. "That is not me; it is my brother you are looking for, and he is in Italy," was the answer for, and he is in Italy," was the answer that was invariably received upon making inquiries. There is said to be almost as much in arrearages on the business tax for that year. The 1906 assessment looked good on paper, but Tax Collector Kerr says it certainly did not figure out that way, from his viewpoint. The area assessment which is still in force is another annoying thing. Most of the accounts amount to about 25 cents, and it is found almost impossible to collect them. Mr. Kerr offered one man forty per cent. commission to do the collecting, but he rfeused the job.

The executive of the North End Improvement Society had a meeting last night and approved of an election slogar for the four candidates who will seek municipal honors under its banner in January. "J. K. W. W." is the slogan. It sounds kind of silly on first sight doesn't it? But it's not. It is supposed to be given like a Tiger yell when the Jungle Terrors are bearing down on the enemy's goal. The four letters are the initials of the candidates and symbolic of many things, so the officials of the society say. J stands for Jutten and justice: K for Kennedy and knowledge; W for Wright and wisdom, and W again for Williamson and worthiness.

There were one or two little spats at the meeting last night, but the executive members before separating smoked the pipe of peace. It was reported by the special committee appointed for the purpose of interviewing Ald. Juten that he had agreed to run under the colors of the society at the coming election. Arrangements have been completed for the meeting to-morrow night. The speakers will be the nominees, and, if there is time, any other aldermen. There will be a twenty-minute time limit on the speakers, and songs and music will be sandwiched in. Ladies will be made well-come. The meeting will be held in the Ferguson Avenue Baptist Chruch. Two weeks from to-morrow night there will be another mass meeting, at which anybody and everybody will have an opportunity to air their grievances. "This will be the big show for the big boys," said one of the officials last night, with a twinkle in his eve.

The Beach Commission is calling for bulk or separate tenders for the whole was the store of the defendant.

The Beach Commission is calling for bulk or separate tenders for the whole of the waterworks system required on Burlington Beach, including motor, pumps, tanks, pipes, hydrants and valves, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the Beach Commissioners' office. The time for receiving tenders expires on Jan. 1.

The Finance Committee will meet tomorrow night to clean up the year's
husiness. It is the intention to have
the council meeting on Monday night instead of the following Monday, which
will be nomination day. The Fire and
Water Committee, the Board of Works,
the sub-committee on the Torrens system and sub-committee on the payment
of accounts meets to-night. After the
Board of Works meeting Ald. McLaren
will entertain the members of that committee at the Commercial Club.

The Museum and Works Committee of the Parks Board will meet this after-noon at Dundurn Castle to inspect that place, with a view to arranging for the caretaker's quarters. It is also likely that the appointment of the caretaker will be made to-day.

A number of girls who have been de-layed in going to work through the ob-struction of street cars at the T., H. & B. Railway crossing on James street, wrote Chairman Leitch, of the Ontario Railway Board, who, however, having no jurisdiction over a Dominion railway, referred the matter to the Dominion referred the matter to the Dominion Board.

The Hospital Board met yesterday

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—For the convenience of thousands of Right House customers, old and new, the store will remain open Thursday evening until 10 o'clock. —Mr. E. S. Ambrose presided over the First Division Court this morning. It was held in the County Council cham-

—Mr. Arnold Wark left yesterday for Calgary to join his parents. Mr. Wark was a popular member of the Dominion champion Intermediate Tigers.

-Mr. and Mrs. W. Walker, Grimsby leave to-morrow for Chicago. They will spend Christmas with Mrs. Walker's brospend Christmas with Mrs. Walker's bro-ther, and then go on to California for the winter. -On Sunday next the new chancel of

St. Thomas Church will be used for the first time. On occount of the work now going on there will be no service this evening.

-Lynden disclaims being the place of abode of the two women shoplifters who were convicted yesterday. They do not live in or near the village, the Times is informed.

-Last night Mr. Easton informed the police that the two watches he had reported stolen were put safely away by his wife, and that no burglars had been

out. His Honor thought the evidence was very weak, but said that he would like to hear the story of the defendant Tufgar, in the box, denied the story of the girl and said that he had never acted in an improper manner towards her.

her.
Several witnesses gave testimony of good character for Tufgar. Mr. George S. Kerr was associated with Mr. Rob-

The Hospital Board's account this year is overdrawn to the extent of about \$8,000. The overdraft, however, will be reduced to about \$5,000, the receipts for the year being \$3,000 in excess of last year.

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Corinthian—At Glasgow, from New York.
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Monmouth—At Liverpool, from St. John.
Monmouth—At Laverpool, from St. John.
Monmouth—At London, from New York.
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Samnio—At Genoa, from New York.
Erny—At Venice, from New York.
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FORECASTS.—To-day and on Thurs-day, moderate westerly winds; light local snow falls or flurries, but mostly

\*Below zero.
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Comparatively high pressure covers the greater portion of the continent, and the weather in Canada has been generally fair and moderately cold in all districts, except that light snow has fallen in a few localities.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Forecasts:
Eastern States and Northern New York: Partly cloudy to-night, with snow in north and west portions. Thursday, partly cloudy; light to fresh west winds.

Western New York: Snow to-night and Thursday; fresh southwest to west winds.

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Sweet Oranges 5c Dozen.

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day.

Among the many specials offered by Stanley Mills & Co. for Thursday will be sweet oranges at 5c. dozen; fresh chocolates, 12c. lb.; Japanese fire screens, worth \$1, for 25c; waist lengths, in gift boxes, at 50 and 75c; men's sweaters. 75c; women's slippers, 35c; in gift boxes, at 50 and 75c; men's sweaters, 75c; women's slippers, 35c; girls' watches, \$1.89; music rolls, 59c; flannelette gowns, 65c, and a number of women's winter coats at just half prices. All of these specials will be on sale at 8.30 sharp and shoppers will find it to their advantage to be at the store promptly at that hour.

#### SPEARING IN BURLINGTON BAY.

Game and Fisheries Overseer Kerr has been notified by the Fisheries Depart-ment, Toronto, that through the influ-ence of the Hon. Col. John S. Hendrie, spearing through the ice will be permit-ted again during the months of January, February and March as usual in the bay, this winter.

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DEATHS

ALLAGHER—At the residence of her nicce, Mrs. J. Whitney, 305 King street east, oo Tuesday, 17th December, 1907. Elisabeth, relict of James Gallagher. Funeral Friday at 2,30 p.m. Interment at Hamikon Cemetery. Flowers gratefully declined.

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ERWIN-In memoriam of our dear daugh
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WM. C. HAWKINS,
Secretary

December 13th 1907. **Dominion Power & Trans-**

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WM. C. HAWKINS.

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WM. C. HAWKINS, Secretary.

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