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50.92

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ere is something in the water
Hon. Mr. Pugsley, Minister of Public Works of Canada, visited the lake and spoke as follows regarding its waters. There is something in the water that imparts a feeling of relief which gives to Lake Manitou great assets. Ileased that on my way back I stopped over a few days at Watrous. I am somewhat the supply is large. I have been to England and to I have received beneficial effects from bathing in Manitou Lake.

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## GLORY-PEACE-GOOD-WILL.

It is no accident that in the message of It is no accident that in the message of
the angels these three words stand out so clearly, for in them are set forth the aim of every complete life, the condition under which it may be realized, and the nature of its many activities. No life can be fruitful which is melf-centred, for the centre of creation and pro self-cen-the source of all beauty, truth and holi-ness-is God. The aim of existence is more than the exaltation of self, it is the worship and adora tion of the Eternal-the All-perfect. It follows that the condition of a perfect life is union with Him in thought and wish and deed. Herein is peace. And when peace is translated into human peace. Ahere is spelled out the story of good-willthe story that properly began when He of whon the angels sang went about doing good, the story that has been told so often since in consecrated lives and loving service

## THE WESTERN HOME.

This much for a sermon. Now for a little talk about ourselves. What about our Western homes Are they to conform to this ideal? Shall we write over the doors the words Glory, Peace, and Good will?
Reverence is no idle abstraction, but fundamenta human feeling. If in looking about us we ca discern a tendency among young and old to treat with levity all things sacred, and if we can observe a decrease in filial piety and in the regard for age and rightful authority we should well tak heed. Every effect has its cause, and if there i a growing feeling of irreverence the cause is no diffcult to seek. As a rule, people and institution receive all the respect to which they are entitled If parents are held in light esteem by their childre it is because they are not worthy of honor. Th man who spends all his evenings away from home and the woman who gives all her afternoons $t$ pink teas, or who is so engrossed in work as no to have a moment for sympathetic comnunion with her children, need expect nothing more than that the home will be characterized $\mathrm{l} y$ irreverence.. So too, will it be in the matter of $1 . \sim e$ and good-will It is the parents who set the pace. If their firs concern is the highest welfare of the children, and if this is shown in wise and loving deeds, ther will be a sure return, for parental love is a see which, cast upon the waters, is certain to yield in its time an abundant harvest

## CHRISTMAS GIVING.

For the home, this particular season has its pecial opportunities. Parents may win the hearts special opporildren by making the day one of real childish enjoyment. This is, after all, what the day should mean. And children, by giving to each other may learn the lesson that all true pleasure is in the giving. The question on Christmas morning is not "What did I get?" but "What was I able to give?" It is not a little thing on earth this good will which expresses itself in giving-here, ther and everywhere. It is the most royal custom in the whole world, and everybody proves his kingly in whole world, and everyboch a time as this. Custom has closed the gates to giving at other seasons of the year, but now, just for one day, no offence will be taken if heart speaks to heart. Nor is necessary that a gift be either useless or extrava gant. People always show their good sense by being practical. For some children a warm pa of mittens is better than a mechanical toy, for some parents, a ton of coal is better than a flims comforter. And even if there be no expenditur of money at all, there is nothing kinder and better than a little personal note expressing love and good-will. But whatever form an interchange of
greetings may assume, the season should not pa:
without something being said or done to make ife better, sweeter and more unselfish. May th spirit of giving get into every home in the West this year, so that none will be forgotten-and as the good-will is shown, may there come into hearts that peace which passeth knowledge, and which lead to the glorification of Him who gave His only So on that first Christmas morn.

## MECHANICAL GIVING

In connection with this Christmas giving has In connection with this Christmas giving has
grown up a practice that has become intolerable. It is the practice of reducing Christmas giving to a business. There is no giving at all unless the heart is in it-"Not what we give but what we hare; for the gift without the giver is bare." Nothing is more unbearable than this-that we hould write out a duty list and then rush to a departmental store and fill in the blanks in a busy half hour and come forth with "There thank goodness, I'm through with it!"
The mention of departmental stores and Christmas shopping calls forth the suggestion that a proper ractice during this season would have some regard for the shop girls. Why not begin shopping, if shopping must be done, a month ahead of time, so that the holiday season may not mean the labor season for those who stand behind the counters?

## THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT IN BUSINESS

But good-will must get into our business as well as into our homes. The only power that can ver finally adjust the diffeculties between labor and capital, employer and employee, producer and conmer, plutocrat and common people, is the power f true, Christion conduct Not preaching and not raying, but true Christian living will put things right in this old world. Does anyone think that if magnate robs the people for three hundred and sixty-four days in the year-corrupting parliaments and constituencies-he can set matters right by a few cheap gifts to the office boys at Christmas? Does anyone think that an exchange of giftscalendars on the one hand and cigars on the other calendars on the one hand and cigars on he or ployees? Genuine good-will is based on love and justice. Without these there is no real Christianity. He was not one of the richest men in Winnipeg, but one of the noblest, who, when asked to join a merger, announced that he was living to serve his God, but that he was in business simply to pay expenses. He had got measurably close to the expenses. He had gols' message. It is no wonder that he was of all public spirits first in peace and in good-will. After all, why should there be bitterness and animosity over that which is transient?
the christmas spirit in legislation.
But surely it is over our legislative halls that the words of the angels' song require to be written. Human law should be patterned after the divine, and should make for peace and good-will. There are signs which indicate that the end of gross misrule is approaching. We can never have peace and good-will so long as there is, class legislation, so long as a favored few are living on the masses, so ong as one young man can spend three hundred government, while a yourands of souls, much more deserving, are living in absolute want. Such things were never intended in Christian civilization, and the civilization that will survive is that in which the civilization that will survive is that must get into the habit of sending to parlament men who
are imbued with the spirit of honesty and justice -men who know not fear, except the fear of doing wrong. It is not cleverness and acumen but good old-fashioned morality that is demanded. So we shall do well to look around in every constituency and find men who, in their personal lives and in their business associations are above reproach, men whom the lust of office will not kill, men who love the common good and who place right and honor above national gain. Then, and then only, shall we get laws worthy of a great people, and we shall become a great people only as we subscribe to worthy laws.

## CHRISTMAS VISITING.

Some of our Western people are going East for vacation. May they have a pleasant and profitable time. There is one thing they should do while they -the Cow Eas yar but it has grown beceuse we of ten years ago, but it has grown because we have
grown. It is part of ourselves, and to it we must grown. It is part of ourselves, and to it we must
look. That hundreds should come westward every look. That hundreds should come westward every year to spy the land is good. We are not ashamed
to display our wares. The other half of the courtesy to display our wares. The other half of the courtesy provinces and know what they mean to us.

## TECHNICAL EDUCATION

The Dominion Commission on Technical Eduucation is visiting the West. They have an important work to perform. We require schools for general culture, but we require also vocational schools The two can be combined and should be combined in secondary education,. There should be no vocational education at all during the elementary school period. The scholars are too ignorant, too miniature to profit by such instruction as they might receive. For them to learn a trade before fifteen would be to doom them to low-grade industry for life. In universities, technical schools should parallel the ordinary courses. A university is only hal oganized which does not operate technical schools.

## BI-LINGUAL SCHOOLS.

This Bishop Fallon incident may lead to some revision of our methods of doing things. It has been assumed that the best way to teach a foreiga born child to speak English is to give him for teacher one who speaks his mother tongue. This is a mistake. The best thing possible is to give him an English teacher and to conduct all the exer cises in English. If the idea is to teach the child to speak French, he should have a French teacher, if German, a German teacher. Now, it is evident that the language of Canada must be English. If some do not agree to this, then they had better get to know it as soon as possible. As for the West, there is only one feeling in the matter. Therefore it is the duty of all school administrators to encourage the appointment of English teachers in every district in the West, and to discourage the employment of those who are not skilled in the language. These words are spoken not on behalf of the English language but on behalf of the for-eign-born children, or those who do not speak English, because they should suffer no handicap in the race of life Any attempt to perpetuate bilingual schools is an attempt to perpetuate divisions within the commonwealth. The sooner they go, the better for the state and the individuals chiefly concerned. As a matter of fact, it is doubtful if such schools were ever established on educa: tionial grounds. Their encouragement has been a piece of mistaken political diplomacy.


## The Conservation of Ancestors.

## By Rev. C. W. Gordon, D.D. (Ralph Connor).

-Ancestors determine destiny for men and for nations. Blood and Breeding build Empires. It is a people's primal duty to


REV. C. W. GORDON, D.D. (Ralph Connor)
, bree ancestors.
For the ancestors of a people are a people's children and beyond all concerns, the supreme concern for Canada is that the ancestors of a coming nation should be rightly born and bred. In that supreme concern, the first consideration is that of Blood. And what a strain of rich red blood flows in the veins of the sons and daughters of Canada-the best of the world-conquering peoples of Northern and Western Europe, with the finest of the peoples of the South; the mighty mingled stream of Saxon and Celt, with that which flows from the sunny sons of the Gaul, toned and clarified with three centuries of aeration by the ozone blasts of the vigorous North Wind.

As yet, the stock is sound, the blood is strong; but what of the newer strains of Teuton and Slav? What of those lower breeds from lands of lazy airs and sensuous delights? But never fear. Give time and a fair field, and the Blood that has conquered in the world conflict so far, will win again.

Time and a fair field! And first, Time. Let us not haste too eagerly to grow in numbers. Rather let us prepare to absorb the host of strange peoples, the tramp of whose advance we already can hear, whose onward march we may hasten, but cannot retard Canadians living now will see the day dawn when the Dominion ensus will register sixty millions of people. It took the United States only seven years of the last decade to roll up an Immigration ist equal to that of the first seventy years of its existence, and the ate of growth for Canada will be that of the United States, not for he first, but for the last decade of its history. Already the Immi ration into Canada equals that of a dozen years ago into the United States with all its mighty magnet of seventy millions of people, and never has the stream of Immigration into the Republic risen above $1 \frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of its population, while for the past five years the stream of Immigration into Canada has varied from 4 to 5 per cent.

Let us not be concerned to hurry the flow of this current of range life, but rather to learn how to incorporate it into our present ife stream without injury to the nation. Give us time.

Ind a farir field. Take off the handicaps. "Let us lay aside Fery weight." Leet us provide for the nation's ancestors, not graves and monuments, but breeding places, Homes-Homes. Canadas foundation pillars rest not upon Wheat and Gold, not upon Coal and Lumber, not upon Railway and Industrial Stocks, but upon Homes. Homes, where people are born and made; Homes first, Homes last, Homes all the time.

The national resources receive ultimate value from their contribution to the homes of the people. Farms are not for wheat, but are places for homes. Lumber is not for bank accounts, but for making homes. Coal mines are not for corporations, but for homes. Schools and colleges are not for the making of scholars and professional gentlemen, but for homes. Churches are not for creeds and congregations, but for homes. The value of each and every product of Canadian making is to be estimated by its value to the home, XVhatever thing in Canada of natural wealth, of custom, or of institution that does not carry back its offering to the homes of our children to make them safer, sweeter, richer, kinder, should be regarded as rubbish, and what things soever in Canadian life or custom impoverishes, endangers or degrades the home, no matter how much applauded or approved, no matter how deeply imbedded in social convention, should be ruthlessly destroyed

The building place for homes is the broad bosom of old Mother Earth, the land, the farm, the country, the sweet, clean, open country, that is God's place for the making of a home.

It is from the country home that the national life recruits its leaders in thought and in action. Twenty years ago seventy-five per cent. of the University men of Canada came from the farm house. Not more than two per cent. of the great leaders, even of the com mercial world, were born in the city. A nation, concerned for the conservation of its ancestors, should make the Country Home rich in comfort, in intellectual and social privilege and in spiritual aspiration.

The Country Home has first claim upon the farm. The wealth drawn from the land belongs first to the land, and then to the home life of those who till it. And, just as it is a crime against old Mother Earth to drain her strength in senseless and rapaciors farming, so it is a crime against the nation to starve the farm Home of comfort or beauty or intellectual and social stimulus. And in this day. what with trees to plant and seeds to sow, what with cheap lighting and heating, what with water powers and wind powers, what with mail and telephone service, book and magazine literature, schools, colleges and churches, there is no reason why any Country Home in our land should be bare, dull and comfortless and irresponsive to the throb of the great world lying round it.

But there are the Cities, too, and City Homes where many of nation's Ancestors must be born and bred. Cities! Places of danger and terror, with their dust-laden air, their. overcrowded streets, their dirt and disease, their piteous poverty, their crime and sordid, squalid slums. Our Cities must be redeemed and made livable. For out of a nation's Cities, to a large extent, flow the issues of a nation's life. A Home in God's open country, how easy to make! How easy to guard! But in the City, the making and defending of a home is war. It is a terrifying fact that the world is steadily leaving the country and crushing into the city. At the beginning of the nineteenth century only four per cent. of the population of the United States dwelt in cities; at the beginning of the twentieth century thirty-three per cent. In Canada to-day fortytwo per cent. of our people live in the city.

The terror of the city has not yet fallen upon our Canadianborn. Indeed, there are those that yearn for the day when Winnipeg shall be like London. But those who know and remember London, and especially East London, remember it with horror. London! that mighty monster of insatiate appetite for human bodies and human souls! over one million, eight hundred thousand of whose unhappy denizens hover on the ragged edge of extreme poverty, and a million more with only a week's wage between them and starvation! Fast London! where there are registered upon the pauper roll 125,000 of her citizens, and where one-quarter of the population are buried at the public expense! In London, that most Christian city in the most Christian nation of the world, the children perish in thousands ior lack of healthful homes. Of all the children born in East London homes, every second babe dies in the first year of its life, and fifty-five per cent. of all the children die
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## Canada and its Future.

## By Neil MacPhatter, M.D.C.M., F.R.C.S., President Canadian Club, New York.

In reply to your request that I contribute an article to your Christmas number, I will state that it is with assurances of singular

pleasure that I do so.
During my visit through Western Canada, I was amazed at the boundless possibilities of the country; its vast geographithe country; its vast geographi-
cal extent; its magnificent prairie Provinces with golden grain waving tasseled heads in abundance over undulating plains.; the wonderful timber and mineral resources all appealed to my bewildered imagination. Here surely in years to come, countless millions of people will dwell contented and happy, "rich in all the great concerns and activities of life. Here, too, the political destiny of this great Nation, eventually, and before many decades, will be controlled. It is in this spirit of belief, that I venture to assume the responsibility of stating my opinions upon so important a subject.
There are crucial periods in the history of Nations, as of individuals,' when decisions made in a moment may be fraught with consequences affecting all future years; a time when the tide, which taken at the flood leads on to fortune, may be stopped in its onward flow, and shoals and misery be the result of a wrong decisiỡn-of lost opportunities--of auspicious circumstances neglected which never again present an open sesame to the goal of success.

Such a conjecture-such a combination of circumstances-now present themselves, not to Canada alone, but to the whole vast Empire of which it forms so important a part. Canada is now standing, Janus-like, at the threshold of new conditions, with the - past and future in full view. A past replete with achievement and flushed with glory--a future so bright with promise of the good things to come, that our most sanguine expectations must seem things to come, hat of future greatness no mirage, no ignis reasonable-our dream of future greatness no mirage, no ignis
fatuus of a vain-glorious mind, but an anticipation based upon sound judgment and logical inferences.

But bright as the future of Canada is with promise, the beaconlights of history warn us, that glowing prospects are no pledges of continued success, no guarantee against disaster. Canada's future prosperity, while contingent more or less upon unforeseen circumprosperity,
stances, will be in a large measure made or marred by ourselves. We are the architects of our own fortunes, and it behooves us to so plan and construct the edifice that it may prove itself sound and substantial to those who follow after and enjoy the fruits of our labor.

The period at which we have arrived in our history is critical. It is incumbent upon us to consider well the signs of the times and to determine whither we are tending. While proud of our position to determine whither member of the Great Pritish Empire, there is as a most important member olations of Canada with the Empire.
much to be desired in the relat much to be desired in the relations of Con origin, a history whose I feel that the ties of sympathy, a common origin, a histh the polifical glories of achievement we also share, together with the poftical bond now uniting us te the motherland, are not enough. I feel that we and the other self-governing nations constituting the Empire we and the other self-gorernis, or we may drift apart-that the ties
must be drawn eloser together, or must be drawn eloser together, or we political bonds now existing must of love and sympathy and the frail political bonds now existing mist be strengthened, made indisontuble ly an union, a consolidach will. the various members of the vast Imperial domain, which will.
constitute Canada as an integral part of it as the British Isles now are. Such a wished for consummation is no doubt difficult to achieve. The different tariff regulations of the various members of this prospective confederation is perhaps the most serious obstacle that bars the way to Imperial Federation. But, surely, when we estimate the immense advantages to be secured by such a union, the magnitude of the interests involved, the unrivalled opportunities it would give, as the greatest of world powers, in moulding and directing the destinies of humanity to higher aims and nobler ambitions-surely, I repeat, it would be worth while making a few sacrifices to attain so magnificent a result.

But, I firmly believe that the few mutual concessions made to secure so grand a desideratum would result in financial gain, not loss; would increase our commerce, not diminish it; for while partially, perhaps, restricting our trade with the world at large, it would introduce practically unrestricted trade between the nations forming the vast reconstructed British Empire.

A former Governor-General of one of the Australian commonwealth's, in a public address he made a few weeks ago in London, said that within fifty years the capital of the British Empire would be in Ottawa. While we Canadians are too modest to make such a prediction ourselves, at our present rate of increase of population, at the expiration of the five decades referred to, the population of Canada will probably approximate closely to the present population of the British Isles. Then, indeed, Ottawa would be the centre of the British Empire, both as to population and location-a central, converging point where the representatives from Australia, Africa and other portions of the grand confederation could assemble and legislate for the vast domain. But this, gentlemen, is the dream of a patriotic, titled Englishman, who has discarded his insular prejudices, and takes a more expansive view of British destinies than that circumscribed by the tight little Island.

Flattering as the ex-Colonial Governor's proleptic statement is to Canadians, I, for one, do not hope or wish for such an accession to our country. London will doubtless remain the political, as it is, and will be, the sentimental capital of the British Empire. There and in the mother country the history of our race has been enacted during twenty centuries; there our forefathers fought and bled and strived, always forging ahead by slow increments of change, leaving us finally a heritage of constitutional government, and the freest and best institutions in the world. In London, if anywhere, the grand council of the Empire, representing the general interests of the congeries of nations constituting the British Confederation, could assemble and enact laws for the common interests of the Empire which would have a dominating influence among the nations of the world.

Powerful as the Empire is now, its power and influence would be greatly increased were the ties binding its constituent members drawn closer together; were the bonds of sentiment and sympathy augmented by closer political union and increased mutual interests. All this, however, will come in good time, for I have an assured faith that the greatest days of the British Empire are still in the future. The full possibilities of that future we can scarcely imagine as yet-we can only conjecture of the wonderful power of an empire, composed of a half-dozen vigorous nations, bound together by the ties of kinship and common interests. The world having never witnessed such a union--such a combination of Titanic human forces. directed towards a common end, cannot realize its import nor estimate its influence in working out the destiny of the human race. In the not distant future of this consolidated empire there will be no German scare, no question raised as to naval or commercial supremacy ; and, powerful enough to defy aggression, to override opposition wherever it confronts us, our veto will disarm warring nations and introduce an era of peace and good will among the nations of the earth.

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sir gilbert parker, m.p. seen; the consequences of every public act show in the whole social structure. Nothing worth while goes to waste in a new land. The people of Canada, and particularly of the Far West, have splendid opportunities and their destiny is set in a rich field. From these congested centres of civilization I offer the greeting of a fellow-worker in the great work-shop of AngloSaxon civilization under the British flag. We are all aiming at the one thing-a home; the opportunity to work and the legitimate product of that work; the good of a country which has our affection, our faith and our loyalty. Daily the Empire becomes smaller, because we are drawn more closely together. Hourly the understanding becomes more real, the sympathy more intense. One Flag, one Empire, one Common Purpose, and all hands round-that should be our motto!

GILBERT PARKER.

## Canadla and its Future.

By Neil MacPhatter, M.d.C.m., F.R.C.S., President Canadian Club, New York.

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population that the United States has attained to-day. If the Empire is held together, as there is every reason to hope it will be, the end of the century will find among its component parts three great nations, situated in widely separated parts of the world, bound to the mother country and to each other by sentiments of love, sympathy and self-interest, into a union which could not be strengthened by a closer proximity, nor weakened by a thousand leagues of intervening oceans. These young nations, adding their youthful vigor to the strength of the mother country, will, with her, reign supreme in the marts of commerce and in the domain of world politics.

We have no misgivings as to the part Canada will play in the role of the great Empire. By population, wealth, the dominant characteristics of a great people, Canada will without doubt be the most powerful nation in the federation. Long before the close of the century in population and wealth it may far exceed the homeland, and instead of being protected as in the past, it may have the privilege of enfolding in its shielding arms the grand old mother of nations.

It seems to be almost a work of supererogation to speak of the resources of Canada. Time was not so long ago when Canadians were not well informed about their own country. That time, however, has gone by and the growth of Canadian National sentiment kept pace with the increase of knowledge of the vast extent, inexhaustible resources and wealth of the country. As Canadians
came to realize the grandeur of their country, patriotism increased with this increase of knowledge, until now, like the ancient Romans proud of being "Civis Romanus sum," they pride themselves on being Canadians.

And what a magnificent country this Canada of ours is! Throughout its vast extent, from ocean to ocean and from the international boundary to the Arctic Ocean, it displays such a bewildefing variety of physical features that our minds are lost in wonder and amaze. Every phase of natural beauty is exhibited to our admiring gaze, while the sublimest moods of which we can be conscious are created by the stern grandeur and magnificence of its mountain ranges. Sublime, also, with an added human interest, are its vast prairies, golden with waving, ripening grain; its great inland seas, teeming with fish, and traversed by the white-winged messengers of Commerce; its noble rivers, draining half a continent and bearing upon their bosoms the products of farms and forests, fisheries and mines; exhaustless in its resources; with a bracing, exhilarating climate; with topographical features ranging in aspect from the most entrancing forms of scenic beauty to the highest reaches of the sublime.

The conclusion is forced upon me that this grand country of ours was especially prepared by the Creator to be the home of a great, true, moral and brave race. With pardonable pride we can justly claim, that if such was the purpose of the Almighty, we Canadians have not run counter to His designs. So far in our history we have proved ourselves worthy sons of noble sires. Let it be our special care that no hybrid, alien stock, with low instincts, be permitted to pollute the clear stream of our national life. Living in New York City, I have become aware of the evils of a practically unrestricted emigration. Hordes of Neapolitans, Sicilians, Polish and Russian Jews, together with Hungarians, have been flocking into the United States, with much more detriment to the country than advantage, though, of course, they increase the census returns, which is a most important consideration in the estimation of an American.

Let us put up the bars against this class of emigrants and admit none but those we deem worthy to assimilate with our nation. The way to secure a healthy progeny is to provide first a healthy parentage. We cannot eliminate taints transmitted through centuries of low living in a few decades of time, and even if we could, Canada is suited for something better than a sanitarium for the reconstruction of hybrid neurotic decadents, the criminally inclined, or the mentally or physically deficient. In our eagerness to develop or country and increase our population let us prevent, by all possible means, the incroase our poplion perpetuation an undesirable sible means, the introduction and perpetuation of an undesirable and vicious element. In this matter let is make haste slowly and never forget that good citizens are the greatest possessions of a country.

What would we think of a large farmer, or stock raiser, who would augment his herd of Herefords, Ayrshire and other superior breeds of cattle, by introduction of an inferior, degenerated grade? We would think that he knew nothing about stock raising, or else was wholly indifferent as to the result of the experiment. The product of such an assimilation of high and low grade stock would possess, very likely, the bad qualities of both and the good qualities of neither. It is much the same in raising human stock: with good, clean, healthy parents we may reasonably expect a proper breed of children. If we introduce new blood at all, let it be of the purest and of a kind that will add vigor and a richer color to the stream with which it is destined to mingle. Welcome to your midst the hardy Norseman, the persevering Teuton, the frugal, artistic Frenchman, and, of course, the English, the Scots and the Irish, from whom the most of us claim a descent, of which we are proud.

The American raid across the border continues as a sort of prolonged exodus, but such emigrants as come from the great republic to till your land, develop your mines and your other resources are almost invariably of such a class as you can welcome with open arms. So let them come, the more, the merrier. When they realize that they are in Canada, and that Canadians have higheralize that they are in Caha, andit of riches and ave higher aims and ambitions than the pursuit of riches and a spectacular love of display, all will go well, and in blending with the population they will certainly not deteriorate the native stock.

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## The Changes of Forty Years in the Canadian $\mathbb{N}$ orth. West.

By JAMES J. HILL (Chairman, Board of Directors, Great Northern Railway, St. Paul).

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JAMES J. HiLl was supposed to be uninhabitable by a fixed population. It was a country between the Eastern provinces and British Columbia that might be bridged by railways but that no one dreamed of filling solidly with farms.

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The future of Northwestern Canada is already written in the past of some parts of the American Northwest. The differences in soil, climate and resources are trifling as compared with the resemblances between these slightly separated portions of the interior American basin

Western Canada needs now a wise combination of the development and the conservation of her resources. The fertility of her soil should be protected against early exhaustion by single cropping. She must so conserve her capital and credit as to assure to her at She mill times adequate means for turning her great natural resources all times adequate means for into exchangeable values. Her towns and cities will grow with the growth of the country and it is not a far cry to see Winnipeg take her place in commercial importance alongside of cities which had a her place in commerce when Winnipeg was a remote trading post. These are not matters of conjecture, of distant statesmanship or of These are not mater intelligent and business-like treatment. The political alliance, but of intelligent and important part of her present experience of others forms a real and avoiding their mistakes, she assets. Imit high place in the great Canadian Confederation and is certain of a high place in the great Canadian development.
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## The Conservation of Ancestors.

By Rev. c. w. Gordon, D.D. (Ralph Conner.)
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fife their fifth year. In East London there is neither room nor before their fifth year. 1 nourishment for the babies, and when turner than see them suffer the insingle year smothered their babies rather can the babies live where tolerable agony of slow starvation. Now a single room? And 300,000 people are forced to dwell in homes world, the capital of the
all this in London! the richest city in the worn
world's greatest Empire, the crown of our Christian civilization! And what of New York, the glory of the new world! In New York with ali its gilded luxury and all its mighty show of wealth, in the poverty section they found 360,000 rooms where men and women and little children made what they called their homes, and into these rooms the sunlight never fell. And this in the capital city of the nation that loves to think itself the type and fulfilment of all that is finest in human history. And to this day in New York this horror of dark homes still abides, embedded in the economics of a great money-loving and money-making nation. For, after ten years of furious protest and of strenuous fighting, there are still to be found 330,000 of these dark rooms in brave New York. God save us from London and New York!
But London is remote from Canada by leagues of land and sea, and still more in manner and condition of life. Surely London and New York atrocities can never repeat themselves in our new clean Canada! Let us face the simple fact that without a shadow of doubt the doom is written for all the world to see, that before the century is one-half done, if the same social and economic forces are allowed to play upon our Canadian civilization, we shall see in Canada these cities and these city homes that will breed children physically and morally unfit, the degenerate ancestors of a passing race. Rich that race will be, cultured in the knowledge of the sciences and arts, splendid in its material achievement, but rotten at the heart, and doomed to disappear in the abyss of its own filth.

But thank God, these things need not be in Canada. The festering rottenness of London and Manchester, of Paris and Berlin, of New York and Chicago, need not be reproduced in the Winnipeg of sixty years hence, nor in the other cities destined to rise upon these plains. Please God, shall not, if our people only be wise to learn and brave to follow the ways of righteousness and of charity. If only in country and in village, in town and in city, Canadians are resolved that only such homes and only such environs for these homes shall be, as shall breed children clean of blood, strong of limb, sane of mind, pure of soul, the Noble Ancestors of the noblest race this old world has yet produced.


## On Christmas Day.

God rest ye, merry gentlemen; let nothing you dismay, For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day The dawn rose red o'er Bethlehem, the stars shone through the gray, When Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas Day.

God rest ye little Children; let nothing you affright, For Jesus Christ, your Saviour was born this, happy night; Along the hits of Galilee the white flocks sleeping lay, When Christ, the child of Nazareth, was born on Christmas Day.

God rest ye, al good Christians; upon this blessed morn
The Lord of all good Christians was of a woman born:
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## A Christmas Wish for the Educators.

## By W. A. McIntyre, B.A., LLD., Principal Normal School, Winnipeg.

I have been asked to express a Christmas wish on behalf of those engaged in education. Instinctively I find my mind reverting to those word's uttered by Him after whom the day is named"I have come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly"-and my wish is that everybody concerned with education, whether it be parent or teacher, or school trustee or officer of the department of education, may adopt this motto as the all-sufficient ideal of effort. For the aim of education can be nothing less than developing power to live and live more abundantly.

After all what a nation primarily requires is not material wealth, but life-life abundant in the individual, the home, the vocation, the church and the state. It is a crime to think of anything less than this, more especially in a land so full of op-
 portunity. Look at that stately elm tree.
lecause it lives. It reaches its roots down into the soil, grasping for nourishment and it reaches its arms into the air still grasping; but the real beauty of its being consists in that it transforms what it receives into leaf and blossom. It manifests its life in the service it renders. It takes from the soil and the air but it returns glad beauty in its form and color, and helpful sympathy in its kindly shade. Even so is it in the life of man. Life is not receiving, but receiving in order to transform and transmit to others. Anything less than this is undisguised selfishness. Life consisteth not in the abundance of things a man hath but in the capacity for useful and happy service. What a man is and does, and not what he has, is the measure of his being. And so my best wish is that everybody, everywhere, will aim at nothing less than the enriching of the lives of the children to the end that they may be more socially efficient.

Yes, I am aware that the acceptance of such a view would at 'any other season of the year be scouted by some parents, but perhaps at this, the children's season, they may consider it for just a moment. Has not any child who is born into this world a right to realize to the full his possibilities? Has he not a right to all the culture, the refinement, the happiness that can be thrown into a life that is trained for service? Life is not this-getting more land, to raise more wheat, to get more dollars, to buy more land, to raise more wheat, and so on forever. No, No. It is something much higher and better than this. It is getting into touch with all that is true and beautiful and good so that it may be transmitted to others-so that accurate knowledge, pure feeling and right action may be common in a world of men.

So when the children go to school the aim of the teacher must be to make each life as efficient as possible, and to cause all lives to act together in a friendly manner. This will mean that emphasis must be laid upon some things that are now granted scant recognition in a programme of school activities. For in the first place there must be attention to bodily health. Sufficient light, good ventilation, proper seats, abundant play-these are not of minor importance. Yet, frequently lives are hopelessly ruined becanse of failure on the part of somebody to expend a few dollars in attending the these very matters. Why thoses? Because attending to these very matters. blinds. Why those headaches? hecause no provision is made for ventilation. Why this outbreak Because no provision is made for ventilation. Whell. Why these ,if fever: Because there is no proper school well. Why these twoped shoulders and hollow chests? Because the seating is bad and because the teacher thinks of subjects of study rather than uf the sacredness of life.

In the next place this "unception of life-efficiency means defin-
ite instruction in knowledge, in beauty and in conduct. Nor can any one of these be neglected. It is as necessary to know the truth and follow it, to discern the beautiful and adopt it, as it is to appreciate the right and do it. It is impossible for life to be worthy if it is based in ignorance and superstition, it is impossible for it to reach its full fruition if its habitat is the ugly and deformed and unsightly. Trution it is impossible that it should be god-like, unsightly. Above all it is impossible that it should be god-like,
efficient, and a blessing to other lives, if its choice is the impure, the unholy, and the bad.

Nor is this all. Life to be truly serviceable must be guided by ight ideals-ideals of honesty, industry, generosity, frugality and the like. It was this devotion to ideals that made life among our fathers so full of beauty. It is the preservation of such ideals that will make beautiful our lives to-day. And we are in danger just here, for there is a tendency, in practice at least, to magnify the importance of material wealth and to minimize the value of those old virtues without which life can be little better than a burden and a curse. Ideals-yes! and these must be worked out in habits and tastes and disposition, so that life is sweet and helpful and gracious.

But every efficient life must be something more than even all this. It must be productive. The man who counts in this world is the man who can do things. And so this idea of doing, or expressing one's self in some definite way becomes a necessary part of education. Hence the cry for hand-work, in the elementary schools and for vocational training in the secondary schools. Schools must be places in which pupils can study. They must also be places in which they can play, and in which they can use hand and eye and brain in the making of things.

Above all the school must develop a right attitude to social life, and must foster those qualities that are necessary in the socially efficient individual. Therefore hearty co-operation must take the place of selfish individualism. The spirit of the school must be that of a community in which each member feels his responsibility to all and in which each benefits from the labor of all. In other words the school must be a miniature ideal world. Only when this is athe case can it make for permanent national greatness.

Surely it is worth the while to picture children more intelligent, more beautiful and more righteous than we have been, to think of them as beautiful in their physical strength, as possessing true ideals which influence their every action and attitude, and as working together for the realization of a mightier and better nationhood than any the world has yet known. It is such a dream that makes it worth while for teachers to live and for parents to labor.

Nor can this dream be realized without an expenditure of love and labor and money. Ay, it means an expenditure of love, not only on the part of teachers but on the part of parents, and it means labor in the school and in the home. And as for money-let those who have children not be grieved when we urge that under our present system we can never get the results we hope for. We say our tax is exhorbitant now. Well that depends. We pay thirty dollars a year for the education of our children-and we spent thirty-six dollars a year in cigars. We give the school thirty dollars for thirty hours' service a week for our children and we give our preacher fifty dollars for his little service to ourselvesand no doubt he is worth it all. Yet it should be true that where a man's treasure goes, there goes his heart. Peraps, after all, our children are not so dear to us. Perhaps even some of us have to be harshly treated in order that we may not exploit them for selfish ends.

Listen to the story of the Roman mother., Somehow these mothers knew where to place the emphasis. In the hour of her country's need when men were pouring their treasures into the public coffers, this noble matron had nothing in material wealth to bring, but yet she brought more than all, for taking in her hands, the hands of her two beautiful sons, she led them forward saying: "This is all I have. These are my jewels." And when the time comes for us to lay down our burdens may we be able-not only to point to our rich fields and our wealthy cities, but may we be able to lead out from our homes and our schools all our little children, saying "These are my jewels."

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## The Gift of The Magi.




Barrow's Mill, North of Swan River.
taining thereunto was a card bearing the nervously and quickly. Once she faltered name, "Dr. James" the breeze during a former flung of prosperity when its possessor was being paid thirty dollars per week. Now, when the income was slirunk to twenty, dollars, the letters of "Dillingham looked blurred, as though they were
thinking seriously of contracting to a modest and unassuming D. But whenever Mr. James Dillingham Young came home and reached his flat above he was called "Jim" and greatly hugged by Mrs.
James Dillingham Young, already introduced to you as Della. Which is all very good.
Della finished her cry and attended to her cheeks witn the powder rag. Gue
stood by the window and looked out dully at a grey cat walking a grey fence in a grey back yard. To-morrow would be Christmas Day, and she had only one
dollar and eighty-seven cents with which to buy Jim a present. She had been saving every penny. she could for months,
with this result. Twenty dollars a week doesn't go far. Wepenses had been great-
er than she had calculated. They aler than she had calculated. They al-
ways are. Guly one dullar and ciblyyseven cents tw buy a present for Jim. spent namner for something nice for ling-something jut a little bit near th
 There w:as a fier crlase between the
windows if than. Permape you have eivht dollar flat. the description applied to both. Twenty - rery thin and wery agile person may, and she hurried home with the eighty-

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Dog Trains from the Fur North, North of Swan River.
with that peculiar expression on his $\left.\right|_{\text {my head were numbered," she went o }} ^{\text {o }}$ Della wriggled wif the table and went $\begin{aligned} & \text { with a sudden serious sweetness, "but } \\ & \text { nobody could ever count my love for }\end{aligned}$
Del for him. "Jim darling," slee cried, "don't look at me that way. I had my hair cut off and sold it because I couldn't have lived
through Christmas without giving you a present. It'll grow out again-you
a won't mind will you? I just had to do it. My hair grows awfully fast., Say Merry Christmas!' Jim, and let's be
happy. You don't know what a nicewhat, a beautiful, nice gift I've got for you." "You've cut off vour hair?" asked Jim laboriously, as if he had not arrived at that patent fact yet even after the hard"Cut if off and sold it," said Della. "Don't you like me just as well, any-"
how? I'm me without my hair, ain't I?" how? I'm me without my hair, aint I? "You say your hair is gone?" he said, with an air almost of idiocy.
"You needn't look for it," said Della. "You needn't look for it,", said Della.
"It's sold, I tell you-sold and gone, too. It's Christmas Eve, boy. Be good to me,
nobody could ever count my love for
you. Shall I put the chops on, Jim?", Out of his trance Jim seemed quickly
to wake. He enfolded his Della. For to wake. He enfolded his Della. Fo
ten seconds let us regard with discreet en seconds let us regard with discreet
scrutiny some inconsequential object in scrutiny some inconsequential object in
the other direction. Eight dollars a week or a million a year-what is the dif-
ference? A mathematician or a wit ference? A mathematician or a wit
would give you the wrong answer. The would give you the wrong answer. The
magi brought valuable gifts, but that was not among them. This dark assertion will be illuminated later on.
Jim drew a package from his overcoat Jim drew a package from his overco pocket and make any mistake, Dell," said, "about me. I don't think there's auything in the way of hair cut or a
shave or a shampoo that could make me shave or a shampoo that could make me
like my girl any less. But if you'll unwrap that package you may see why you had me going a while a first." White fingers and nimble tore at the string and paper. And then an ecstatic
scream of joy; and then, alas! a scream of joy; and then, alas! a quick
feminine change to hysterical tears and feminine change to hysterical tears and
wails, necessitating the immediate em-
ployment of all the lord of the flat. For there lay The Combs-the set of worshipped for back, that Della had orsped for long in a Broadway win dow. Beautiful combs, pure tortoiseshell with jewelled rims-just the shade to They were expensive combs, she knew and her heart had simply craved and yearned over them without the least hope of possession. And now they were
hers, but the tresses that should have adorned the adornments were gone. But she hugged them to her bosom and at length she was able to look up with dim eyes and a smile and say: "M hair grows so fast, Jim." singed cat and cried "Oh, oh!" a little Jim had not yet seen his beautiful present. She held it out to him eager
ly upon her open palm. The dull preciy upon her open palm. The dital seemed to flash with a reflec tion of her bright and ardent spirit.
"Isn't it a dandy, Jim ? I hunted all "sn't it a dandy, You'I have to look at the time a hundred times a day now. Give me your watch. Instead of obeying, Jim tumbled down on the couch and put his hands und "Dell," said he, "let's put our Christmas. presents away and keep 'em a while. They're too nice to use just at present. sold the watch to get the money to buy
your combs. And now suppose you put he chops on." The magi, as you know, were wise men
-wonderfully wise men-who brought gifts to the Babe in the manger. They invented the art of giving Christmas
presents. Being wise, their gifts were no doubt wise ones, possibly bearing the privilege of exchange in case of duplication. And here I have lamely re-
lated to you the uneventful chronicle of lated to you the uneventful chronicle of
two foolish children in a flat who most two foolish children in a flat who most
unwisely sacrificed for each other the greatest treasures of the house. But in a last word of the wise of these days let
it be said that of all who give gifts these it be said that of all who give gifts these
two were the wisest. Of all who give two were the wisest. Of all who give Everywhere they are wisest. They are
the magi. the magi.

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## The Old Bayman's Christmas.

By Helen Chase.

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| of the feathered host that ambled uneasily across the "ma'sh"; warm and brown it spread bayward in the sun of the rare December day, as if "September's golden rod might again spring up in yellow flame from its bosom with |
| the asters rising like purple smoke wreaths between. <br> "They ain't got no call t'yeap, fur's |
| can see," continued the old bayman; |
| "ther' ain't no storm comin' by my cal'-clations-sky's a reg'lar baby-blue, like |
| Eevylania's rib'ns she sets so much |
| by. Say! Eevy, Eevylania, you |
| ickens yeap so." |
| A tall, bouncing maid, who was perch- |
| on a fragment of an old scow that |
| laid these many years on the |
| a'sh," jumped down from her seat |
| and ran to the henhouse. Her cheeks |
| locks the golden brown of corn tas- |
|  |
| cayn't see's there's anythink for |
| m t' yeap fur, par, nuther," said she, |
| theirselves." |
| 'Luke, he'd orter be here now," grum- |
| bled the captain, looking down the road. |
| "Thar he is a-comin' stret up the the ad," called Eevylania, quickly, her |
|  |
| hen tell yer mar t' hurry up |
| ponded the old bayman. <br> Luke came striding along the "crick" |
| the captain |
| to sail over in the Bay Queen |

the trim little sail boat moored just over yonder, and land at one of the
beaches lying out in the breakers, sis beaches lying out in the breakers, six miles a way. They would sleep in a
certain old shelter hut known to all the certain old shelter hut known to all the
old salts on the coast, and be up bright and early to do a day's fishing. Then home again over the bay on Christmas Eve, and ho! for the grand Christmas
party "Mis' Hutcherson" was to give! party "Mis' Hutcherson" was to give!
"Hi, Luke!" sang out the captain, hailing him as he came up the path to the house. "Jes' wonderin' whar'n Tooph't you wuz! City hain't sp
eh, stayin' inter 't over night?" eh, stay in inter 't over night?"
"Not much!" answered the young man shortly. "But I wish $t$ ' all o'ye might hev bin thar to see the show! Sech streets, full 'er people, store winders as good as a theayter; bargn counters 'til
yer can't rest. I got a few little things fer yor Chris'muses," and he laid a huge bundle on Mis' Hutcherson's shiny new table.
"Yer didn't buy none o' them things
at no barg'n counter?" said the shrewd woman, unrolling the bundle swiftly. "My! ain't they jes' ellergant! Come hurry up 'n git' off $t$ ' the beach, so's $t$ t
be back early tomorrer night fer th be back early tomorrer night fer th
Chris'mus party. My! but's goin' to be the biggest ever gi'n ön the 'ma'sh!'"
And Nis' Hutcherson beamed with joy And Mis' Hutcherson beamed with joy
and gave Luke a mischievous shove. and gave Luke a mischievous shove.
"Where's S'les?" he said, his strong face taking on a gentle look,
"She'll be here d'reckly,"
good woman, evasively.
Celeste was the daughter of her firs Celeste was the daughter of her first
marriage. Years ago, "a a fore she'd got much sense inter her," as the captain
was wont to remark, she had espoused a young Canadian Frenchman, who was lost on the big bay in a treacherous
squall one November evening. The squall one November evening. The
baby girl of that marriage was a baby girl of that marriage was a
dainty, odd little waif, who had never enjoyed her stepfather, either in her
her a dog-like devotion, and she had way she had taken everything else in her unsatisfied, restless life, among people with whom she had no sympathy, even to the patient, honest mother who bore her.
"Can't. wait fur no courtin' bizness y, who couldn't see how Luke could fancy Celeste, with her pale face, while
Eevylania, with her poppy-colored cheeks, wasia, with her poppy-colored
"Eng. away down called, but she had slipper S'les's off somewheres 'long o' Pierre, an' that'll make luke right mad to see 'em together
had played for young Frenchman who mer hotel of the place, and who now lingered, making music with his violin for country balls and dances.
"cap'in," peremptorily. "The lunch stowed away for'ard, the blankits here, and ther's nothin' fur ye to stan
'round waitin' fur, is ther', Luke? Dew come 'long!'
The young bayman came slowly for ward, took his place at the ropes, and the shore into open water. A gleam of a bit of red stuff caught Luke's eye as the Queen passed a secluded spot on the beach; and the good baymans red left scarf wrapped about her, and the arm of "that Kanuck cuss" around her, her face full of joy such as he had never
seen upon it before. Hi! thar, Luke; what ails you? Gotain. capsize us? growled the cap Luke started up as from a dream, and silently returned to his duties with
a dull pain at his faithful seaman's heart
That night they slept in the shelter hut to the booming of the surf, and next morning made for a point on the
beach where the captain "always struck the biggest streak of fish luck of any place on the old South." Noon came, and the lovely blue sky of the morning
had given place to
heavens, and the wind had sprung up petulantly.
"Luke, seems ter me ye're dretful oneasy," growled the captain from his seat "forrad." "Plenty o' time yit to
h'ist sail h'ist sail and away 'fore night; can't
leave this p'int yet; biggest streak leave this p'int yet; biggest streak of
fish luck I ever saw." An hour passed. It began to grow
dark and threatening. The An hour passed. It began to grow swore gently; but he quit fishing and began to to make preparations to sail
home. home. "Wall! I swan to Jonah, Luke," he said, as the Jay Queen's head was at last pointed homeword, "ef I hain't fergot an' lef' my timepiece at the shelter
hut." Luke groaned. He knew the delay
was dangerous, but he turned the boat was dangerous, but he turned the boat
around and made for the beach and the shelter hut. Barely had tuey got into watch, when the squall struck them. The Bay Queen leaped forward like a frightened thing, half careened, and
then swiftly righted herself and settled down to fight the storm with a steadiness that caused the captain to smile a grim smile of triumph as he clutched
the tiller with his horny hand He the tiller with his horny hand. He could
hear the surf beating on the bar at his hear the surf beating on the bar at his
left; behind him was the mad, hurtling noise of the tempest; before him was a black and furious sea. The squall grew into a furious tempest;
fiercer and stronger blew the wind; higher and higher ran the seas.
Luke set his teeth and brought all Luke set his teeth and brought all
his bayman's skill to bear in keeping the boat on her course. The old cap-
tain stuck to the helm, and strove with his eagle eyes to pierce the thick darkness that was closing in all about them. They could feel the drawing movement of the current that connected
bay and ocean. If they should be swept out into that, then, God help them! Driven before the wind, all the familiar landmarks blotted out, blindly,
but by some mysterious instinct they but by some mysterious instinct they
shaped their course. Over the black waves that now yawned so fearfully, where only that morning a sea like glass had stretched, the Bay Queen

 progress where they would not-so it wheres 'logside o' th' haul yer old man seemed to the despairing mate and an Luker a-makin! Haw! haw! haw!
helmsman; the sea drenching them with They're likely safe an' sound in the its icy torrents, the Bay Queen careen- shelter hut waitin' fer termorrer morning with a frightful list, then righting in' to cross the old bay.
herself. Thus the night passed. $\quad$ Pierre's merry bow had drowned the "Luke!" jerked out the old man at nois of the rising storm for a time,
lat ater a fiercer gust than usual had
but at last "it would not down" and last, after a fiercer gust that soat. "I
surged against the wretched bot at last "it would not down," and
its rush and swirl were heard above the guess we're dun fur; never see the time reels and waltzes which the fiddler had when I tho't I sh'd have to give in."
But Luke, detecting the note of $\begin{aligned} & \text { played. The supper was hurried for- } \\ & \text { ward that those who lived at a dis- }\end{aligned}$ But Luke, detecting, the note of
feebleness in the captain's voice, fought that those who lived at a dishis way to the stern of the boat. There homes before the storm broke. The was a sudden roar behind him. a rising
of a solid wall of water. The boat list- $\begin{aligned} & \text { guests ate and drank while the bay } \\ & \text { lashed and foamed beyond the marsh. }\end{aligned}$ of a solid wall of water. The boat list- lashed and foamed beyond the marsh. ed and went over with a last convulsive
At last the "good-byes" were hurriedly
effort to hold her own, and the cry of
said the jolly party trooped off from effort to hold her own, and the cry of
the doomed men rang out sharply above the horrible din of the storm. the old homestead on the creek. And the storm burst! Shrieking and wailing and moaning, the wind swept down upon the land. It surged against

the old house, and the women shuddered | A great fire of drift-wood blazed in | the old house, and the women shuddered |
| :---: | :--- |
| the settin'-room of the old captain's | as they thought of their men at sea. | the settin'room of the old captains

house. It was a wild Christmas Eve


The Oid Dayman.
that the "ma'sh" folks had come to the little house on the "ma'sh." He celebrate within it. The green branches of hemlock that
Pierre had cut on the hill back from
in
Irote thate that 'Kanuck,' so do," said Plerre shore were wreathed upon the Mrs. Hutchinson, as she hurried out into the shore were wreathed christnas
white-washed walls. The kitchen to shut out the hateful
the tree that Eevylania had strung with sight. She was jealous ar the absent strings of snowy corn ghting The A little figure crouched over the its gaudy tinsel trimming. , who kitchen fire It was Eevylania. She girls and the young baymen, houses $\begin{aligned} & \text { graised her face, which looked white and } \\ & \text { lived in the weather beaten }\end{aligned}$ lived in the "madsh," were spin- solemm, saying: Guess I wouldn't feel
fronting the ning gaily round to the music "Oh, no, mar! Guess to wouldn' feel of Pierre's fiddle Their bronzed and $\begin{aligned} & \text { So. } \\ & \text { horny handed fathers and shrewd moth. } \\ & \text { Why, he's helped us to fasten all the }\end{aligned}$ horny handed fathers and shrew sthe winder and seen to the chick'ns and ers were planted squarcing with their
wall, gossiping and joking now, he thinks sleste needs al
ne neighbors. Christmas mirt in the hearts to stay round these parts, either, much
ry held full sway. except in the ry held full sway, except in the hearts
$\therefore$ of the old captain's wife and daughter:
longer, I heerd him tell par so, and
lomen sheste she be kinder to Luke." for the Bay Queen had not cone sail. then sleste she ll be kinder to Luke." ing homeward over the strong waves of The torm was now a fearfin the.
ine bay. ihe bay.
"I dunno," said Mrs. Hutchin-on, du.
Inay front Mrs. Milutchinson remembered
lat "I dunno," said Mrs. Hutchimon. her guests. "I dont holl to wein, ime with loud. brilliant music. but he der what made them chick'ne year one "one donse of the house the terrible chiver folks. Wis' Hut hemom. Nlle himan

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The ocean yawned, and rudely blowed $\mid$ "Deep horror then my vitals froze, $\left.\begin{gathered}\text { The wind, that tossed my found'ring } \\ \text { bark. }\end{gathered} \right\rvert\, \begin{gathered}\text { Death-s } \\ \text { stem. }\end{gathered}$
bark.

When suddenly a star arose,
It was the star of Betlehem."
As the last notes died away the pale unearthly light of the Christmas dawn stole into the room. What a sight met
the eye, as its pallid beams illuminated the eye, as its pallid beams illuminated the landscape! A raging, furious seal
filled the spot, where yesterday had $\mathbf{s}^{+}$retched pleasant meadows and gar-
dens, and where stood the houses of dens, and where stood the houses of
the neighbors. Submerged to their upper stores most of them were now. upper stores most of and boats floating bottom upward, were everywhere seen: "Ahoy! ahoy!" again shouted Joe
Bradley, coming lack. "Got enny grub?", "Yes," they, shouted back, "thank ye," "Hev ye, hev ye, seen anything of the Bay Queen?"
Not "it," answered Joe, trying to
speak courageously. speak courageously.
"An' S'leste?" said her mother, hast-
"All right," was the brief answer, as
"All right," was the b
Joe pulleu quickly away.
The water began to subside and, as
if worn out, the storm abated. One if worn out, the storm abated. One hour after another the two women sat
with despairing eyes fixed on the dis with despairing eyes fixed on the dis-
tant horizon. But no battered and
But brused Bay Queen came, beating her way slowly into the creek. The women
scanned with feverish eyes each bit of scanned with feverish eyes each bit of
wreckage that floated by, fearing to wreckage that floated by, fearing to
recognize some portion of the brave recognize so
little craft.
A third time Joe's boat came up to the window with offers of assistance. The skipper would take them away any-
where they wished to go. There was where they wished to go. There was
his mother, now, whose house was dry and warm. She would be only too glad
and to take them in.
"No," said Mrs. Hutchinson, "S'leste
would be comin' back, soon," would be comin' back, soon.", Then,
eyeing Joe sharply, she said, "Where is eyeing Joe sharply, she said, "Where is
she? What cher keepin' back from
"Wall, if yer will know," said Joe, as every "word were being forced out of
him, "S'leste and Pierre went to the him, "S"leste and Pierre went to the
city this mornin" after Father McKay city this mornin", after Father McKay
had marri'd 'em." The mother sat as if stunned. Eevy
lania crept to her softly, and said: "Yer know, mar, as ther was things 'bout S'leste that wan't in us to under-
stand. Po'try and that air high music. an' sech like; an' Pierre, he understood all them strange, uncommon things, an' she c'd talk to him 'bout 'em like she couldn't to us, an' so we mus'n't blame,
her so much, for she loved Pierre, an' her so much, for she loved,
when yer love anybody -
Eevylania's voice sank down to a
whisper. She looked out at the sea whisper. She looked out at the sea and covered her face with her hands. Another hour passed. The short De-
cember day was drawing to a close. Suddenly there was a great noise and commotion under the window; Joe Bradley shouting and laughing:
"Hullo, there, Mis' Hutcherson! The Bay Queen's heerd from; she drifted
right onto the beach whar the life savright onto the beach whar the life sav-
in's station men be, capsized, an' Luke an' the cap'in held on. The cap'in, he's putty much beat out, and won't be hum for a day or two, but-" Eevylania could stand it no longer.
She rushed down the slippery stairs, tore open the door with strong, desperate fingers. plunged into a foot of water as she cleared the porch, and found Luke's great, burly arms about her.

A Canadian lawyer tells this story: A bailiff went out to levy on the contents of a house. The inventory began
in the attic and ended in the cellar. When the dining room was deached, the tally of furniture ran thus:
"One dining room table, oak.
"One set chairs (6) oak.
"One sideboard, oak.
"Two bottles whiskey, full."
Then the word "full", was stricken nut and replaced by "empty," and the inventory went on in a hand that strag-
gled and lurched diagonally across the gled and lurched diagonally

## The Phantom Canoe.

A New Year's Legend of the Canadian Woods.

## By W. Victor Cook

Gran'pere Latoche is very old-over snowed up in the Latoche homestead $^{\text {L }}$ eighty years, they say. In the summer
time he sits and smokes his beloved $\begin{aligned} & \text { on may back to Montreal Nobody } \\ & \text { will believe the story, but that is neither }\end{aligned}$ tabac Canayen in a rocking armchair on will believe the story, but that is neithe the veranda beneath the climbing flow-
ers. In so very old, perhaps his imagination
ene he sits in the kitchen ers. In the winter he sits in the kitchen
corner shaking his old gray head, and
plays antics with his memory. Moreover,
they say in Quevec Province that a man corner time to time muttering to himself. At times he will tell stories of le vieux temps. Some of them are queer tales, for Gran'pere Latoche has seen things in his time; and if they were not so
rambling, and if one could write them down in the old man's own words, they would make good reading.
Strangest of all is the story of how Gran'pere Latoche saw La Chasse
Gal'rie. Had I but the gift, I could make you feel the grip of that weird
tale as Gran'pere Latoche told it me tale as Gran'pere Latoche told it me
one wild New Year's Night when I was
"Sure, I swear too. For the rest, Mamzelle 1 am not likely to meet of Hudson Bay,"
"Nor I in the lake ports. It is a bargain?"
"A bargain," repeated 'Poleon, step-
ping with noiseless moccasined feet ping with noiseless moccasined feet gnard Indian a waited him in a birchbark canoe.
"Good luck to you," said Louis Latoche.
'Poleon turned round as he grasped
the peak of the canoe, and laughed again, this time defiantly "You mean to say: 'I hope you will get drowned in the first rapids.' But a revoir, Louis." He got into the canoe, and Louis
watched him and the Indian paddle up stream, into the wide, wild North. That was the last that Louis Latoche ever saw of Poleon Desbarres in the
flesh. But often when his turn came at the wheel on a starry night, or when in a calm the sunset glow bathed the St. Clair flats in the hees of dreamland
of his rival 'Poleon as he saw him that last time-tall, and strong as a young about his lankempt sanayl loose with scornful defiance. All the spring and summer, and late he Great Lakes on the little trading chooner of which he was the mate. he first snow flurries had fallen when he made his way to the great stern rive
f the north. The young man's imag of the north. The young man's vision
ination dwelt lingeringly upon the vis of Henriette; but mindful of his pledge to his rival, he did not at once go home or own village of Year's Day-come snow, come shine-he and his rival would be back to prove their fate. But
till then their oath held them. Therefore Louis went to visit with an uncle ore Louis went to visit with an
The old Year died on a day of lowering clouds. At noon the wintry sun howed a cold, dea disc through the seen no more. The wind, dubious and uncertain, sprang up time and again with a sudden howl as of a spirit in dis
tress, shaking the snow from the gaunt


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| black forest trees; then it subsided into an oppressive silence. <br> "If I were you, I would not go," said Louis' uncle, peering from the window upon the desolate sky; "it will be a wild night." <br> "Have no fear," said Louis Latoche in the pride of his youth and strength; "I know the way." <br> "I do not like the sound of the wind," the elder man insisted. "Louis, be advised, and stay until the morning." <br> "I must go,", persisted his nephew. is of that girl of Manon's with, her brown eyes and rosy lips, that you are thinking. Be assured good wine will keep, mon gar." <br> "'Poleon Desbarres will be there," said Louis. "St Mitchel himself would not keep 'Poleon from the fete of the Jour de l'An. Uncle, you do not under- | first. Soon, as the spirits of the storm rushed from tneir lairs, it whirled in blinding clouds of paralyzing white dust round about him, sweeping with a sound like a brush along the frozen roadway, cutting his face wiul its icy touch. <br> Louis was no stranger to the wintry woods, and he fought his way doggedly onward, pulling his fur cap low over from a flask of whisky he carried. More and more furious grew the storm, and deeper and deeper the drifts. It was impossible to see two yards through the whirling snow-fog around from the pitiless neeales of the frost, sougnt the friendly lights of St. Pierre de Beaupre. The path was long since obhterated; the going was heavier every minute Louis realized too late that he was 'st in the tempest. |
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His Majcsty the King and his only daughter, Princess Mary.
stand how the thing is between us. I $\begin{gathered}\text { There was but one hope for him. } \\ \text { Fighting blindly along, he stumbled }\end{gathered}$ There was but one hope for him.
tell you, I must go."
a light end blindly along, he stumblef on himself in his best, and putting on over his fete dress his warm seaman's jacket, slipped his moceasined feet into the
loops of his snow-shoes and started on his ten-mile journey. At the door
his uncle put a gion into his hands. his uncle put a gion into his hands. "They say the wolves are about,"
he warned the young man. Pere Crlbatien saw two last week, so early
in the season. Be careful, Louis and keep alonys the river where you can see
the way:",
It wis still a dull gray daylight when the young man set forth. The winter
road over the lard, dry snow was good, and for a time he made rapid progress
Then. while the minertain wind con Then. Whill the unicertain wind con-
tinued its intermittent dirge. the snow tinued its intermittent inge. the snow
began to fall, almost imperceptibly at
a spot where under some great tree
trunks the snow-drifts lay less heavily trunks the snow-drifts lay less heavily
tlian elsewhere. In his desperate straits the place seemed made for him. He
scooped himself a hole in the snow and rept ink Lond be in the Long he lay in the comparative to the tempest, which howled in the forest trees around him as though all
the fiends of hell were riding on th gale. Louis fell into a reverie, regret fully conjuring up pictures of the festiv the sound of the great viol. the young men and girls "ring the old Year ant and the New Year in.
something wallu hrushing by his fan Something warm hrushing by his facm
aroused him. I aroused him. A red fox had crep
through the already narrowed opening


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of his retreat. Louis put out his hand and dog in trouble, and drew closer to him. "Its den is choked up," thought Louis, and in sympathy stroked the head of the frightened animal. He took another
nip from his whisky flask and strove to keep himself from falling asleep in the growing warmth of nis snow-nest. Hark! Whai was that? The red fox quivered from its head to the tip of listened hard. The sound came again, penetrating and weird, like the cry of pene wild goose as it passes southward in the fall. But when did wild goose fly on a midwinter night?
Louis brushed the sweat from his forchead and listened as though his soul were in his ears. A third time came the ery, high over the tree-tops, out of the northwest sky, closer and closer with the rush of the wind.
words that he heard, and the sound of singing-over the tre-tops, out of the northwest sky? Holy Virgin, what chorus was that?
"Un Canayen errant,
Banni de ses foyers, Parcourait en pleuran Des pays etranger
"Si tu vois mon pays, Mon pays malheureu
Va, dis a mes amis a, dis a mes amis
Que je me souviens d'eux."
"Hello, Louis, hello! Ha-ha! The voice, and the long sandy hair,
and the reckless laugh! It was the wraith of his rival that called his name. "Hello, 'Poleon," said Louis.
"Come up here, Louis," called the phantom. It is a long way that we have
friend. Iteer for paddled, all the way from Saskatchewan tonight; and, dead men's avms grow tired, mon gar
His limbs well-nigh failed beneath him. "I have lost my way," he faltered; I do not know the bearings in the "Torm." ee, we have a merry corpse-candle to light us, Louis."
Sure enough, in the prow of the noe a pale hght fickered, unquenched "Up here you can see lights," said "Poleon. "Maybe'tis St. Pierre." Make haste, Louis."
The specters
The specters leaned over the side of the canoe and beckoned. Before he
Louis crossed himself. Befor realized what had occurred he was sitting in the stern of the canoe, with the steering-paddle in hand. Far away, tops, he discerned through the swirling snow-clouds a faint twinkle of lights. Thitherward he steered the canoe, while the ghostly crew again made his heart quake with the sound of their mournful
H.M.C.S. Niobe Canada's First Battleship

The slow, sad minor of the old chanson came weirdly out of the night on the wings of the storm. Louis Latoche self to the opening, he forced himself to look out.
"Hello, Louis, hello

His own name, in a voice that he emembered; a voice from the stormfear! "Hello, Louis, hello!" came the hail again.
Louis looked up. High overhead, great canoe hung in mid-air; and as soon as he saw it Louis knew that it came from the great northland, and that the men who sat in it were no living men.
Cold terror clutched at his heart as he recalled t.ee old story of the pliantom 'hasse Gal'rie whicli brings back the dead men on New Year's Eve, to kiss
the girls of their hearr and to dance unthe girls of their heart and to dance un-
seen at the old fireside. seen at the old fireside. ghostly crew.
He stared at the
Through the whirling snow he recog. Through the whirling snow he recog-
nized one and all in their dress of hardy coyageurs. All of them, at one time or another, had gone out from this dis-
trict into the wild northland, and none of them had ever returned. Dead men all, yet there they sat and trolled out to the savage winter night the old
canoeing song. But Louis trembled most at the sight
of him who held the paddle in the stern of the cance. The long hair loung down of the cance.

"O jours si pleins d'appas, Vous etes disparus;
Et ma patrie, helas! Et ma patrie, helas!
Je ne la verrai plus!"
"Time to have a little drink," said 'Poleon, as they glided toward the lights. A black bottle passed from one to an-
other, and each as he drank cried "Salut!" to the rest. The black bot.e. came to Louis last, and having crossed himself again, he
essayed to drink. But nothing came essayed to drink. The crew of phan
from the bottle. toms laughed,
"Dead men's wine is good wine, hein Louis?" said Desbarres.
Louis was mortally cold-from fear and from the storm. But the sound of voices ascended. The lights were below
St. Pierre de Beaupre St. Pierre de Beaupre. :'hez Manon," ordered Poleon with a leer.
The canoe hovered outside the dorr of Henriette's father. The phantom crew disembarked, and a
tions faded quickly a through the village. "Stay with the canoe. Don't let it
"Stay awa," said 'Poleon with sudden blow away," said Poleon with sude his
anger. His eyes flashed and he gave auger. His eyes flashed and he gave h-h
rival a push. It was as though the pu-l sapped all the young man's strength, and he fell back in the cance.
But very soon the deadly cold overBut verysoon the dead cor wat up
came all other influences, and he simself in the canve trying to persuade himself
that he was dreaming. The lights shone


## Get the kidneys well and avoid most ills

NEARLY two-thirds of the diseases that afflict mankind can be EARLY two-thirds of the to kidney troubles and faulty action of the urinary
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from Josef Maron's windows, the music out of the canoe and pushed it among some bushes.
A large barn adjoined the Manon homestead. With chattering teeth Louis few minutes lay in tne grateful warmth recovering his sensations. High up in the wall dividing the barn from the home a beam of light shone up to the
roof from a sm. 11 glazed window that served as a feeble illuminant; by and by Louis mustered his courage sufficient ly to clamber up on a heap of firewood and peep into the living-room. fears had somewhat abanable barn his an empty chair near the fire sat 'Poleon Desbarres, wild and weird as he had appeared in the canoe. He sat with his elhis hands, and he stared at Henriette as she sat at the other side of the room. Nobody seemed to see 'Poleon. Least of all did the young girl appear to be conscious of his presence.
The big viol scraped
was just beginning. Poleon rose and stalked across the room toward Henriette. He approached quite close to where she sat laughing and joking with
others. No one looked up at him. "They do not see him!" thought Louis
" $O$, mon Dieu, what does it mean?" "H
Poleon stooped over the girl. "He
will dance with her and kiss her," will dance with her and kiss her,',
though Louis. Suddenly the conviction came to him that if once 'Poleon got his arm round Henriette, she was lost. All in a momen Henriette gasped and stood up, deadly pale, her hand to
her heart. 'Poleon put out his arm. From his watching place Louis La toche gave a great cry. He raised his hand to strike at the intervening glass. IIs foot slipped on the loose logs, and with ${ }^{2}$
ground. When he came to himself he was lying chafing his hands and pouring whisky


Ready to cut the Monarchs throat, Swan River, Man.
between his lips and Henriette was lean- | dear Louis, nearly frozen, on his sleigh ing over him, while the company stood "'Poleon !" "'Pole
wildly.
"Poor "Puoor boy, he wanders," said old Josef But what an escape! Had he lain anLouis half-hour, bonsoir Louis Latoche!" Louis sat up and starred round. The ll save 'Poleon Desbarres. wt the back the room old Monsieur Jarreau, the as oat, like a bear emerging coonskin over "It must have been a prom its skin, Henriette often used to say to her hus band in the after days. "I had such strange feeling. For a moment 1
hought I should die. And then in came Monsieur Jarreau with then in
ear Louis, nearly frozen, on his sleigh It was lucky the good And as for Louis Latoche, he went earfully the next morning to the barn nd found the stacked lumber all in a dow.
But the mystery of that night was ever made clear to him. If is only in these latter years that has told the story; for when he spoke about it to the priest, the good father counseled him to say nothing to his wife. The priest is dead long since, and Louis Latoche is such an old, old man that it is hard to get at the truth of the matter and nowadays even in the in La Chasse G

Canada Cement Company reduces prices
The price of cement has been lowered This announcement may come as a sur prise to many-for, when Merger merge, the opposite tendency is usually looked for, but
About a year ago most of the larges cement interests join formed one Company, known as The Canada Cement Company, Limited. It was immediately predicted in many that on account of the big Merger the consumer would have to pay dear for his cement in future. The promoter of the Company, on the other hand stoutly contested this theory, pointing penses and increased efficiency, they hoped to be able to give even cheape The first move on the part of the cement company was to regulate the price of its product, and it was an
a greeable surprise to everyone when it agreeable surprise to everyone when it was learned that in making the adjust-
ment prices were not unduly advanced. That was last year.
On the lst of November, this year, a
circular was sent out by the Canada circular was sent out by the Canada price of its product throughout the entire Dominion on the average of about 10c. per barrel.
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## The Hudson Bay Route.

The Canadian Northwest Highway to Europe.

By W. Beach.

A Graphic and Interesting Account of the Author's Personal Experience and Observations During Several Years' Residence at Fort Churchill While He and His Family Were the Only Whites There.

A A time when the Hudson Bay $\begin{aligned} & \text { T search of late Sir John Franklin of the } \\ & \text { route to Europe as an outlet for }\end{aligned}$ | A T A time when the Hudson Bay | search or lay Company; Messrs Leacock |
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| route to Europe as an outlet for | Hudson Bay |
| the |  | the vast commerce, which some

in the near future must be creatday in the near future must be creat-
and writers of a quarter of a cened within the Canadian West, has Captain Bernuer, and the skippers focussed the attention of the entire of the whaling and sealing fleets, and fact that several parties of govern- $\begin{aligned} & \text { of the vessels of the two great trading } \\ & \text { companies, whose duties and occupa- }\end{aligned}$ ment engineers have been engaged for tion take them annually on voyages several months, and are now engaged, in locating the railway line to the Bay; and at a time when the construction of this road as a government enterprise which is a certainty, it will be decidedy interesting for us to examine the arguments in favour of this project and also the natural conditions which will govern operation of this great avenue of transportation. In doing this I shal through those northern waters. The Hudson Bay route is a subject which has already evoked such a larg so much evidence in its favor that I feel as though the matter is well-nigh exhausted, and that I can add but ittle to what has been said and writ
ten. But nevertheless my years o ten. But nevertheless my years on
residence there on the shores of the bay, and my somewhat varied experi ence, may add considerable weight $t$ what I have to say. (There are many


Hudson's Bay Co.'s Steamer "Pelican" in Fort Churchill Harbor, 290 tons net register.
sonal observations during four years' diverging interests involved, and it is residence at Fort Churchill on the $\begin{aligned} & \text { therefore of the highest importance } \\ & \text { that the actual facts of the practicabil- }\end{aligned}$ hores of Hudson's bay. fom the opinons of gentlemen who have a wide, practical knowsedge of the problems of orthern navigation on of we year.
Results will justify it. Just as the
(anadian Pacific Railway at its first nception was ridiculed as an impracti cable and impressible project, so now here are those who see similar dif ficulties and objections to the scheme ee are aloout to consider, particulary 12, 1910. Fortunately there are very rew of such critics in the llest, where ransportation has always oren the markable development. But just as re Gults have justified the construction of he Canadian Pacific Railway, now the greatest and most powerful corpma
ion probably in the commercial world. co surely will time and results jutify he Hudson Bay railway. Strong endorsation.
Among throse who have endorsed it ar aptain Kemnedy, formerly a ernmin
ioned officer who made an Aretic trip in inat the actual facts of the practicatari-
is and utility of the road be plared clearly before the people whose future welfare and even prosperity are si
closely associated with it and so large losely associated with it and so largc
Iy affected by the ultimate success or failure of the enterprise.)
Easy Grades and Cheap Construction:
Censtruction of the road presenttwo importan points for consideration,
namely. the conditions of land, and of hamel.s. the conditions of land, and of sa transport. The surveyors who har
raversed the route to fort Churaill, in the interests of private corporations the Norquay commission, and the pres



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Four Months' Navigation
The navigation of the Hudson Ba and strait between July 10th and 20th question so entirely beyond argmuent, or dispute that it seems very strange that in the last few years we should hear so much about the dangers with The persistency of these reports, in the face of evidence to the contrary, would indicate that they are being circulated by interested parties with a view to keeping the natural seaport of these period.

The Steamer Pelican
At the present time the Hudson Bay
with a net displacement of only 2990 tons, and built 32 years ago by the Admiralty at Davenport in 1877 plied the waters of the bay. She has auxillary steam power, but it is only used
when navigating que narrow waters o Hudson Strait, through which she has o pass to reach the waters of the Hud son Bay. The Pelican was originally a British gunboat, as the
line of her hull suggests.
This vessel goes into Churchill every year carrying the supplies for the forts and bringing out the valuable cargo of
Now if that tiny and ancient little trader can negotiate the Hudsor Bay route it is reasonable to contend that the modern leviathans would have no
difficulty during at least four months in difficulty during at least four months in
the year, say from July 10th to November loth which is giving it the minimum, and this time of four months is without any friendly light-houses to guide them on their way. I am perfectly satisfied
that navigation on the Hudson Bay, and that navigation on the Hudson Bay, and
the straits could be made feasible for five months in the year from July lst to October lst, by having light-houses erected at the following points, viz;-at
the entrance to the harbor, at Churchill, the entrance to the harbor, at Churchill, gard as the most important time of the

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year for taking observations as to navi-
gation on the Bay, because it is posgation on the Bay, because it is pos-
sible then to note the closing dates. In 1905 when I left Churchill for Winnipeg n November 9th, the harbor was stil open. In 1906 the harbor closed on November 28th. The following year the losing year 1908, it closed November 21st.

The Bay is Always Navigable. With regard to Hudson Bay itself, it is open for navigation 365 days in ever year. The corroborate this statement. They go out there sometimes in March and remain until September, and if the bay is open to them it is open to every
class of vessel which is sea-going. class of vessel which is sea-going. (loating ice in the bay and along the shores extending out from a quarter of a mile to a mile, but beyond this floe ice, there is always clear, open if such it may be called, depends upon the direction of the wind. It is this ice moving but to the Atlantic that presents the only real dif ficulty to navigation June and the early part of July. It is never a solid mass, as it is broken up in passing between the islands which abound tnere in Fox's channel and by action of the waves. It is, however, held rents to such an extent that it presents an obstacle to sauing vessels, but not necessarily to a steamer. Any detention which might occur would not likely exdetention could only occur with incoming vessels, as those outgoing would float with the ice pack and would have no obstruction.

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The river at its mouth is from a half to five-eights of a mile wide. Two water mark stand on each side of the river, the one on the western side extending half a mile further north than the one on the eastern thus closing the storm which may be raging in the bay. The depth of water in the harbor is
ufficient to float the largest ocean teamer. At the entrance there is 78 up the river there is 42 feet of water; and oneha-lf mile above there is 25 feet of water at low tide. The rise and fall the channel is the same width at low and high tides.

River Runs Through Solid Rock. The river has the distinction of be ing the only river on the west coast half a mile up it forms into a lagoon a mile and a half wide. I have seen the steamship Adventurer coming into the harbor on September 15 of this year -1908, at full speed, and drawing $171 / 2$ chored one mile up from the river mouth in $321 / 2$ feet of low tide. The ice forming in the bay from the shore entirely depends on the depth o ter is deep it doesn't extend more than half a mile from the shore, while a York on account of the lesser depth of the water it forms fast high bot exand piles up mount 10 miles out.
tends for from 5 to

Relative Distances to Markets.
Judging from all reports, a harbo advantage over Quebec and Montreal in connecting directly with the open sea The following flative distances, all of which are in favor of the route by Churchill as being a great shortening in the land transportation route. Regina
 length 1,032 miles. Winnipeg to Mont real, 1,425 miles; Winnipeg to Churchill, 725 miles. Difference 700 mile Prince Albert to Montrea,, 1,800 miles Prifference 1,175 miles. Edmonton to Montreal, 2250 miles. Edmonton to Churchill, 1130 miles. Difference 1120 miles. Calgary to Montreal, 2300 Differ ence 1100 miles. Montreal to Liverpoo ${ }_{3,000}$ miles; Churchill to Liverpool, 2,92 miles. Difference, 74 miles. New Yor to Liverpool, 3,040 miles; Churchill 114 Liverpool, 2,926 miles. to Liverpool vi miles. Sork, 4,249 miles; St. Paul, Minn to Liverpool via Churchill, 4,096 miles Difference, 144 miles. Duluth via New
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via Churchill to Liverpool, 3,728 miles. Difference, 473 miles.

Means Cheaper Rates
These figures speak for themselves, pensive transportation by rail is than transportation by water.
If the people of the three western
provinces could see what I have witprovinces could see what I have wit nessed in the Churchill river in Sept
ember 16, 1909 , they would raise the price of farm lands to $\$ 50$ to $\$ 75$ per acre. I have seen three ocean going ves sels anchored in the Churchill river at
the same time and this is only 700 miles the same time and this is only 700 mile
from Regina, in the centre of the grea from Regina, in the centre of the great
Canadian wheat belt. And there wa room for many more.

Advantages of Churchill.
I contend that the Churchill harbor and the north part of the Hudson Bay, say from Cape Churchill north, is open three weeks earlier for navigation than
any other part of the bay south of Cape Churchill.

Reasons for This
From Chesterfield inlet on the west coast of the Bay there is a very strong current going down the bay to Cape
Henrietta Maria, the entrance of James bay. This current crosses over to the Whale river on the east main coast. It is this current which causes the Hud-
son Bay south of Cape Churchill to be son Bay south of Cape Churchill to be
blocked with ice for three weeks later than Churchill. Capt. C. C. Couch of the S.S. "Adventurer says: "This current tugs the east coast down to the
Straits. Straits. The channel between Mans-
field island on the Main coast is clear when between Coats and Mansfield whenld be packed with ice..
Capt. Couch's opinion should carry
great weight as he has sailed these great weight as he has sailed these
northern waters of late date northern waters of late date, (1906.
1908, 1909) with the largest vessel that ever navigated Hudson Bay, going as far as Cape Fullerton on the north, and
south to Stratton Island in James Bay, south to Stratton Island in James Bay,
Mosquito Bay on the East main coast
and Fort Churchill on the west coast.

Reserve of Land Erected.
Now to show the people of this West-
ern country that the Hon. Sir Wilfrid ern country that the Hon. Sir Wilf rid construction of the Hudson Bay Road,
in 1906, the government very wisely created a reserve of land on both sides
of the Churchill river 10 miles in length
by two miles in width, thereby reserv ing all the deep water-way for their sure the largest measure of benefit $t$ the people of western Canada and tha the public that the Hudson Bay roa was going to be built and controlled by the Government.

Fort Churchill Site.
Fort Churchill, the dominion government townsite is situated on the eastern side of the Churchill river, facing son Bay shore afford ample prot from the winds from the north. The site has a gradual fall from Lake Rosabelle to high water mark on the Churchill river of 15 feet in a distance of three quarters of a mile. This gives perfect belle covers an area of about half mile, and would furnish a good water supply of pure spring water for a popu-
lation of 100,000 , for evidentually it will be the great distributing seaport and be the great distributing seaport an
the centre for all Western Canada. The shore of Hudson Bay is very low generally from Cape Churchill right down to James Bay and when the tide
is out you can walk on dry ground for is out you can walk on dry ground
miles, in some places as far out as te miles and in the fall or early winter the floe ice drifts together and cements on the bottom and remains in that positio until the following spring waiting fo Hudson Bay Co.'s steam Pelican anchors out in the Bay from 10 to 2 the York Yoork factory and discharg for York post. This will convey a good Cape Churchill.

Harbors opened before Straits. With regard to one river being open than another, I don't see how that has anything to do with the terminal for Nelson and the Churchill rivers are open one month before the Straits are. There-
the Hudson Bay railway, for both the fore I contend thatway, for both the ing dates have nothing to do with the locating of a terminal. Plans made by the geological survey of Canada in 1818, that with regard to in 1745 both agre from the outer buoy to Port Nelso beacon point at the mouth of the Hayes



Hudson's Bay Co.'s Post, Fort Churchill, Hudson's Bay. Situated on the eastern' side of
mouth of the Nelson river) there is quite time, and of from 12 to 15 cents a bush stretch of water to keep clear with a el in cost of freight rates.
sea rolling in for 600 miles without a
break of any kind. Therefore I can $\quad$ Only one Terminal Elevator. endorse what J. W. Tyrrell says about the mouth of the Nelson river. If any deep channel existed, he said, it was of it could not be followed, and the sand bars were known to shift their position an exceedingly expensive operation to dredge the mouth of the Nelson river
which might have to be done annually which migs it would be of interest $t$ tell a few facts about the natives of the district. There is a tribe of about 100 Eskimos around Churchill. They are a about 5 feet 2 inches in stature, with an average chest measurement of from 38 to 42 inches, and are fitted for the sev erest weather imaginable. They hav great fat, greasy faces, black phercing
eyes, straight black hair, and the most eyes, strul teeth imaginable, and they are remarkably strong and good packers. I have often seen an Eskimo carrying a pack of 200 pounds weight
back for miles. In winter time they use sleighs from 36 to 40 feet in length, about 16 inches in width, and shod with whalebone. On these vehicles five dogs will haul as much as 1,000 lbs. The sports, and all eat raw meat, which accounts in part for their strength, endurance, and-greasy faces.
Profits Assured to Western Canada As to the benefits which must accrue As to tern Canada from the inaugration of the Hudson Bay Route, he who runs may read. A glance at the map of the Dominion shows that the shortest route from the centre of the great grain and the world is via the Hudson Bay.
Here is an illustration. Taking Regina as the centre of the wheat belt, and sending out C. P. R. and the other via Churchill by the Hudson Bay railway, before the one going via Fort william has reached the salt water, the one via Churchilhis a reached Liverpool. It means just this; a
saving from of eight to ten days in



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also the also the catlee probiem. The ranchers
of our today. handicapped in consequence of the long rail journey which their cattle are com-
pelled pelled to make in order to reach the
over-seas markets.
With the of 2,300 miles from Calgary to Montreal
the the cattle arrive in poor condition, and
decreased in weighc. With the short journey of 1,200 miles from Calgary to Churchill the cattle would lose but little, as it is well known that the first three
days of a ourney have little effect on live days of a journey have little effect on live
stock. I have no hesitation in affirming that with the short route open, the ranchers of Alberta would save in
shrinks shrinkage and freight from $\$ 5$ : to $\$ 10 \mathrm{a}$
head on their aettle head on their cattle. This is not only
true with live stock, I think that the time has come when chilled meats should be exported, and that not until this is done will the ranchers get what they
should out of their cattle. With ab should out of their cattle. With ab-
batoirs and chilling plants erected at batoirs and chiling pants erected at
Churchill this would be feasable. Farm products, such as butter chieese and eggs could be handled in like manne

Advantage to B. C.
In considering the advantages with me, the prairie provinces would reap
from the Hudson Bay route, we must not forget our sister provinoe, British
Columia with her prishable Columbia, with her perishable products
such as apples, pears, peaches and fruit such as apples, pears,
of all kinds, for the safe transportation


of which every day saved is of vast importance. By the present route the fruit has either to be picked so green
that its quality is lost partilly in re that its qualte it is so ripe on reaching
ening, or else ening, or else
the markets on the other side as to be unfit for consumption or sale. Now the proposed route would be open
just at the time when the fre just at the me when and the de ready to be moved out, and
creased time of transportation would have an important effect in the delivery to the markets of the world.

Revolution in Importation
So far I have been dealing entirely with export advantages-those arising from the transportation out of the country. But the advantages of the new
route would not lie entirely with ex. route would not lie entirely wim-
ports; they would be almost as important in the case of imports-merchan-
por dise coming into the country. With this line completed what a revolution in the
case of case of mercha will be brought about.
western country The vessel tonnage which will be required to take out our grain, cattle and
farm produce, will be so great that the farm produce, will be so great that the
freight rates, on account of the necessity of hiaving a, return cargo from Europe,
will from that country amount to al most nothing.

Western Consumers will Benefit. T expect to ser conal from Newcastle on
Hu. Tyn laid down in Winnipeg cheaper

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A Boon to the Cattle and Live Stock Industry.
A most important fact in favor of the Hudson Bay railway is that it would give quick aceess to the sea in the ex-
portation of cattle to the European markets.
Cattle Cattle could be transported to Fort
Churchill without any appreciable shrint Charcchind the vouage thpnece to Lo Liverpool
agould improve rather than otherwise af
woul would improve rather than otherwise affect their condition. Therefore this
great industry would find in the Husoun great industry would find in the Husoin
Bay route no tonly a satisfactory solu. Bay route ne only a satisfactory solu-
tion of the difficulties and handicaps under which it labors now, but also at
justification for the construction of this justifica
road. From Medicine Hat it would be 1.07 Brandon, 940 miles: from Edimoton,
1,129 miles: from Prince Alle
 miles. (The closest.)

Average Saving of 1,007 miles The average savine in railway tran portant shipping points ment ioned abore
would be 1.007 miles. Take the revulut tariff sheets again of the railwas's an figure out jnst what that means to the producer and the exporter, In addition
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that the actual saving on a shipment of
cattle would be about 20 per cent. of cattle first cost, that is in round figures.

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the chilled meat ages for developing the chinled meat
trade with Europe an industry which trade
presents such` alluring profits. Abatpresents and the necessary cold storage plants would be erected at Fort Church-
ill The latter would not only be neepiants The latter would not only be nec-
ill. essary for the meat trade, but also for
the output of the creameries, the cheese the output of the creameries, the cheese
factories and for all dairy products, and in addition the luscious fruits from and in addino Pria. Permit me to make a
British Columbia
comparison at this juncture. Take for comparison at this juncture. Take for
example, one bullock of 1,200 pounds example, one bullock of, namely, Montshipped by both routes, namely, To Liverpool via. Montreal:Dr.
Freight on 1,200 pounds at 60c. per
cewt Feed in transit to Montreal. . Feed freight at le. per pound...
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Killing on docks at Liverpool... Total cost of trans.

Cr.
6000 pounds meat at 10 c (sinking the offal there)
Net returns to shipper ........ $\$ 36.30$ To Liverpool via Churchill Abattoir:Dr.
Freight on 1,200 pounds at 30 c , per cwt. (il. (Shipment would run
Feed, ni.
right through).
 Killing
storage at $\ldots . . . . . . . . . . . . . . .$.
 Total cost of transport........ $\$ \frac{612.00}{\mathbf{6 . 0}}$ Cr. 600 pounds chilled meat at Liver-
pool at 10 c . per pound. . ...... $\$ 60.00$ pool at 10c. per pound.......
Hide and tallow (at least calcula-
tion Net return to shipper ...........ins $\$ 51.90$ Difference
route

Producer not Receiving Enough If the Churchill route can save a net cattle the producer is not getting what he ought to, and he never will unti there is an abattoir and cold storage
plant on the shores of the Hudson Bay, erected under regulations which will compel the operators or owners to kil and store for anyone at a fixed rate per head. Then the producer could sel
either on the hoof or dressed according ly as he desired or as the market war ranted. Pork packing and a canning factory might also be established there try; and all the material to required for try; and all the material required for
operation such as salt, tin, etc., could be laid down at first cost, especially if there was a branch line to the Peace River country minerals. Common labor is the cheapest on earth and among the best, which is a very
important factor to be considered in the establishment of such enterprises as an abattoir or kindred industries al-
ready alluded to. Another fact that ready alluded to. Another fact that
should not be overlooked by a shrewd should not be overroked investor is that there would be no taxa tion outside the corporation limits.

Resources and Physicial Feature.
The opinion generally entertained concerning the country round the bay, and
at Churchill is that it is a barren waste, covered with ice and snow for the greater part of the year, and devoid of any
vegetation whatever. The opinion is vegetation whatev
all erroneous one.

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                Splendid Grazing
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At the head of the bay there is an
area of from 2,000 to 3,000 aceres whert in the summer months good hay can be
cut, and which Prof. Jlacoun has pro-


Magazine-situated on eastern side of Churchill River.

nounced as affording excellent forage. | height of about 30 feet, and an average | There are many other places also where |  |
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| the same condition exists, and where | diameter of from 12 to 15 inches. The |
| balance of the timber is pulp wood, and |  | $\begin{array}{ll}\text { the same condition exists, and where } \\ \text { the country is covered with a rich, thick } & \text { balance of the in unlimited quantities. } \\ \text { this exists in } \\ \text { What }\end{array}$ growth of grass.

Timber Plentiful.
Another valuable asset of the district regions round the Bay. The most northerly species in the spruce, which extends
north of Churchill about 40 miles as far as the Seal river, and which attains a

When you consider that the best of wa-
ter power is available all along the ter power is available all along the
rivers for the manufacture of this product, it will be seen that this is but an-
other of the valuable resources of the
district district.

Wild Fruit.
Well at any rate, you may say, these
are hardy products inured to the severity of the climate, but otherwise the district is comparatively, barren. It wonld surprise you, wouldn't it if I were to
tell you that there are at least hali a dozen different species of wild fruit which flourish in great abundance, in the rocks and among the mosses throughout the country round the bay.
Wild black and red currents, gooseberWild black and red currents, gooseber-
ries, cranberries, crowfoot berries, and ries, cranberries, crowfoot berries, and
baked apple berries may be gathered by the bushel in season, and make the very best of preserves, so that we don't really have to depend on dried apples up
there as many of you might imagine. there as many of you might imagine
As for vegetables I have seen radishes lettuce, and turnips raised right at Churchill.

Fishing on Dry Land.
So much for the vegetable products,
but they are not the only products but they are not the only products
worthy of mention. It will surprise you worthy of mention. It will surprise you
perhaps when I tell you that we fish on perhaps when I tell you that we fish on
dry land at Churchill. That is a fact dry land at Churchill. That is a fact
nevertheless. The natives of Churchill both the Indians and the Eskimos, and also the white men, set their nets on dry land. They set their nets, which are
abont 15 feet long, with three upright about 15 feet long, with three upright
posts placed vertically on the shore. posts placed vertically on the shore.
When they have set them they simply wait for the tide to come in, and when
it has come in they simply wait until it has come in they simply wait until
it has gone out, and there are their fish it has gone out, and there are their fish
all ready to be taken out witnout any all ready to be taken out witnout any
trouble. The catch consists chiefly of trouble. The catch consists chiefly of
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five lakes in all in the district, all full of fish, and the farthest teaming which
is necessary would be about 40 miles. is necessary would be about 40 miles.
On Lake Winnipeg at the present time fish are hauled a distance of 140 miles, while they are teamed into Edmonton
from the Lesser Slave Lake, a distance from the Lesser Slave Lake, a distance
of 175 miles, and made to pay. The salmon of the north averages from 4 to ity, the white fisu is not so large as that of Lake Winnipeg, but is of a fine flavor, and very firm. The Caplin a small fish resembling the sardine is found in
such quantities at some seasons of the year, that they are left in thousands upon the shore when the tide goes out. Fishing usually commences at the latter part of June and finishes at the end ugust.
Mineral Wealth of District.
Probably one of the coming most important resources of the Hudson Bay district, is its mineral wealth which so far has not been tested. The Ely
quimaux who visit Churchill yearly have, it is noticed, nearly all their tools, such as snow-knives, ice-chisels and fish-hooks made out of native copper.
They use copper tops over their pipes They use copper tops over their pipes
while smoking, and any break in their guns is generally mended by a strip of
native copper.
Mr. Dickson formerly in the employ
of the Hudson's Bay company thus re-


Whale Blubber piled up in tierces, waiting to be boiled down.
fers to the mineral deposits of the August 9, and at times they are very on the east coast of James Bay point is a vein of magnetic iron, so extensive that when examined by a practical English miner in 1865 is was pronounced by him to be one of the most valuable
veins of ore in existence.

Better than English Ore.
"It is said to be magniferous carbonate of iron, valuable for the manufacture of bessemer steel, and better from which the great guns used in warfare are made, so that the existence of this vein may be of vast importance when Canada commences to manufacture her new navy.
Mr. Hoffiman chem
survey of Canada, a nalyzed geologi al survey of Canada, analyzed a specimen
of anthracite from Long Island, on the east coast with the following results:
Fixed carbon
Volatile combustible matter
Water
Ash
Total
ggressive. Wolves are numerous, and very bold at times, so bold in fact that round upon the roof above my head. White, red and black foxes, and a few of the rare silver variety are to be found at all seasons, and are valuable for the fur
they bear. Caribou roam in heards, and are very good eating, while seals, ducks ptarmigan, geese and swans abound throughout the districts round about urley, snipe and looms, etc., also provid good shooting.

> Method of Trading.

Of course one of the most important ur-beas of the north country is the foxes which I have Of these, beside there are beaver otter mink ermine, nd wolverine in considerable number The manner by which trade is carried on by the companies with the natives wh procure the skins is unique, and inter standard valuation, called in mos parts of the country a "skin." There are differ "fur skin" a "blubber "working skin," "fur skin", a "blubber skin," a "Sunday skin," and so on. When an Indian or an
Eskimo goes to a post he proceeds at once to a trading store. The man in charge examines "us furs, tells, him that he has o many "skins worth" and at the same wood in lieu of cash. These he returns with when he wants goods and exchang es them for produce to the alleged value
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develop. All these power locations develop. All these power locations
must inevitably become very valuable. Whale Industry.
Great sport is afforded to those who are so inclined in harpooning whales. I school, going up the river at almost every tide, and an impressive sight it is. In summer at Churchill the Hudson's Bay company capture many white
whales, from 10 to 15 feet in and weighing from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds, by the use of extra strong nets. The flesh is cut up and kept to feed the dogs in winter, while the blubber is bore sent to England.

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of the skins. The value of a skin is fom one to two snilungs. of course, it is generally understood that the winter climate of the country round the bay is usually very severe he low there, however, was 39 below ero on Nov. 29, 1906, with a strong wind blowing from the bay, which in tensified the cold. It is exceedingly are to have winds off the bay in the generally from the west and northwest, while in summer it is generally from the east and northeast I have always found the thermometer lower 150 miles alled dark in the north even in the depth of winter.

Record of temperature was taken by 1906. It compares very favorably with hat experienced in Manitoba during the same month

## Aurora Borealis

The Aurora Borealis, or Northern nost beautiful I ost beautiful have ever seen. Startorth, they flash like lightning across the ky, red, blue, yellow and pink. At times he phenomena ssems so near the ground hat one imagincs he could reach out his and and drawn them aside like great iant lights are considered to be the herald of colder weather.

## A REVERIE

By Rev. D. S. Hamilton.
Another busy day has reached its close, The quiet evening hour moves on ap The hopes I cherished are unrealised, Not mine tonight to greet thee face to face. And yet I see thee as I sit and muse And wonder where and how the day you've spent; And pray that Heaven's neace may fill your heart,
And bless you with a calm and sweet content.

I see thee as I saw that hallowed hour,
I see thee a a s saw that day we sat awhile
And I was solaced by your sympathy,
And pleased to look upon your gladdening smile.
Our livs are touched by those who pass us by, Impressed by those whom we but seldom meet;
Whed and strengthere by in converse sweet.
Though we may walk apart, I hear thee still,
And find sweet comfort in my reverie;
Until we meet in fellowship, once more
Good night! Good night! I'll fondly dream of thee

## Christmas Season in British Columbia.

Written expressly for the Western Home Monthly by Bonnycastle Dale


HEN nearly all the called, really they are surf ducks. Now the continent of although the straits are calm; the per| North America is in | petual ocean rollers are sweeping along, |
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| ne grip of the lce | great smooth walls of water an hundred | grip of the lce great smool wals the figh So King this glad Christmas tide the southern end of

Vancouver Island is bathed in bright sunshine, blue rippling waters reflect the white fleecy clouds above, deep green for-
ests and light green spots where the settler's clearing show, surround all the winding arms of the sea that cut into the red rocky battlements that form the shore line. In these sheltered harbors innumerable flocks of sea fow rest forms the backbone of the island stands a glittering mass of white, peak after peak, range after range rising snow clad
against the clear blue sky. In front of against the clear blue sky. In front of calm and sun spangled-as if they too wore special decoration for this happy season. Far out there is a commotion in the smooth waters-plunge-splash plunge-splash-a procession of Sulphur
sottoms, the whale most common to this scene, following their food supply reat schools of tiny pink shrimp-along en schools of tiny pimk shia pigs roll, he straits. Nearer a few sea pigs roll, chese commen porpise are very numer-
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Christmas Day Scene on Vancouver Island, B.C.
lion or a seal at close quarters. It was watching the bluebill below that it too bad. Here it is Christmas Day. Be- standing, as it were on its head, swiftly neath them in the clear green water stood and grew acre upon acre of lucious
grass but tip up as much as they might they could not reach pren the tide stained tops let alone the succulent roots that they loved. Watch how they get heir dreake swimming swiftly over the water with his eyes held just be-
low the surface-What is he doing-
paddling with itt feet to keep down to
the level of the roots of the plant. Now it has picked a billfull and stops back paddling and instantly shoots toward the surface like a cork. Now watch the
baldpate. Like a flash he darts, and baldpate. Like a flash he darts, and
stopping right over the spot where the stopping right over the spot where the
bluebill must come up, he angrily strikes at it with wing and bill. Down dives

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up in a long curving ascent but it find the white crown and the bright eyes again. Another dive it makes, another curve, again the waiting bird. Alas! It has to come up this time, its breath has failed it, so up it pops, open-mouthed for lack of air and the widgeon calmi
lifts the lucious white roots, or end of the stems of the much sought grass, from its bill and greedily eats themanother Christmas Day meal stolen. Now while the lad and I delight in rod and gun, for it seems to me, the Maker put things here for man's use. So away with the camera, the notebook are slipped into the case, the 22 special, a right or even for the cowardly panther and the fish-eating bear. The twelve bone is also loaded and off we paddle with Fritz in the bow-he inlied a flying with worldly vanity this morning. I knew full well there is lots of room at both sides of the bird for shot or bulletbut we will see. Al the harbour geon, Golden eye, buffle head, canvass back and red head, the last two not very plentifully represented. Fully five thou sand bluebill are rafted right ahead, us with the tide. There is no wind to nake the bird fly towards us so when the whole mass rise with a noise like thunder and a mighty splashing of the water th young Nimrod in the bow does not get birds have doubled and are pouring over our heads in swiftly whirring masses "Now Fritz." Up straightens the lad the long black barrel pointed into th nice round hole is torn in the atmosphere -There were so many ducks, fully one hundred within shot, that tne lad just aimeu at the mass and, of course, go hone, as all these birds with a goo you never saw a collision among wild owl in the air. Now right ahead of us, busily diving into the eel grass ar three bluebills. It is much easier to ap paddled right at them. Slowly, Fritz lays down his paddle and puts the gu to his shoulder. I manage to get th canoe within thirty yards of the bird their heads and eye us with alarm. Now the tail is pressed out flat, th webbed feet are open wide, the wings are slighty hookeng the water first the raising slowly into the air. "Ping! This time the gun sang the death song of the big bluebill drake. A few strokes in the swift tide and we are alongside gives it three good shakes to partly dry its feathers and, after smoothing out the ruffled plumage, lays it in the bow of the canoe.
ins the search for the calls out. Then be last he spies it, with its head flat on the water, sneaking off. Swiftly flash the paddles, the cold barbaric nature in lad's paddle and up goes the gun, and he sits swinging it in a wide circle ove the calm water waiting for the poor duck to appear. Ping! Down splashes the before it could get a breath into its poo freightened body. Along we speed the way it was headed when it dived. Again it comes up, just the tip of the bil th time. Again the lad shoots, missing yet the lad points tue gun at the calm water for full well he knows the bir must sit erect this time and get a goo ong binth. thp cull shead five and it dies swiftly and mercifully If it were not for the sorrow of the wounded birds a days' ducking would not be such bad sport.
Grassy river fraw ashore on a clean little lighted and the humble meal eaten with thankful heart, so clear and strong is the sun that we sat in our shirtsleeves is two duek settled right in front of us ing the birds do not usually send a wire


Fritz recovering the Ducks.
less that they are coming, so it is al- $\mid$ rich coloring, essayed to pass overhead ways well to be prepared. With slowly down the narrow rivers course. He wa
extending arms and careful clutching fingers we each draw our guns, stock
first, towards us. Down dived the ducks and up we leaped like two Jacks-In-TheBox, a few swift running steps and we
were right on the rivers edge. Up came uncheon they came to stay. The moment their transparent eyelids were lovered they saw the two new black objects an leaped wildly into the air-Too late
both guns roared spitefully at them an the big graceful birds collapsed like a punctured bubble and sank back into the water, right on the shallows. Off came the lad's boots, swifter than he
ever took them came off when sleepyeved he undresses at night. Bare legs twinkled over the short grass, bare feet splashed into the shallows and soon he came back laughing merriy
in either hand. in either hand.
Soon we wer
I took the bow, for favorite crab apple trees were just ahead, and it is only a seconds sight the grouse give as
they leave their cover. Along we paddled they leave their where only a few day past the creek where only a killed a big bracktail deer with his 22 special.
"I see one," whispered Fritz, Aye!
young eyes are sharper than old ones. young eyes are sharper than ord ones.
But there were two picking up crabapples off the ground. They both rose with that heart startling whirr we all love
and one fell to my shot. a very easy sho "I'm glad I got that one" laughed Fritz. I turned to see him blowing the smoke out of the barrel.
"Why; did you fire, Laddie?" "Of course I did, how could I hav killed it otherwise?" "Why I am sure I killed that bird my self, but we can prove it later as I am using number eight today as I am all out of course shot." So we pictured the birds and paddled gladly homeward that bachenristmas afternoon-for even ol bachelors and their assistants must killed that bird? It is not settled yet for we found both number five and number eight shot in its body, so no doubt both of us are guilty

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what he was doing. On the floor la what he was ding. On the sofa lay the man sleeping sweetly like a tired chil But the inventory had not been wholl forgotten. At the top of the page stoo
a solitary, eloquent entry: "One Revoly Ta mass of ing Carpet.?



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## Manitoba Trout.

By James Auld, B.A., Barrister, Winnipeg

The ordinary citizen of Manitoba |on says in the "Compleat Angler" that rarely indulges in fishing as a sport.
This is in a large measure due to the
minnow as the highest-mettled haw current belief that except jack-fish and doth seize on a partridge, or a greycurrent belief that except anck-ish and
pickerel-which the true angler holds in
small esteem-there is no sporting fish $\begin{aligned} & \text { hound on a hare." This quité accurate- } \\ & \text { ly describes the attack of a Manitoba }\end{aligned}$ small esteem-there is no sporting fish
in the province. If you are "A Brother ly describes the attack of a Manitobat in the province. If you are "A Brother
of the Angle," or would like to join $\begin{aligned} & \text { trout upon a phantom minnow. It } \\ & \text { simply flies at the bait, and treats it so }\end{aligned}$ that fraternity of "Quiet Men and Fol- roughly that after several encounters lowers of Peace," and attempt to deceive
a trout with an artificial fly, you are a trout with an artificial fly, you are
confidently told that you must go east $\begin{aligned} & \text { ters. But the fish seem to take to a } \\ & \text { battered veteran of a minnow as readily }\end{aligned}$ conidently told that you must go east
to Nipigon or west to the streams in the
foothills of the Rockies. Like many dhey do to a na nice glossy one fresh
arom the tackle-makers box, which infoothills of the Rockies. Like many
another current belief, however, it does drom the tackle-maker's box, which in-
not quite fit the facts. There are trout
dicates that they are still in a state
of innocence. After a time they will in Manitoba. The writer and two or three friends spent a week early in October at Lake George V. This lake lies close to the
Winnipeg River, some miles from Winnipeg River, some miles from Point miles long, and its width varies from a quarter of a mile to a mile or so. It is surrounded by a rocky, densely wood-
ed country, and its coastline alternates ed country, and its coastline alternates
between precipitous cliff rising perpenbetween precipitous cliffs rising perpen-
dicularly sixty or seventy feet out of the water and long stretches of sandy beach; while its surface is dotted over with pretty wooded islands. The rocks
are of granite formation, and the water, are of granite formation, and the water,
which is as clear as crystal and soft, runs

to a depth of sixty or seventy feet at
places. The country is still primeval places. The country is still primeval
wilderness. A more delightful spot for wilderness. A more delightful spot for
a quiet holiday, where one can" get rid
af starched collars and the other shackles of civilization, where one can
sidulge in fishing and shooting canoeindulge in fishing and shooting, canoe-
ing and bathing with long spells of ing and bathing, with long spells of
pleasant idleness between, it would be pifficult to conceive; while our October weather, with it bracing and invigorating properties, unmarred by mosquito
or sandfly, is ideal for such a holiday. or sandfly, is ideal for such a holiday.
It was here that we got our introIt was here that we got our introever conclusion some of the fish may
have come to ultimately, we at have come to ultimately, we, at least,
were delighted to become acquainted The trout were of the speckled variety, with either a dark brown or a light brownish gray under-color. Their sizes
ran from twenty to twenty-two inches ran from twenty to twenty-two inches
in length, and about eight or nine inches
in girth, and their weights ranged from in girth, and their weights ranged from
in germer averase
two to four pounds. Their in girth, and their weights ranged from
two to four pounds. Their average
weight was about two and a weight was about two and a half
pounds. pounds.
The season was too late for fly fish.
ing and we thought that trollingy with ing. and we thought that trolling with
a spoon bait, while good enoust, for jack-fish and the like, was hardly
worthy our tish so we had roworste to Wor silk phantom minnow. with its
thic sils
triple sets of three hooks. Lzalal Wal-

## Shakespeare's Heroines.

By Norah E. Matheson, Bishop's Court, Winnipeg.

In the literature of no country do we ind such an excellent delineation of char
acter as is given to us in the plays of acter as is given thespeare. His characters are studied, carefully formed and presented as a per-
wo type of character is fect whole. No type of character is
omitted-good and evil, historical and omitted-good and evil, romantic, sad and painted for us by this
considered art considered artist. In looking at Shakespeare's works as a whole and notice at acters contained in them we not classes
once that they fall into great once that may be subdivided into lesser diacter is that into male and female. These again are divided into good and bad, witty and dull and so on. Shakes-
peare treats his male and female characpears in so vastly different a manner that they merit separate treatment. As the
women of the plays form the subject of women of the plays form the subject of
this essay we shall proceed at once to a consideration of them.
It has been said that Shakespeare did not give suich minute care to the delineation of his women characters as to that of his men. He stu grow and are transformed, while he creates his women by one strong stroke of inspiration. His women act and are acted upon, and as they are created so they act, so they remy this statement it will be necessary to consider some of the leading heorines of Shakespeare more minutely. To do
this it must be observed first that the this it must be observed first that the
female characters fall into various divifemale charate did the characters when
sions just as treated as a whole; then these various classes of heroines must be examined from different viewpoints. The first great clearly marked is that of the women of the tragedies and those of the comedies. The women of the tragedies may be considered first.
The characters of Shakespeare's women, as said above, are created by a
single inspired stroke, and as they are created so they act. This is very noticeable. in the tragedies. The characters are eminently consistent. Lady Macbeth, wicked, ambitious, and proud, re-
mains so to the end with no wavering or hesitation. She lays her evil plans and stays by them, urging her husbail on to wrong and accomplishing her designs in a terribly efficient manner-"Her nature has been wrenched and the bearing is maintained throughout and she presents a marked contrast to Macbeth who lives on in misery and shame, sliding further
and further in degradation. The same may be said of Cleopatra-beautiful, fascinating and evil, she defies individuals, armies or empires to deter her from her purpose. She sways Antony
beneath her superior will, she outwits Caesar at the moment of his triumph, and at the end dies by her own hand, proud to the last of her lover, to the last resolute in her hatred and scorng
of those whom she hates with undying intensity. From these evil characters, let us turn to a study of those sweeter ones of the tragedies-those women who are rather acted upon than acting. And here stand Desdemona, Juliet, Ophesia,
Portia (of "Julius Caesar"), and such women. Witn these women in place of
pride, ambition, and hatred, we find constancy, determination, courage and steadfastness, bound round by an allenduring passion of love They are true
to their own characters as they hav been created. Juliet, young, tender and almost childlike, yet, take the lead at
once, overoming all difficulties from the once, overcoming all difficulties from tion
first, ready to face bravely any situation and fearing nothing in the fullness of her love. From childhood she blossoms
suddenly into fr" womanhood, her char sader developed from that of a sweet
acter
wilful child into that of a sweet, resolute woman. Her character overshadows Romeo's weaker one, she plans for them end is enabled to face even death with
calmness in order to be reunited with
her lost husband. In the character of Desdemona we find no complexity of
aim or nature. All is love, constancy and or nuty-Duty All first to her father and later to her husband. She feels none o
the jealousy which the jealousy which consumes Othello
She hears nothing of the planning and phe hears nothing of the planning and her part is to stay quietly at home,
joying supremely in her husband's love joying supremely in her husband's love
and trust. And later, when this love and trust is denied her, when passionate

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reproaches and burning threats are heaped upon her by that husband who is her all, this same constancy and disy
fit her to die-misjudged and unhapy perhaps, but calm in the knowledge of her innocence and lasting love. These two examples may serve to illustrate the
manner in which the women of the tragemanner in which the women of the trage
dies fulfil the purpose for which they were created. They play their parts in life consistently and well. Their characters may be made up of fewer elements
than are found in Shakespeare's heroes, but it is this very fact which renders them so efficient, their power so vital. For these women are grand. They stand out cloched in power, and, whether evil or good, are conscious of this inner
and use it as their need demands.

- Next to the women of the tragedies come the heroines of comedy. And here are Rosalind, Viola, Beatrice and Miranda, with Portia (of the Merchant of ful all that is best and loveliest in woman comes out in them. We love these women; we feel we can know and understand them. They have wit, bright ness, intellect, gentleness and womani--
ness, developed in a far greater degree ness, developed in a far greater degree
than is found in the heroines of the tragedies. These are true women. Even Beatrice, with all her excellent wit and sharpness, is a true girl after all, and
feels honest compunction over the lover feels honest compunction over the
whom she fancies to be grieving for her. whom she fancies to be grieving for her.
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fitted for the strain of such a life, and if she is able to cope with such situa tenseness of character which is entirel foreign to her nature. Moreover, few of the women of the histories attain to their full happiness. Some mourn the father, and all of love. They are denied their heritage of love and gentleness and so their life is unfulifled. In the case of Volummia, who by her strength
of character is able to control the pas of character is able to control the pas-
sionate nature of Coriolanus, we are repelled by her unnatural severity and tenseness of purpose, even while we admire her power and loyalty. Queen
Margaret, whom Shakespeare has paintMargaret, whom Shakespeare has paint-
ed as the impersonation of the ancient nemesis is a supernatural phantom rathe than a woman. Cold, cruel and revenge ful she stalks about doing her wili, un-
cheoked by any power and triumphant
at the cren in the gentle at the close. Even in the gentler his
torical plays we find the women denie their rightful place and love. In the rushing life of statesman or warrio woman has to take simply what sh
can of her husband's time. be content to take a secondary must to help him if he desires assistance, to entertain him if he is weary or in a humor for amusement, and to wait at home, uncomplaining while he plans or is wooed in a manly but mater-of-fact manner wholly opposed to the impulsive French girl's romantic ideas of love and courtship. The warrior had neither time or inclination to give himself up to
pretty wooing of the charming princess so Katherine had to do without the romance so dear to the heart of every normal girl. The theatre of war and forced betrothals is felt to be no place for the budding and flowering of wo man's fairest characteristics.
Thus throughout Shakespeare's works a very important part is played by
the heroines. Though every sort of wo man is treated, strong and weak, good and evil, progressive and yielding-in al most every case the woman is found to take a central position around which the felt in every walk of life, her presence is needed in every issue, and her nature has ite effiect upon every one with whom fluence is for good or evil, it is alway felt, and Shakespeare, the keen studen of human nature, has seen this and depicted it for us.
A Modern parable of the Builders.
There was a certain Farmer who made himself an extensive farm, with house and barns and poultry houses. H gave little thought to the roofs; these be made of tin for the house, shingle for the barns and coal-tar roofing for the poultry houses.
When winter came the ice and sleet froze to the roofs and the snow piled on
top in big drifts. The freezing weather cracked and warped the shingles and the tin rusted. Soon spring came and the warm rays of the sun melted the snow
and also the coal-tar and every building on the farm leaked badly.
It caused a great deal of damage and
beside the extra beside the extra expense of making re pairs, it made
Another farmer also made himself a farm, but he used care and thought i the choice of roofing material, for, he re to be a shelter to me and my stock and therefore I must build, them se curely. The roofs form a shelter io the buildings and are exposed to al
kinds of weather, so I should put ou the best roofing made, that will keep the house dry and warm and snug, and orms of many many winters.
And then he covered his house and harns and chicken houses all with (iell asco Ready Rooting.
Winter came and with it the same Winter came and with it the same his roof also, but he lived securely and all his stock likewise, beneath his roof of Genasco. When the spring thav came, the ice and now melted awa and ran off so in water as naturaly as
the babbling brook pursues its onward lourney to the sea. The roofs remained prepared to do
valiant duty against the scorching rays raliant duty against the scorching ray
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roof when put to practical tesi had not roof when put to practical test had not
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little ..iood Roof Guide Book."

## Christmas Rea.

John Oxenham.


FTER all." said the vicar, "l'm not at all sure but it's the best thing for Mar-
garet Rea-short garet Rea-short his death, of
course." is very ter-
"It
rible", rible,", "s And they were both right.
"Woman is a perpetual enigma," said Mr Justice Benson to his host that
night, with as naive a gusto as if he night, with as naive a gusto as if he
were not stating a fact which Adarn discovered long before matters generaly
had become so complicated that judges were invented for the purpose of occa-
sionally complicating them still further. sionally complicating them still further.
"You saw the woman in court," said "You saw the woman in court, slas "a fine, strapping girl, with an unusually good face, I thought," as far as I could see it for bandages."
"I saw her. She seem
"I saw her. She seemed almost as
much cut up as the fellow himself." much cut up as the fellow himself." It's
"More so, in some respects.


Satisfied with his spoil. Swan River District.
curious how women will continue,
cling to brutes that maltreat them." "Ing to brutes that maltreat them." his man, from all accounts, was onl nad when the drink was in him." "Ay, well, helve years, and the poo for the next five years, and the , poor
thing will be able to live in peace." "Better than in pieces," replied his jocular cousin.
But his lordship had another discovery to announce, and he did it in the man source of the Nile.
"Drink is the curse of this country," judicially over his port. "I am more and more impressed with it. I should say that quite four-fifths of the crimes
that come under my notice have their that come under my notice have their origin in drink." put a stop to it, my boy," said his cousin. "There's just a chance, of course, that "ive years' enforcta for it. I alway have that faint hope," said his lord ship. Not a bit of it, my dear chap. That thirst that'll make his throat feel a long as a camel's, and as dry as limekiln; and the first thing hell prol be to go and straighten accounts with liis wife-as if she were thee cause of all The trouble. How do you find that port? "apital wine! What is it- -58 ?"
". 58 !", in a tone of shocked sur-
"One gets so little chance of tasting '47' nowadays, that he almost forgets what it's like," said his lordship, apolo-
getically getically.
lucky beggar "You're another," said his cousin.

It was $C h i s t m a s$
weather; seasonable
for weather; seasonable for those well
shielded from it; hard and trying for shielded from it; hard and trying for
those who had to be abroad in it. Even in Sandport, where the sea, a rule, among other things, draws win-
ter's sharpest teeth, it was bitterly cold ter's sharpest teeth, it was bitterly cold
and the snow lay deep. and the snow lay deep.
But theye was one traygller abroad
that night to whom the cold was less that night to whom the cold was less
than nothing, because of the fires within. He wore a rough pea-jacket, with his fists rammed hard into the pockets, over his ears, to keep the cold from a close cropped head. His face was grim and set-shut, if you will permit the
expression-and red with the cold. With expression-and red with the cold. With
chin on chest, he pushed steadily on along the sandy shore, as one on business bent. He turned neither to the right nor to the left, and greeted no
man by the way, for there seemed noman by the way, for night, and he had one else abroad that night, and he had The very sea gulls had left the wintry
shore and fled up the river to scream and shore and fled up the river to scream and
fight over the city garbage that tossed fight over the city garbage that tossed
about at its mouth. He had got out of the train two stations down the line, and for reasons of his own, he preferred the beach to long, level flats stretched away through the darkness to the distant sea, and on
the orher side the sand hills were thick
the the other side the sand hills were thick
with unusual snow, through which the with unusual snow, through which ead
wire grass bristled starkly, like dead men's hairs.
So intent a face would, in most men, have portended many thoughts. In this man, it betokened one thought only, as his brain was naturaly slow and
colic. At that particular moment, it was in bondage to one overpowering idea-an idea which had held it in its
grip for two years-the growth of a grip for two years-the growth of a
seed of the devil's own planting. For two years he had tended it with curses, two years he had tended it with curses,
and this Chrismas night the black fruit was ripe, and he was on his way to pluck it. ${ }_{\text {, Twas a }}$ pity that his mind was in capable of more; for, if the past was full of bitterness, in the present, at all events, there were not lacking grond
for gratitude. with a chight have of self-congratulation, of the sudden swath of fog that crept days before, when, as by inspiration, he days before, when, as by inspiration, he
quietly laid down his tools and slipped into the sea, and, swimming like a seal, was half a mile from land before the warder missed him.
He might have remembered with soup for half the night; how he thick as and floated, and floated and swam, and got rid of his telltale garments one by ne; how, when he was on his final fioat, because he was too numbed to swim, there came a bump, and he wa many startled exclamations from the crew; how they asked no questions, but
have him clothes and food; how, that same night, his ark of safety was run and he, alone of the four on the smack, was picked up by the boats; and how the sympathetic passengers had sen around a hat to such good purpose that he landed in southampton next day and twenty pounds in his pocket.
Had he pondered upon these thing he might not have been stumbling along the crackling causeway of equinoctial
seaweed to the garnering of the devil's

## ruit. But mind ha

 But for two long years his mind hasbeen set on this thing. When they
hustled him downstairs from the doig, hustled him downstairs from the dock
he said to himself, "It's Meg's doing

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$\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { bare plank at night, he said, "It's Meg's } \\ & \text { doing. Curse hert" When the wind }\end{aligned}\right.$ and the rain beat on him on the breakwater, he said, "Meg's doing. Curse her!" When frost or sun cracked his
skin to the bitting salt, he said, "Meg's
s. skin to the bithng salt, he saia, Mieg's
doing. Curse her!" Never once did he say, "JIm Rea's doing. Curse him!",
but always "Meg."
But every crackling step brought him nearer to Meg, and
sity he was going to pay Meg for all the
suffering he had brought on ler and simself.
himself.
It was a heavy reckoning, but he'd
take the than take whe a heavy reckoning, but he'd
would kill her. He to has her. Maybe he would kill her. He was not quite sure.
It would depend upon circumstances. It would depend upon circumstances.
He would see how he felt alout it when his hands were in her hair, and Whe was at his merey.
He raised his chin and peered for landmarks, then struck up into the
sand hils, crossed the highl road, and, by a devious way, came on to the back of the cottage where he used to live,
in the outskirts of Sandmort in the outskirts of Sandport.
There was a light in the living-room,
and he crept up to the back window, and peeped in through the hanging ivy. - It was a very small house, but the room made the most of what there was.
It occupied the whole ground floor, and It occupieo he whole ground fioor, and dow at the back, and a door and a larger diamond-paned, window at the front.
The staircase crept up one side and led The staircase crept up one side and led
to two small bedrooms above. to two small bedrooms above.
This was what Jim Rea saw when he
stole up to the back window to learn stole up to the back window to learn
in what state his wife was for the in what state his wife was for the
straightening out of that account bestraightening out of that account be-
tween the. Margaret Rea was knitting in the
rocking-chair in front of the fire, just as he had found her sitting, waiting for
hime a hundred times before te look him, a hundred times before. He look-
ed a long time at Meg before his eyes ed a ang time at Meg before his eyes
saw anything else and, with her face
before him, his cold lips refused to say, before him, his cold lips refused to say,
"Curse her!" "urse her! she loked so goos and wholesome, and, though there was a slight tighten-
ing about the lips, he knew that she ing about the hips, he knew that she
looked better than when he had seen her last, even before-well-before the bandages, for the last time he saw her
was in court. was in court.
In another chair, at one side of the
fire, with her baek to him, was Miss
Nos. fire, with her lack to him, was Miss
Martha Wormley. She was talking. and he knew her voice, though he could not see her face. Miss Wormley was
their nearest neighbor. Her cottage was about fifty yards away. She was a Spinster, and her chief enjoyment and
employment in life was talking If she employment in life was talking. If she
could not have talked she must have could not have talked she must have
died, and she certainly would not have died, happily unless she had died talking. She was talking then, and Jim Rea also, Meg's replies: because the one diamond pane that always used to rattle when the wind blew strong off the land had, at last, fallen out of its,
leads, and the vacant hole was almost leads, and he
alongside his sitening ear.
In the middle of the room, his three children were playing at make-believe Christmas tree, and little Jim's master
hand was plainly visible therein. They had got their mothers. "dolly"
out of the washtub. A dolly" is an out of the washtub. A "dolly" is an
uncouth, but always very white wooden uncouth, but always very white wooden
implement, with four stout round legs and a long, stout shaft, with cross
handles at the top, and is used for the purification by torment of the clothes
in the tub below. Up in the Highlands in the tub beiow. Up in the Highlands
the girl's feet answer the same end. the girl's feet answer the same end.
Master Jim, for the edification of his brother Jack, and little Meg, had art.
fully transformed the "dolly" into a Clily transtormed the "doly" into a
Cristmas tree heans of sticks tied
crosswise on the shatt and onnal Crosswise on the shaft and ornamented
with stiff picees of crackling seaweed with stiff pieces of crackling seaweed
from the shore. It branched
hwistlod and

 wonderful, and they were all mightily
pleased with it. It was hung with pieased
gleaming shells. whith was hed morring
at the candles and the wriftwood fire. at the candle and the drift wood fire,
A dozen tiny camules and a fow tiny Presents. woild hare made it prefect.
But Crist mas
cirndles and Christmas presents cost moner, and all the money
that came intt that small hounec was
that
nothing of the outsides of the tild nothing of
themselves.
Little Me
Little Meg-who was a baby when he went away two years ago, but had become a "bid dirl", and never tired of saying so-was seated on the floor, gaz-
ing at that wonderful tree with eyes as ound, almost, as those of the new rag doll, which, in spite of the mature wisdom of its flat face, had only been born a few minutes before, and was cuddiled
tightly to its new mothei's breast the very dearest thing she had on earth. Little Jareck was still lost in admira.
tion of the rough beauty of the tion of the rough beauty of the nautiwoonder which his big brother had
evolved from a straight-grained block of wood he had found on the shore, and had shaped and masted.
Jim, from the lofty standpoint of ight as a dispenser of largess and popuar entertainer. There was no actual tangible present for him that night, but
the red woollen comforter which his the red woollen comforter which his when it was finished, and, moreover there had fallen from her lips vague hints as to a pair of new boots for him,
before long-boots with anils the before long-boots with nails that
would score the ice-and Jim felt prospectively rich.
The women were talking, and the very rst words the listener heard were about "Well", said Miss Wormley, in her high pitched voice, "you may say what


The Cook Cut, following the drive,
Swan River District.
you like, Marg'ret, you're a sight better "off without him." but I miss him, all the same." "An' a good job, too If it was me,
I'd be glad to miss him all the rest $o$, my lif it as I do." "Well, I don't know. When I used to lie a wake and hear him go tramping past, I could tell by his feet if he was myself, 'Now that poor lass is going to git it again, and I'd lie and listen, and feel almost as bad as you did, I reckon.
But you never screamed, Margaret. I But you never screamed, Margaret. I
don't know as ever I heard you scream in "My life." "No, I have never screamed," said
Margaret. "It weren't so bad as all "Don't tell me ", said Miss Wormley. "He came as nigh to swinging for you, that last time, as any man could without doing it right out. An' if Const'ble
Cole hadn't nicked in and got his head broke, too, he'd ha' been maulin' you off an, on right up to now. He's a good man is Const'ble Cole I reckon
it was his broken head had more to do wi', putting your man away than any-
wore to thing you did, Marg'ret." "That last time were bad," acknowledged Margaret, with a reminiscent shake of her head: "but he didn't know
how far he were going at that time You may say what you like. Martha, lout he’s a good, kind man. is Jim-
cept just when the drink's in him." "ept just when the drink's in him."
＂Mebbe he＇ll have lost the taste for s happy as we was the first year after we was married．
＂ D ＇you mean to tell me you＇d take him back ag＇in，Marg＇ret Rea？＇
＂Why，of course I would，and be glad t＇have him．I tell you it wasn＇t him
that used to knock me＇bout．It was that used to k
＂Same，thing，＂said Miss Wormley．
 when the drin
＂You allus was a fool，Margret．＂
＂Wou allus was as，a
mebbe，＂
＂Waid，
said ＂There＇s fools and fools，but I miss him all the same．When you＇ve been used o a man about the house it＇s mighty Miss Wormley sniffed disdainfully．
Misome without one ＂Better no man at all，than one who nocks you all to pieces．
＂Hess father o＇them children，you see to me when first we was married，be fore he got in with that Red Lion set．
Eh，I wish the time was up and him Eh，
back．，＂
＂Most women＇s born fools，＂said Miss Wormley，didactically，＂but you＇re the biggest Tve met yet，Margret．If you
hanker for another man，I＇d try and get a better＇n the last，if I was you＂， and Margaret stopped knitting to look ＂t her． Wormley．＂There＇s better fish in the sea，thare＇s more＇n one man about these parts that＇d make you a good husband and treat you as you deserve，Margret， and that＇s the very best，though it＇s to ＂$A \mathrm{n}$＂me rot one hus Why，F＇m ashamed of you，Martha．＂ ＂What＇s sthe use of a husband when h＇s in prison？Besides，yourre separ－ ated from him by the law，and anyhow ＂Well，r＇ll wait and give him the chance，anylhow．Jin＇s my man，law or no law：it never asked for no separa－
tion，and I＇d sooner have my Jim than tion，and I＇d sooner have my Jim than
any three men Ive seen in Sandport any，three mell
yet．，＂Well，melbe you＇ll，think lietter of
＂， it sometime，Marg＇ret．
＂Not me，＂said Margaret．＂Jim＇s my man，and them＇s his nis，
naught to do with any other．，
＂Well，thank God，no man ever made a fooll，${ }^{\text {on }}$ ，me，＂said Miss Wormley，de－
youtly． voutly． ＂Mebe you＇d understand some things better if one had，Martha，＂said Mar－ garet． front door．Margaret started to answer
it．The children ceased their play and it．
stared with startled eyes，as two men， one thin and the other burly，with their rough coat collars up to their ears， kicked the snow from their boots．
stepped into the room，and looked around stepped into
sharply．At sight of the burly man， shap watcher at the back window shiv－ ered－and not with the cold－and shrank back behind the screening ivy． ，you yoly Man， $\begin{gathered}\text { Yes，} \\ \text {＂Ysuaely．} \\ \text { want } 9 \text {＂}\end{gathered}$ said Margaret，＂What do you want 9 ＂
＂Seen anything of that man of yours lately？＂，＂Jim？No．Why？What d＇you
＂． $\stackrel{\text { mean ？＂}}{\text {－He }}$ ＂Jim－got off＂？Glory＇＂she cried．
＂Not much glory if he strikes
＂p ＂Not much glory if he strikes un，here
and knocks your heall off，Missis．＂， ＂Y＇m not afraid of Jim，my man mot．
if $y$ youre after ，him， 1 hope he＇ll
not ＂ome this way，＂＂Well，V＇m blowed！＂said the burly man．＂Women is queer creatures．You
（anl never tell how they＇ll go．Heres a man knocks his wife＇s head haif of
and she＇s ready to jump round his neck alld promise never to do it again，if only he＂ll come back to her．＂ she was，＂said Miss＂Wormles．Who ob－
jected to being left out when talking ＂Ay？＂said the thin man＂And ＂Just for that same reason．＂Miss
Wormley said．＂She were saving she

## wished again．

 Then，＂said the man，disappointedly． ＂No，＂you ain＇t seen nothin＂of him？＂ No，＂answered Miss Wormley，with either，＇s sap as Hm don＇t want to， neither，＇s far as Pm concerned．I wereadvising her to get a better man，if she must have one，though what women want wi＇men at all beats me．＂ ＂You ain＇t a married woman，maybe， Missis？＂said the burly man．
＂No，I ain＇t，tharik the Lord！
＂We＇d like to look round upstairs，
Missis，if you don＇t mind，just to make Missis，he ain＇t slipped in through a mack window unbeknown to you，${ }^{\text {spaid }}$ the thin man．，
＂He ain＇t slipped in，＂said Margaret；
＂but you＇re welcome to look if you want to，＂－and she took the candle from the table，and moved toward the
staircase．
＂Ain＇t seen your daddy lately，have yous sonny $\begin{aligned} & \text { passed little Jim }\end{aligned}$
＂No，I ain＇t，＂said Jim，sturdily，and little Meg eyed the strange man stead－ ily，and cuddled her last－born tighter signs upon it．
＂What＇s this？＂asked the burly man as he stopped in front of the glorified
＂dolly＂＂What＇s this ＂dolly＂－＂What＇s this，＂ ＂A Christmas tree，＂said Jim
＂If that ain＇t the rummest Christma tree that ever I saw．Cute，too，＂he said，with an approving nod，and they
tramped heavily tramped heavily upstairs．But ther
were no were no hiding places in so smal
house，and they were soon down again． ＂And who made it ？＂asked the burly man，stopping for another look at th Christmas tree．
＂Me，＂said Jim．
The burly man produced three pennies from his pocket，and handed one to each of the echildren，saying by way of apol－ ogy，＂Tve got，
Not to be outdone，the thin man did the same，though he would never have thought of it if the burly man had no
shown the way．The boys reeeived thown the way．Litue Mors grabed hers delightedly，and said，＂Ta！＂ ＂Well，Missis，＂said the burly man he ain＇t got here yet，that＇s plain．

But you＇d better be on thie lookout for him．＂＂If he comes，rill tell him you＇re，after him，an＇ask him to git $q$ The burly man laughed and said ＂Well，good night，and a merry Christ mas to you all！＂and with his cam
panion he went out into the snow panion he went out into the snow．
＂Well if that don＇t beat all＂ ＂Well，if that＂don＇t beat all，＂said Miss Wormley＂I wonder how he got
away，D ${ }^{\text {D }}$ ，you think hell come here， Margret．？＂
＂Since them men＇s about，I hopé he
won＇t＂said Margaret won＇t，＂said Margaret．＂I hope he＇s far
enough away though I＇d fain like to see enough away，though Yd fain like to see
him again，if＇twas only for a minute， himagain，hilwas only for al minute， Now，you children，it＇s time you was in bed．You＇re rich bodies tonight．You
can dream all night what youll buy can dream all night what you＇ll buy
with them pennies？ ＂Can we spend mummie＂＂asked Jim． ＂Ay，＂
＂I＇ll be going to 1 Miss Wormley．＂I promised to look in low，an＇a bit of talk cheers her up like＂ －and the woman threw her shawl over her shouder，put on her overshoes be－
cause of the snow，and hobbled off to cause of the snow，and hobbled off to
spread the news of Jim Rea＇s escape．
－Now，Meg，my woman，say your prayers by the fire here，so you won＇t get cold upstairs，＂said Margaret．
Little Meg，with a penny in each hand and her eyes fixed anxiously on the rag
doll which her mother had drawn out ool which her mother had drawn out
of her arms，knelt and said，＂Dod bess
 n＇Meg an＇ev＇ybody．Amen！＇
The bovs＇petitions were much to the
same effect．＂Go－ahead＂Jim worked in $\underset{\text { special plea }}{\substack{\text { ame } \\ \text { sor＂the } \\ \text { spen men what gave } \\ \hline}}$ special plea for＂the men what gave
us the pennies，＂＂and banned Miss Worm－ ey from the universal benediction with ＂cept，Miss Wormley，＇cuase I don＇t like er．＂For that his mother reproved him
 ike her yourself，mummie？＂
Then the candlelight wavered up the
staircase and shone in the back room staircase and shone in the back room above，and the wonderful Christmas tree
shorn of half its glory，blinked sleepily

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own account.
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The man outside waited for Margaret to come down again. He heard her voice up above mingled with the voices
of the children. of the children. Then the noises died
away, one by one, the light came flickering down the staircase again, and Jim
Rea stood staring in at his wife. PerRea stood staring in at his wife. Per-
haps it was the cold, which is a mighty haps it was the cold, which is a mighty
sapper of courage; perhaps it was the sapper of courage; perhaps it was
sight of those two men so close on his track; perhaps it was any one of a half
dozen other things entirely apart from dozen other things entirely apart from
any of these; but, whatever the reason, any of these; but, whatever the reason,
he was not looking at her as he had he was not looking at her as look. come all that way intending to look. economy's sake, and sat down, with her
red yarn, knitting, by the hearth. Her red yarn, knitting, by the hearth. Her
fingers worked automatically, her eyes fingers worked automatically, her eyes
fixed on the fire, but her thoughts-her husband knew where her thoughts were To the eyes of the man out there in the
freezing cold she made a very pretty picture. Should he go away and leave
her so? If he lived to be a lundred years old, he would never forget just how she looked sitting th
light thinking-of him. light thinking-of him.
He tapped on the w
He tapped on the window, and Mar
garet started up. garet started up.
Sine knew who it was. She went
swiftly and drew the curtain across the front window, and, with trembling fin-
gers gers, unbolted the back door.
"Jim!" she whispered, eagerly into the night.
"Meg!" and he came to where she stood in the doorway. "Oh my lad! she threw "Oh, my lad! my lad!" She threw
her arms around his neck. There were no doubts, no questioning, no waiting to see how it was with him. Her heart liad been sore for him, and he was
there. "Oh, my lad, but I'm glad t' see you.
But come in? You must get away quick
cone
"Iad.'ll come in for a minute, Meg. I'm starvin' cold and hungry. I've been
watching you through the window for an hour an, more."
"Have?" Then you saw the men."
"I saw em. They'll not come back to-
night."
"Come in, then, and get warm. I'll get you something to eat and some tea 1ve glat to see you again. I were just sitting by the fire thinking of you, Jim, and then I heard the tap and knew it
was you. You saw the children? Ain't was you. You saw the children? Ain't
they comin' on fine? That's Jimmie's
Ches Christmas tree
did." She spread the table as she talked, put the kettle on, bolted both doors, and
drew the seldom-used curtain over the back window. To Jim Rea it was as if
he had been lifted suddenly out of a cold world into the warmth and comfort of heaven.
He sat by the fire warming his blue watched her flitting about in the fire light, with a flush on her pretty face and new life in her comely figure, it was borne in upon him that he had been
consummate fool and worse. He was too shamefaced, almost, to
speak; and, besides, he was a man, and, therefore, tongue-tied whein his feelings Meg hovered about him like a parent hen. and rejoiced in him exceedingly. for a full stomach makes a brave man -that he ventured to look up at the
sweet face that he had last last seen covered with bandages-lis doing-and
said, huskily, "Lass-Im sorry--." She stopped him with a kiss, and he never finished the apology.
Then they sat together in the tire-
light, and he told her all that had beThen they sat together in the fire
light, and he told her all that had be
fallen him. He showed her his money and divided it into five portions. There
were five shillings each for the children neary ten pounds for her, and as muct
for limself.
Before they hat done talking. the Christ Church bells began pealing, an "It's Christmas," whispered Mey, "ol
Jim, couldn't you stop Mist this on
nicht wi' me" T'w wen that lonesome.
and murmured-" B 'ess mummie an' ${ }^{2}$ and murmured- "B'ess mummie an' dad
die an' ev'ybody asleep again.
When little Meg awoke at five o'clock next morning-her usual inconvenient hour of waking-someone was striding along the causeway of crackling seaone side and the snowy sand hills the the other: But it was not the same man who strode along that way the
night before. night before.

Margaret was telling Mrs. Vicar the story, and ended with: "And I got this letter from Jim this very morning, say-
ing we're to come out to him as soon as we can, an' he's sent twenty pounds to bring us. He's fallen on his feet out
there, an' he's never touched liquor since he got, there, an' it's a splendid country. He's been on the new rail-
way there and earning good money, an' way there and earning good money, an
he's saved every cent, an' he's taken up one hundred, and sixty acres of land himself, an' he's building a little house, an'
it'll be a bit rough, mebbe, at first, but we'll all be together again." She was crying by this time, for the very joy of it all, and so was Mrs. Vicar.

Do they keep Christmas out at Rea's, there beyond Calgary
That's the house. It has grown somenot seem half big enough for what holds this Christmas Eve. The snow is up to the eaves, almost, but the win-
dows have been cleared, and the big dows have been cleared, and the big
room downstairs is bursting with light room downstairs is bursting with light
and laughter, and the merry voices of children, so that the myriad sparkling cyes outside look as if the snow from all the country round has crept up, and crowding and hustling and standing
on tiptoe to see what is going on inside. All the children from ten miles round are there. Jim Rea was round in the afternoon collecting them in his sleigh
filled with straw. They had been looking forward to his coming for a month, for Rea's Christmas parties were something to dream of beforehand and to
dream over afterwards, and never to forget all through the year "They're quiet enough forks as a rule," say the neighbors; "but they do
let themselves loose at Christmas, and that's a fact."
Such a Chi Such a Christmas tree they always thing in the way of a present for every boy and girl there! They're not very much, perhaps, but enough to make the afteren's eyes sparkle. Such a supper
after the tree! Such romps and dances! Old Jeremy Diddler, who played the fiddle, used to vow that his arm was
sore for a week after. If Jim Rea had not built that house himself, and known hat it was built solid, he might have haken in his shoes lest it should burst
like a bomb heer overpressure within.
The neighbors say it's all because
Christmas Day is little Chris's birthhar. So it is, and a great deal more That is little Christmas, for this is her full baptismal name, sitting on her though Jim and Jack and Meg, and all the others are still on the go, as merry ig corn in a popper, and with never a sign of giving out.
As Jim Rea's rough working hand unison with Jeremy Diddler's active arm, he looks across at the fair, flushed face of Margaret, his wife, and says to him For his heant
For his heart is very humble and grate

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Jack London: When a meal becomes

## Watrous, Sask.

By Rev. Frank H. King

Watrous is a town of exceptional op-
prtunities and gifts. Less than three portunities and gifts. Less than three of nearly a thousand population, nothing but bare prairie met the eye. In January of 1908 signs of advancing civilization in the shape of wooden pegs were
to be seen. In the following May the to be seen. In the following May first business men to arrive where Messrs Koehler, Bjorndahl, Abram and Elsworth, and Dr. J. H. White, and each of these present size and vigour. Interesting inpresent to the present inhabitant of Watr ous are the stories of the difficulties of
these pioneer tradesmen, and almost inthese pioneer tradesmen, and almost in-
credible the tale seems when it is con credible the tale seems when it is con-
sidered that all they tell you is of only two and a half years ago. But the advent of the Iron Horse makes rapid the development of the country served by it.
Where two years ago the journey to Where two years ago the journey to
Winnipeg waspa long and uncomfortable one, travelling by construction train, and where much less than a year ago the journey was per the "mixed," now
there is a daily service of excellent and well-appointed trains, and the journey is done in fifteen hours. Watrous has now excellent sidewalks, fire protectioin and telephones, and its buildings are a credit to any town many times older.
Anong the buildings in the town worthy of mention are the Station, Firehall and Council Chamber, the Manitou and Tourist hotels (a third is contemplated)
the Dadson, Evenson and the Bjorndahl the Dadson, Evenson and the Bjorndahl
blocks, the first-named a cement building and the other two brick structures. ing and the other two brick structures.
Handsome and substantial residences are too numerous to particularize. The mercantile interests of the town
are watched and catered to by branches are watched and catered bank of Commerce and the Union Bank. A permanent
site has been secured and is held by the Merchants' Bank. point of the G.T.P. and has a round point of the G.T.P. and has a round engines. There is a rumor to the effect
that more stalls are to


Watrous, Sask The first stores in the winter of 1907-08. Beginning of Watrous. ly. With these there are the necessary partially supply the needs, while long repairing shops and stores with different
offices, the whole employing a large number of men.
The spiritual needs of the people are supplied by the following bodies:-Ang. lican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Luther-
an and Moravian. The first two named an and Moravian. The first two named church being a pleasing edifice of Gothic design. The Methodists have a finished
and substantial building with a parson. and substantial building with a parsonage adjoining.
Watrous has
much larger size are able too boast of, that is a full brass band; and it is worthy of note that this organization
is two years old, and has received numerous requisitions for its services, among others being invitations to play at Re-
gina and Saskatoon. Then there is the

The Watrous section is particularly
adapted for both wheat growing and adapted for both wheat growing and cattle raising, having excellent farming
land. Every homestead has been taken up and the only land that remains available is in private ownership. The grain grown is of a very high grade and prolific in production. Three elevators strings of grain cars await the incoming oaded wagons.
The official organ of the town is the "Watrous Signal," the editor being Mr E. Garrett, formerly editor of the Brad The education of th most approved methods, with a strong and capable board, is provided for by a large and commodious school, with
staff of a principal and three teachers. At the recent Government examination all entrants but one passed the tests for the teachers' entrance exams. But, after all the foregoing has been
considered, there remains to be mention ed with it perhaps the greatest asset ed with it pernaps the greatest asset towns can boast of all that has bee
stated, but few if any can pride them

Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society Amich soon won itself distinction by the talent displayed. Sport is well repre-
sented, there being football, cricket, tensented, there being football, cricket, ten-
nis and baseball clubs, while a large nis and baseball clubs, while a large
rink' affords room and opportunity for hockey players.
selves on a possession of such material and therapeutical value as is the well-
known Lake Manitou. To give a full known Lake Manitou. To give a full
and historical account of this won-
derful body of healing virtue would and historical account of this won-
derful body of healing virtue would
be to occupy pages, but a few rebe or occupy pages, but a few re-
marks will not be out of place. Longfellow in his "Hiawatha" uses words which might well have referred
Lake. These are the words:-
"Forth then issued Hiawatha,
Wandered eastward, wandered west-
Teaching men the use of simple
Teaching men the use of simp
And the antidotes of poisons
And the antidotes of poisons,
And the cures of all diseases.
Thus was first made known to mor-
All the mystery of Medamin
The scene of Hiawatha, we know, is The scene of Cjiaways, on the southerr shore of Lake Superior, but this Lake
of the Manitou was known ages before of the Manitou was known ages before
the author of Hiawatha was heard of. the author of Hiawatime is reckoned by moons and it is very difficult to arrive at anything like an exact idea of time
beyond two or three generations, but one beyond two or three generations, but one
has only to converse with any of the older Indians to know that large companies from the different tribes travelled annually towards the north bringing their sick a
gift which
"Gitche Manitou the Mighty,
The Creator of the nations,
Whe looked upon them with comWith paternal love and pity
$\qquad$ had ready to offer to those who would
accept it. The author of this article was accept it. The author of thas of the half-breeds of the Gordon band of the Touchwood Indians that he himself came with a party in his boyhood days to this lake, where so
many of his fairer brethren are resortmany to in these days. So, though the great American poet builds his story further east and south, his hero, Hiawa-
tha, is more likely to have been to the tha, is more likely to have been to the
site of the present Watrous than even site of the present watrous than even
to the places formerly believed. The

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last party of Indians to be seen at the of life, yet the astonishing results of
lake, was, it is stated by one who saw them, about five years ago. But there
are signs abundant of their journeys, are signs abundant of their journeys, rous about fourteen miles west ort trails which can lead to no other place than the wonderful lake. These trails, the author thinks, issue from the district of the country of the Pie-a-pot, the Muscowpeetung and the Pasquah Indians, up on the western side of the Last Mountain Lake, then in a northerly direction to the Manitou Lake. There are also re-
mains of the old "sweat lodges" of the Indian still to be seen towards the western end of the lake. The method of procedure, which was described to the author, was as follows:-After the hole was
made, a teepee was erected over it. Meanwhile stones were being fired to a great heat, these were placed in the hole and the medical water was slowly poured in the extemporised bath. One of the stones
was sometimes left in for a seat, and into this primitive and rudly constructed but efficacious Turkish bath the patient was placed. And what the Indians of so long ago availed themselves of, we
are placing at the service of our brothers, only in a little more improved and hygienic method.
When the Government surveyors passed through this part of the country only partly discerned, for they reported it as "salt."
With the retreat of the Indian, the With the retreat of the Indian, the
notoriety of the Healing Lake passed notoriety of the Healing Lake passed
away for a time and it was only when
Watrous came that its wonderful curative powers were utilised once again soon its fame spread and means were
devised to turn its beneficial waters to devised to turn its beneficial waters to good account. Now the water is being
shipped far and wide, and conpanies have been formed to finance the building of two sanatoria on the lakeside The present needs of the invalid are supplied at different places in town, at
the hotels, boarding honses, etc. where the hotels, boarding honses, etc, where
hot mineral baths are to be had. This year large numbers of people have come to Watrous en route to the lake which
is only three miles distant and have is only three miles distant and have
made their homes in camps along the made their homes in camps along the
shore, and were to be seen disporting themselves in its invigorating waters two or three times a day. One party
came from the States, another from came from the States, another from
Oak Lake, Man. The latter party came Oak Lake, Man. The latter party came
also last year. Most of the buisinessmen live at the lake during the best part of the year and drive to and fro, or else come to business in the automobiles
which ply for hire.. While it would be which ply for hire. While it would be
foolish to attribute to this lake the legendary efflects of the mythical elixir
 its healing power are so markedly apparent in numbers of cases, that the fort alone is already assured. To sort coming to derive benefit, it would be well to remind them that so great are the powers of the waters, they
should place themselves under should place themselves under medical they went to Marienbad or Carlsbad. As a gargle, this water is wonderful in its effect, as the writer has proved. For an aperient, taken judiciously, it is
Nature's own remedy, while used as hot compresses, or as hot baths, it is mar vellous in its effect in the not too ad vanced stages of rheumatism and for various skin diseaces. One old missionary
informs the writer, this water has not informs the writer, this water has not
been known to fail to cure among the Indians. Manitou Salve is now a market commodity, and is useful for all that ointments' are generally used. A mineral water factory has been
erected at the lakeside and the water is now obtainable in various forms, both for medicinal and beverage use. As a pleasure resort Lake Manitou at tion of a country and seaside holiday, for apart from the invigorating bathing on a perfectly safe beach, there are launches and boats plying for hire throughout the season, and one can take a sail on
this inland sea with perfect safety. The buoyancy of the water is traditional the specific gravity (1.06) being so great that non-swimmers can lie on the top of the water with perfect ease and
safety. The lake is about three quarters of a mile in width, and numbers of swimmers accomplish the entire distance, resting en route by turning over and lying on the top of the water. Tradition
asserts that it is impossible for one to drown there. Whether there is any foundation for this statement or not, this much is certain, that there is not the knowledge of a case of drowning,
in the history of the people, or of the in the history of the people, or of the
lake. Hundreds have enjoyed the bracing bathing afforded. Three large bathing houses have been built, but the accommodation was quite inadequate this summer at times. A refreshment pa-
villion was erected in the spring of 1910 and was in great demand. A number of cottages and chalets have been built, for residents not only of Watrous but of other places. The lake is
heing unanimously chosen as the ideal heing unanimously chosen as the ideal
place for camping parties, picnics and celebrations. Such is Watrous and its Lake, but what it is to be time alone will tell, yet with all its advantages it is not difa large town and a prosperous holiday

Winnipeg, December, 1910.
oad to Prince Albert, and the resort at Watrous, with street rail- $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { for railroad to Prince Albert, and } \\ & \text { construction of the road to Regina is }\end{aligned}\right.$ way between the two for ans to secure well under way. have been two appoth electric lighting With all this development Watrous and a street railway.
Watrous is also the terminal point and its Lak

## Brandon, Man.

By C. A. Cooke.
Nestling on the broad, gentle slope of
Assiniboine valley, in the heart ot the Assiniboine valley, in the heart of
the fartnest famed and most extensive the fartnest famed and most extensive hard wheat belt on the North Aith her own, a tributary population of close on
30,000 prosperous farmers, a tilled acre30,000 prosperous farmers, a tilled acre-
age of seven and a half millions of the age of seven and a half min manitoba, and an elevator capacity of twelve mintentious title of "The Wheat Ciry" is founded on the
fact and figure.
In a country such as the province of Manitoba, where "Wheat is King" the sobriquet is one to foster a senument of
Manitoba, where "Wheat is King" the
sobriquet is one to foster a senument of
pride, and Brandon is proud, justly


Brandon, Man. View coming to West Park, and showing Assiniboine Valley in the background.
proud of her title. To the land, the $\mid$ yields the palm to no city in the Domin wonderful blaek wheat growing soil of the district, Brand splendid prosperity, and and presizens, quick to recognize wherein lies the mainstay of their progress, ac-
cord the farmer every encouragement. cord the farmer every encouragem the energy and effort expended in furthering the two great agricultural exhibi-
tions which take place yearly in the tions which take place yearly in the
city, the Summer and Winter Fairs, each city, the Summer and
in turn the Mecca towards which the grain growers and stock breeders of the whole Great West muke their pilgrimage.
Not alone in the encouraging of big
results does Brandon lend her aid to the farmer: She is also deeply interested in the actual achievement, by we most scientific and economical means, of those
results; hence the city has become the results; hence the city has become of the West, for agricultural machinery and labor saving devices of every known species.
Board of Trade and Commercial Bureau, a never ceasing campaign of publicity of the most modern type is conducted, resulting in constant additions to the
ion. With a population today of some 15,000 , she stands well to the front for
heatiful homes, her excellent her beautiful homes, her excent in their avenues of trees and boulevards, her superb parks and public buildings.
The repute of her college for men and The repute of her college for men and
women has penetrated into every cornwomen has penetrated her public school system and collegiate institute offer unexcelled opportunities in the matte of primary and secondary education.
Brandon is especially proud of her churches, which are architecturally, wel in keeping with the splendid spirit o progress which marks the commercial
ide of the city's growth. Socially the side of the city's growth. Socially the numerous clubs and institutions, her Y.M.C.A. and Y.W.C.A. and innumerable other facilities for social intercourse and uplifting render her an ideal nome city,
Born of the rich wheat lands that sur Born of the rich wheat lands that sur
round her, and inseparably identified round her, and treasure of her harves fields, Brandon has nothing of mushroon growth in her constitution. Today h
credit is unassailable and she reaches credit is unassan the wave of prosperity higher point on the wave of prosperity

[^0]facilities that Brandon excels in this direction Right at home she has in
ducements second to none in the West An up-to-date and splendidly equipped An up-co-ctric light and power planu; parallelled in efficiency and general utility by an extensive gas projected transfer railway, power; a pro the C.P.R. and C.N.R.; a and coupling up the C.P.R. and C.il. ., avide some miles of unequalled track sites, be sides a power system, for which the
city is now negotiating, that will give crandon unlimited motor power at a maximum cost of $\$ 3 \overline{5}$ per horse power,
are among the commercial inducements
she has to offer.
From a residential view point Brandon
building permits for the season are greater than those of any two former
years. Three magnificent new hotels, years. Three magnificent seven storey Canadian Northern Railway hostelry, two new churches, a Catholic convent, the magnificent new court house for the Western Judicial District, several large warehouses, apartment and an absolutely fire proof concrete block of nine storeys, all testify to the remarkable progress made by
For the coming year equally pretentious undertakings are projected, equally ous undertakings are prospets are in view, tending
enhanced
to the belief that Brandon has entered to the belief that Brandon has entered
on an era of prosperity and rapid ad on an era of prosperity and rapid ad-
vance hitherto unknown in the Wheat vance
City.

## Honesty the Best Policy.

In a small western town is a livery man who has ideas of
conducting his ousiness.
Not long ago a drummer, known for his ability to get over ground in a with which he drove to a neighboring with which he drove to a neighborer a corduroy road. The drummer's business detained him longer than he expected,
and he found that he would have to Wheme to catch a train. When he struck the corduroy road, going strong, he felt something snap He saw visions he had broken a spring. damage good to old William. When he reached the barn he jumped out and said: "Bill, I broke a spring. How much do I owe you?"
"How did you break it, Henry?" asked "How did you break it, the rig over. the liveryman, looking the rig over.
"Driving like the Dickens over a rough road," the drummer answered frankly.
Then you don't owe me anything $\begin{aligned} & \text { frankly. } \\ & \text { Then y } \\ & \text { Henry." }\end{aligned}$
Henry."
"Why, now's that
"Why, now's that?" the first time, Henry I ever had a spring broke that way. It' a new way o' breakin' them. Alli eve over a smooth road.'

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## Moose Jaw, Sask.

By Gordon E. Leighton.

When the history of these remark-
able times is writen, in the records of able times is writiten, in the records of
the province of Saskatehewan the name of Mose Jaw will be written large. Distinctive in name, and at this time pre-
dominant in prestige conmercially, it is daily forging ahead at the rate equal in rapidity to the best of the mammoth locomotives on the railway which has had a great deal to do with the estab-
lishment and growth of the city. To lishment and growth of the city. To
its natural strategic position it owes its its natural strategic position it owes its
birth. The C.P.R. surveyors, pushing through their lines in the early eighties noted its favorable position. And it was
decided by those who sat in high places decided by those who sat in high places
at that time, that Moose Jaw was to become a big railroad centre, and it has. The same policy, is being pursued now, as in the past, and the latest develop.
ment is its promotion to the largest ment is its promotion to the largest an
most important centre in the province In making the city the Grand Divisional point for Saskatchewan the Company placed it on the same level of importance
as Calgary and Winnipeg as a railroad as Calgary and Winnipeg as a railroad
centre, and there are not wanting those


Moose Jaw River. Showing the City of Moose Jaw in background.
who prophecy that by reason of its im-
portant position it must of necessity beportant position it must of necessity be-
come the most important point on the come the most important point on the
western system of this great corpora-

The company is ever spending and spending to make its equipment here equal to the calls, always increasing
upon it. At the present time is upon construction new yards estimated to cost $\$ 500,000$. And its monthly pay roll here in twelve months in the year is why Moose Jaw is called of the reasons Besides being aided on the highl road of prosperity in this manner the city is nobly helping itself. Having now a popu-
lation of 15000 it is beeogin lation of $15,000 \mathrm{it}$ is becoming something
more than a mere splurge on the man more than a mere splurge on the map of
the west. Its problems are those of a city its revenue is that of a city, but, here's the point, its assessment is low and its
rate of taxation compares more the rate of laxation compares more than
favorably with its neighbors It favorably with its neighbors. Its
schools and school system are the most up-to-date and the records of its scholars are eloquent in favor of the merits of
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and the world no worse off.

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and sense of duty it will be disastrous.

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"The wandering mariner, whose eye ex plores The wealunes
ing shores
Nor breathes the so bountiful and fair
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acre.
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to the latest census taken is 3,239 . Since then three subarsus, taken is 3,239 . Since to the town limits which will increase the population some 500 people. as are to be found in places much old


Whitmore School, Dauphin, Man.
er. The town hall and opera house is a fine, large brick building. Dauphin centre, there being two fine large public schools and a collegiate having a staff of twenty teachers. There are five

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In Style.
'Arry and his best girl were discussing recent events in the High Street, Beth al Green, one day last week. Arry: "Did you read the list of pres. 'Arriet: "Yes, I did. The hidea such as them 'avin' the weddin' put in the paper! " They might be bloomin haristocrats." Acry; "Fancy her mother giving her 'ch a," andsome present as a 'orse and 'Arriet: "Garn! It was a clothes. orse and a mouse-trap. I've seed 'em
That's their bloomin' pride!"'

## "Kerchunk" Did It.

A train on one of the new railroads in southern Kansas was running down a grade, says the Kansas City Star when one of the side-rods of the engine
broke. The train stopped at the fiot broke. The train stopped at the foot
of the ,grade with the good cylinder "on
centre," and when the centre," and when the broken side had been uncoupled the engine could not be The e
assengers way to start turns trying to devise boy crawled through a barb-wire fence "Why came over to make a suggestion. he asked.," you let er go kercended the conductor, no "What?" demanded the conductor, no grasping the idea. go kerchunk. Unhitch the last car and shove 'er up the grade a-ways. Then let her come down ker-
chunk against the train. That'll bump chunk against the train. That'll bump
her along some." The railroad men sniffed contemptuously, but the passengers sided with the
boy boy, so at last it was decided to try his
scheme. All hands turned to and pushed the car a little way up the hill. Then it was sent with increasing speed back
against the train, which it struck with the foreseen "kerchunk." The "ker-
chunk" did the work. The engine was chunk" did the work. The engine was
bumped off centre the bumped off centre, the engineer gave
it enoudh steam to keep it slowly moving, the passengers scrambled aboard, and the one-legged outfit limped away on its journey.



By S. N. Wynn.
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the district tributary to it. In former


Yorkton's $\$ 75,000$ Collegiate Institute, now nearyears this was the greatest cattle shipping point in Western Canada, but
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40 bushel-per-acre of wheat hold sway. 40 bushel-per-acre of wheat hold sway.
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Waiting for land at Battleford, Sask.
also two lines being surveyed into Batand two lines are already located westward from the town to serve the cut knife and more southern district. And
while at present, we are served with but one train a day the splendid line of busses. from. Battleford which meet the trains daily in North Battleford render
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rection.
The headouarters of this part of the distriet of the Indian Department are also here and the resident agent has supervision of a large number of reserves.
There is also a large Industrial School, in the original Government House, which is conducted by the Church of England. The town enjoys a system of electric light and a scheme providing for waterworks is under consideration, an engineer having been engaged to make the
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a view to utilizing it for industrial purposes.
Battleford is one of the few places in the West with separate public schoos
and although the school building are coming too crowded and the erection of
a large high school building and a board-

The Unattainable Standard.

If the girl had been born in Italy she
might lave been a poet; but she came of might lave been a poet; but she came of no dreamy race. Her ancestors had
braved the snows of many New England braved ters, and had bequeathed to her, instead of poesy, energy and a robust
body $\stackrel{\text { body }}{\text { It w }}$
It was when she was a mere child,
standing, at sunset, in her father's
standing, at sunset, in her father's
orchard, that the creative desire leaped
orchard, that the creative desire leaped
into her soul. Oh, if she could paint a

sky like that! 'She lay awake that | ing school are under consideration. | sky like that! She lay awake that |
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| Two newspapers are publisned weekly. | night longing for greatness. But neither | The Saskatenewan Herald, founded in artistic nor musical gifts were hers. She $\begin{array}{ll}1016 \text { by the late P. G. Laurier, the pion- } \\ \text { eer editor of the North West Territories, } & \text { strove to put ambition from her heart. } \\ \text { When her village schooling came to an }\end{array}$ eer editor of the North West Territories, and now conducted vy his heirs, and The

Press edited by W. W. Smith. Travellers through the West would do well to plan to stay a day en route
and see for themselves the beauties and advantages of our town. law providing for the erection of a larg city hall to cost in the vicinity of $\$ 30$, 000. And word has also been received
that the Yrovincial Government has sel ected a site for the Asylum on the banks of the Saskatchewan at the end of the traffc bridge. Work has also commenced on a Dominion public building which is
to accommodate the Post Office and

## The Ruling Passion.

Threacibare clothing, one arm in a sling-that was the first impression gained of the man. Good looking, well dressed, very much in love-that was the impression gained of the young
couple opposite. At the Grand Central couple opposite. At the Grand Central
Station the happy pair separated. They Station the happy pair separated. They
said good-bye regretfully. The tender said good-bye regrell's face slightly dim-
radiance of the girls med when the ung man left the car, but her dejection was only momentary. Happiness such as hers was buoyan even under the strain of a few hours separation
By the time the train was racing past the Forty-second street station Then she began seeking an outlet for her great joy. She smiled at the tired laborer who had to stand. Next she said "Pretty darling" to the fretful baby across the aisle. Presently she turned had an evening paper and was trying with his one avauable hand to turn the pages. She leaned forward sym pathetically.
"Can't I help you ?" she said.
Without waiting for a reply she took the paper, deftly straigh.
"Thank you, miss," said he, but even though he held the paper at the proper reading angle it was noticed that he did not read,
At l16th street the girl left the car, Then the man with the injured arm beThat time another passenger who had been interested in the little pantomime volunteered assistance.
"Let me help you," he said. "Perhaps you want to turn to a particular page? "I do," said the disabled man. on was reading a page and was dead anxious to get to the end of it, but the young lady turned to the fashion page instead. of wedding gowns and other articles beof weiding go bride's trousseau: I don't take much interest in such things any more, but I could
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## Music and the Drama.



Music would be impossible without fect the form-all other things being equal-the better will be the music Like everything that progresses, music is always trying to express itself in
new forms, and these new forms are generally based on the old ones, ha developed and extended. from them. sonata was developed from it. Now
the sonata only resembles the suite in being a composition consisting of difbeing a composits, but in other re
ferent movements
in ferects it is quite different. In the
spete
suite, all the movements are in the same key; but in the sonatat only the first and last movements are in the
same key; but in the sonata only the movement is generally in the same form
--simple binary; in the sonata the forms differ, the usual scheme being: movement-ternary form ; and third movement-rondo form. of course there are some deviations from this but this is the rule. A suite may con-
sist of any number of movements, but a sonata is generally composed in only three-quick-slow-quick; but introducing
been extended to fbur, by intron a scherzo be
and the last.
In the sympiony, we find the same thing; and even since Beetnoven's syilphonies, composers have berm. Liszt's
veioping or extending the for ymphonic Poems are cases in point. They are not by any means like Beethe orens
treated in a different manner-they are transformed rather than developea. They are very unlike the ordinary classical symphony, but in one a
sense they may be considered as a
the development, or, at least, an extension
of that form. Then in our own time there are the Strauss Symphonies. They go even further, and often for the sake of some desired effect, resur
in cacophony. Progression is very dein cacophon. Porsess of the present
sirable, but compor
day seem to be trying after something day seem to be trying after something
they never get. We shall get it some day when another Beelll tuls striving is good for music, for even if we sometimes go back a little, we soon see our mistake, and hasten all the more rapid-
ly on the right path.
It is comparatively an easy matter o acquire technical faciity in com-
position as it is on playing, and the
toehnical facility of some of our modern composers is little short of mar-
vellous-but that does not ane a
 the highest sisty he has acquired will
then the facility enable him to express his ideas in the clearest possible manner. Let us never
forget that musicis is an art as well as orget that music is an ato make good
a science, and in order to mate
music the one is as necessary as the the music the one is as necessary as as the
other. But some of the musi of the present day seems all sclence, and the
art is almost forgotten. Look at Richard Strauss' later works! If there is any art in them it is so overwhelmed and obscured by his wondertul science mol
tha it is all but lost! Why do our mod-
 ern composers write write in any ot her
cause they cannot writ
way? I do not think so. The reason appears to be because the ev want to be
original-they want to orite an no one acknowledge they have only been to
But the question is. successful. $\left.\begin{array}{c}\text { But the questoment in } \\ \text { this music? } \\ \text { Legitimate development }\end{array}\right)$.
music is one thing, and trying to make
music do what it can never do and was
never intended to do, is another. Nintended to do, is another
Nearly all our new music is descrip departed from us. But absolute musi is the only true music. Descriptive
music is on a much lower plane is easier than to depict the singing of birds, the running of water, storms, battles and many other noises? I remember the time when the most popular piano piece was the "Batt Pery close was "The Maiden's Prayer."
Vas there anything more unlike Vas there anything more unlike an ane it all was! How it lowered thi dignity of the "divine art to try to
lustrate the "cries of the wounded," "She ring of cannon balls," and
"Maiden's prayers"! As if the art of "Maiden's prayers"! As if the art of music was ever intended to be dese-
crated in such a manner! Some of you may say, "Thank goodness, we know better now. But do we? If so, why do many people praise "Strauss' descrip-
tion of a battle in "Der Heldenleben"? It certainly surpasses everything else It certainly surpasses everghs, but
in noise and hideous sounds
nation by any stretch of imagination b cannot by any stretch of imagiat requires
called music. And music that explanations in order to be understoo and enjoyed is certainly not of the high
est class. If music cannot stand by itself and tell its own story alone, it is not worth much.
Perhaps when composers have ex
hausted all the horrible discords they hausted all the horrible discords they seem so fond of, music will begin to
get purer and more melodious. It seems impossible for them to go much further on the complicated path they have
chosen. They will be compelled to turn chosen. They will be compelled to turn
back and express their ideas in simpler back and express their ideas ind better forms. Music cannot exist without melody. Even Wagner acknowlposers seem to avoid it as much as pos sible, and by their far-fetched har monies and involved part-writing they
relegate it to an inferior position. Melody and harmony should be equal. The one is not more important than the other, and when these two indispens
able elements are properly balanced, th able elements are properly balanced, the
one against the other, and controlled by one against the other, and consic.
genius, then we have true musin
What will music be a hundred yea hence? Will there ever be an end its development? Perhaps not.
impossible to say to what lengths may be developed, or what it ma ultimately become. One thing is cer
tain. True music will not be mer noise, as it sometimes is now. The bes music, whatever it seeks to expres
will always be beautiful; and we ma take it for granted that in the future take it for granted that in the future
frusic will be more beautiful than ever

Alessandro Bonci, who is to appear in Winnipeg on January 30, gave his firs
recital this season at Carnegie Hall, New York, on Tuesday, November 22.

That Maud Powell, the reigning quee of violinists-has in Winnipeg, unde the auspices of the Women's Musical club, will be welcome news to musi lovers and the public generally.
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then years ago. Maud Powell needs no
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Powell. Whether in the classic or manticschool. whether interpreting treatiment or a dainty trifle that seem the quintessence of enchanting feminity,
Maul Powell is pqually at home and is Maul Powell is $\rho q$
equally masterful.


## But Once a Year.

## By Guy Wetmore Carryl.

In the erisp airss tingle there's a jingle, jingle, jingle,
Jolly, full of folly, and of right good And the sleigh bells, gay bells, first far a way bells,
bit
arer, falling clearer on
As the brisk wind blows oer the bright White snows,
bue sky.
here's a trample of horses, and lauglter
flying after:gone by!
Later, when the dayliglt softens into Stealing ooer the ceiling see the warm. red go;
The shyer light of firelight grows to a Red corn hopping as it's popping in the les inw; Apples in a host at the same flame toast.
Hark! through the dark how the bells $\underset{\text { ring high }}{ }$
Midnight is striking. Touch glasses, Clink goes the crystal, and the toast's gh goes the
gone by!
That, all said and done, is the best moment when one is on the threshold of Christmas, with the door ajar of pleaspectancy whispering anf sugestions in one's ear. She's a cheering sort of person, Expectancy, and her company is greatly to be preferred
to that of her sister Reality, whose principal business is clapping an extinguishe over the bright little tapers which her
elative has been at such pains to light The bard of Erin was quite right about that dear gazelle, and, for my part, I vest orgnized grab bag in existence for the thrill of that supreme moment when close my eyes and plunge my hand down among the tidy little packages, in secure a treasure supremely superior to
anything which cold logic could possibly convince me was there.
So I am heartily for Christmas Eve as against Christmas Day. Will you tel me, sir, what is in that package, the
knobby one there, at the extreme left of the chimney place? Do so, and you will have cut down my pleasure and pride to half their present proportions. have the right to believe that it con tains a whole regiment of the finest Nu remberg infantry. As a matter of fact it is probably one of those games with yellow counters, and set of directions of which it is impossible to make head or tail-a detestable form of diversion.
Think of it! The Infant Walter, ha Think of it! The Infant Walter, ha
himself all in readiness to receive train of cars, with a locomotive which can be wound up to pull them around circular track, and on opening the bo he finds himself the possessor of parche play on an innocent child at this seaso of peace and good will! Teaches the young idea how to shoot, you say? Well, then, more's the pity that the young ide into play at once, with the giver of the game for target.
When I fare forth on Christmas Ev it is expectancy, then, whom I choose a a companion, and what times we have
together, to be sure! Frankly, in all the catalogue of life's pleasures can there be found one comparable for an instant to the joy of flattening one's nose against
toyshop window and "choosing" thing from the glittering array within
of the opinion that there cannot. What we do not secm to realize is the point of view of the toys them selves. As if they were not doing their
part of the "choosing," as well as we! allow me to call your attention for a moment to that extremely well dressed young person from Paris, with the flaxen hair and the blue gown. Her name, if
we are to beleive the ticket hung at her we are to bebe Jumeau, No. 12." (A large family, the Jumeaus.). Can any rational person suppose that a lady of her appearance, dressed in the extreme
of fasnion, and with pink pendants in of fasnion, and with pink pendants
her ears, would be apt to sit still and her ears, would be apt to sit still and
allow herself to be "chosen" by the first person who came along? Can one imagine
her the pretended property of that fat her the pretended property of that fat
child with the amber necklace and the white satin turban and the garnet ring
who left the window just now? I would who left the window just now? I would wager my chance of getting somet she
off tomorrow's tree that in her heart she off tomorrow's tree that in
has already "chosen" Miss buen Mac-
namara, who even now is looking at her namara, the glass.

Oh, you may tell me that Ellen is ragged! You may even say contemptuously
that she is a street brat. That is because that she is a street b. I saw her eyes, and you are a worlding. Msaw her eyes, an
it was enough. If Mll. Jumeau is half the girl I think her, she knows what cenderness lies behind eyes that are like violets under a mossbank of brown hair,
and would fainer be cradled in the arms and would fainer be cradied in the arms
of the little Macnamara in Cherry Street than tossed in the corner of Cresus Jri's nursery on Central Park, Fast. Good
night, little Maenamara! You are nearnight, little Macnamara! You are near
er to heaven, I think than many of us or to heaven, I think than many of us
will be tomorrow when we sing of herald angels in the front pews!
If I were a Jack in the Box I do not think life would be worth living. To have one's front door iatch on the outside, and, every time a passer by saw fit to open it, to be forced to shoot out into the cold air and make faces and silly gestures with one
arms! In less time than it takes to arms in it, the thing would become an ounous bore. This is what a Jack with whom I am on terms of intimacy said about it last Christmas, and I think highly pro
way still:
Now, how would you like it yourself, old chap, How would you like it yourself, If you had to sit with your head in your In a box on the nursery shelf In a box on the nursery shelf;
If your house hadn't parlor or bath or If your holl,
Or bedroom in which to nap?
do not believe you'd like it at all I do not believe you'd like it
I really do not, old chap!

I'm not a bit proud, and I don't com plain; I don't want to put on airs;
But you must confess that now and again
One likes to run down some stairs! And, upon my soul, i. 8 hard to atone For the fact that I haven't a thing In the way of
l've only a spiral spring.

Ind how would yqu like it yourself old chap,
If you had to be always prepared Whenever a boy your latch snould snap, To jump and pretend to be scared? Ifim to pull you apart, mayhap, (Continued on Page 74.)

## THE PHILLOSOPHER.

## the death of tolstoy.

Among the notable world-events of the past month a foremost place is held by the death, in his eightythird year, of Tolstoy, the greatest Russian of his
time. Possibly there was a touch of insanity as well as fanaticism in his sudden determination to go oway to die in solitude. As Macaulay wrote in reference to the last clouded days of Clive, supreme pity is aroused by the contemplation of the spectacle of "a
great mind ruined." Before his death there was great mind ruined. Bolstoy. He was pictured as a seeker after notoriety. Cheap flings at his personal
habits in his extrene old age and at the alleged
hontras betweent contrast between his teachings and his practice were
indulged in. The world has not at any time so indulged in. The world has not at any time so
many men eminent for moral striving that it can mafor men espeak of or foolishly misapprehend them. Whatever his failings and defects were, Tolstoy was a man whose memory should be venerated.
Thirty years have passed since he wrote his famous Tetter to Czar Alexander III., begging him to deal mercifully with convicted volutionists, and no pas-
sage Tin Tosto, subsequen writings is more moving
than the plea he then made: than the plea he then made:
these people and give them to this, were to call away somewhere to America, and write a manifesto headed with the words, 'But I say, love your enem-
ies, I do not know how others would feel, but I ies,' I do not know how others would feel, but I, poor
subject, would be your dor and your slave. I would subject, would be your dog and your slave. I would
weep with emotion every time I heard your name, as weep with emotion every ame now weeping. But why do I say, 1 do not know the others? I know that at those words kindliness and love would pour forth like a flood over
Not the least of Tolstoy's titles to be remembered with respect is the high seriousness with which he discussed the greatest problems of human destiny. Not many months ago the mocking George Eernard
Shaw sent Tolstoy a copy of his play "Blanco Shaw sent Postoy a copy of his play "Blanco
Posnet." In the letter of acknowledgment which it drew from Tolstoy, there was the grave rebuke that "the promem of moral evil is too important to be
spoken of in jest."

## the christmas season

The heart of Christendom is once more stirred with joy at the coming of Christmas, the one day, in the year when the children drink deepest of children's
joy, the day when the happy may be arbitrarily dijoy, the day when the happy may be arbitrariyy di-
vided into two classes, the children and the givers. It is the satisfaction of the children that associates the Christmas season with its great delight for the men and women who hail its advent. It is, indeell,
because it has become essentially the children's festibecause it has become essentially the children's festi-
val that Santa Claus has been recognized as its presiding genius. The course of events that has ended in this usurption is of curious interest, but it need not concern us now. In very truth, the great fenst
of the Nativity has itself an indisputable claim to be or the saced to the joys of childhood. The history of
held Christian art bears witness to the blessed fact, and the Christmas service in every Christian church, is made glad with anthems in acknowledgement of it. That
is what gives to the Christmas season its note of is what gives to the Christmas season its note of
household love. The simple story of the shieplererls hosenotch their flocks by night, while in midrair the angels of glory make their presence felt, as they
send forth the send forth the great announcement of the Birth which Christmas celebrates, calls, attention, not only to the
Cliid, but to the Mother, to the Holy Family. It is to a family group that the thoughts of worshippers are directed, ass they sing the praises of the infant
Redeemer. This, puart from its ineffable Redeemer. This, apart from its ineffable burden as
the message of redemption is the human meaning the message of redemption is the human meaning
of the scene. It is a humble family gather ing, but sublime beyond conception in in it it
simple humitity. The mexsage of Cliristmas is
ime wold the world of men, to eacll nation, to every family,

## the santa claus myth

It is declared hy some gooll and very earnest people that children should not be encorvaver tor run
after a myth like Santa Claut, but honld have imbpressed upon them, rather, the religions significance
of christmas,
But the two things are not contradictory. The true spirit of Christianity is slown in the good will that prevails in the Chrisit tams seatuon, and especially in the fact that Christ mat is the
children's festival. That the child excited by a narmless, time-honored myth like that of Santa Claus is surely not a wery werions evil. The
illusions of childhood patss a away, and the wrime facts of life show their hard outlines sown convigh, (iond
knows. Full soon the years bring the incritalle
"Full soon their souls shall have their carthly

is well that when these disappear, their place shall
be taken by a truer and stronger conception of the be taken by a truer and stronger conception of the
meaning of the festival. And is not this just what happens
and girls and girls whose childish imaginations are fed on the Santa Claus myth grow up into men and women
whose desire is to whose desire is to make Christmas be what it should
for young and old. If they choose to disguise their kindness to the children of the next generation in a mythical larb, and refuse to let their left hand
know what their right hand doeth in know what their right hand doeth, it can scarcely be said that they are disobeying the Seriptural com-
mand. The spirit of Christmas is truly Christian and unworldy. Over the whole festival broods the sense of the spiritual-"the things that are seen are temporal, , but the things that are not seen are eter-
nal") And Santa Claus embodies for the child the sense of the wonderful unseen things and the sense of benevolence, we surely need have no fears that his intluence is against the truest and deepest spirit of
religion.

## a lochinvar of our own day.

We are apt to think that romane belongs ex-
clusively to the poetic past. Tho elements of romance cluse about us every day. Human life is as full of
are romance as ever it was; and occasionally a romance gets into the news of the day. A case in point was
the elopement described in a dispatch in the newsthe elopement descibed papers a couple of weeks ago of the daughter of a
leading farmer of Cleveland township in Minnesota with her lover, not on his trusty steed, but on his motor cycle. The names of all the parties were given. The young man, with his lady love perched.
upon the handebars of his motor cycle upon the handelebars of his motor cy cye, sped along
over the none too smooth roads, with the irate father pursuing in his automobile, until a blowout of one of his tires landed him in the ditch two miles north of Waterloo village. The lovers sped on to Wasea,
where they were where they. were married, and soon after forgiven by
the bride's father by telegraph to give us a stirring ballad of this Lochinvar of our own day? Romance is still with us; but the pocts to sing to us of romance are lacking. Not only that, but we pick to pieces the romantic poems that
Chave come down to us. For example, take these lines of Scott's famous ballad:
"So light to the croup the fair lady he swung,
So light to the saddle before her he epsung.,
She is won, we are gone, over bank, bush and
sear-
They'll have fleet steeds that follow,'s said youns
Lochinvar."
A recent writer has been pointing out that it would
have been a physical imposssibility for young Lochium have been a physwical impossibility for young Lochiu-
var to swing the fair lady to the eroup and then var to swing the fair lady to the croup and then
vault into the sadde in front of her. But surely to
eum culating, carring pallad in such Hamlet says, "to enlating, carpiny, spi

## CONTRASTING POLItical systems

This month the world is being given a striking
illustration of a highly important difference bet weerin illustration of a highly important difference betwecm
the British parliamentary system and the system in
then the sritish pariamentary system and the system
the United States, Thie essential feature of the British system is Ministerial responsibility. The Leaters of the political parties in is ireat Britain and
in Canada and each of the other self-yovernin nations of the Empire, must hold seats in Parliament The leader who is supported by the majority of the Ite is Premier only as the people is the Premier majority to support him in lis the people elect a ceaves to have a majiority, he becomes leader of the
Opposition. As Premier, he forms Opposition. As Premier, he forms his Government
and every Minister in his Calinet must hold a seal in Parliament. In the United States, on the contrary the President selects his Cabinet from outside the Congress. The Cabinet Ministers at Washington are respoch his colleagues sit in Parliament, and they are arcountable to Parliament. This month a general clection campaign is on in (ireat Rritain. Lasist
montl there was in the United States the equivalont month there was in the United States the equivalent
of a
a 1 Sritixh general election- that is to saly, a new
 tion a majority of Deniocratic members was elpectel.
lint the old tiouse, with a Repullican majiority, is holdiny, its final session this month, presilledionerer by praker cannon, though the electors have regite ere will nut ascermble until next March, and will prolsally





Want of confidence in the House of Representative and forced the adoption of the policy willed by Cow gress. A still more striking and memorable instance of a similar defect in the United States system is the case of Lincoln's first election to the Presidency
in 1860. The opposite party threatened during ty n 1860. The opposite party threatened during the
dampaign to rend the Union, if the policy of tie coln and his policy triumphed at the pollis. Every
Ppesident is elected in November, but does not take office until the following March. The outgoing Presi rent, James suchanan, by men who took every advantage of the closin months of his term to facilitate the plans and strengthen the resources of the slave power for the terrible war that ensued. Lincoln, the President
elect, was absolutely powerless to interfere ; he an impotent spectator of that work of destruction and could not as much as lift a finger to prevent it. Under the British system of Ministerial res
ponsibility he would have taken office immedintes ponsibility he would have taken office immediately
after his election, and formed his Government a once. There is no place in the United States systen or party leaders like Giladstone, Disraeli, Asquith and Balfour in Great Britain, or Macdonald, Laurier and
Borden in our own country.

## EAST AND WEST.

There are editors-and others-in Eastern Canada selves and be cured of the Little Canadianism which prevents their realizing rightly the greatness of the country of which they are citizens. It is a pity, fo he any of that Little Canadianism, that there should great deal of it; but there should not be any of Such an expression of it as the following, in the Canadian Shoe and Leather Journal, of Toronto, is erhaps, hardly be taken seriously
"The relations between West and East often re ceited young fellow towards his parents. The old folks are 'so unprogressive and cautious, don't you now. To read some of the articles in Western papers and to hear some of the young fellows talk
who have lived a year or two out West would make your old sawhorse laugh. One might imagine that all the old fogies in the country lived East and were all trying to make their living out of the West. It is strange to those who know what it has cost in
money, brains, men and effort to open the West to hear those who are reaping the benefit of the ent to prise tell those who made life out there possible their shortcomings. Every dog has his day. Some of these extra smart Westerners will be effete Easterners hat were once so wide awake that they kept it up all night are now worse than Sleepy Hollow." While we may smile at the leathery pointlessness of he above remarks in the it is a regrettable fact that there is much of that
sort of thing in Eastern journals which is seriously intended. A great deal of it takes the form of oppesition to the opening up of the Hudson Bay route. Editorials are not at all infrequent in Eastern papers
relouking the people of Western Canada for their lureing the people Wuilt to the Bay and operated as a publicly-owned ervice. Some of these Eastern rebukes of Western "uurcasonableness" are against the building of the
Hudson Bay railway, others against the Western deHadson Bay railway, others against the Western dedjunct and portion of a corporation-owned transontinental system. The climax of this Eastern Little Canadianism is reached in such an utterance as the "Is it not about time that the Eastern Provinces were making a stand against the extravagant de
mands of the West? If we reckon up the cost of its mands of the west? If we reckon up the cost of its ression of two relellions surveying the country and policing it, the cost of railways, etc., etc., we will idy to the c.P.R. at present values it would total arly iovernment, to cont prokably $\$ 50,090,0000$." The cost of huilding the Mud may railway will be aptions, amountur $n$ now to mone than land prexclusive of interest. The To mose will than provide for West has provided the land subsidy to the C.P.R. which the writer in the Trurn paper figures out, "at resencruncots anme $\$ 500,000,000$ abistracted from anedy Wost. the acquisition and development of the West have heen natiomal outlays of borrowed mones. The
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## THE YOUNG MAN AND HIS PROBLEM.

## A SPLENDID FAILURE.

 It's a nice thing to go to bed, dead tired, and wakeup the next morning and find yourself rroclaimed a
hero. It is a beautiful thing to find that your night up the next morring and find yourseif progiaimed a
hero. It is a beautioul thing to find that your night
of apparent failure has bloomed out into the Morn-
 experience to learn that when you thought everything was going wrong that you were really walking
in the pathway duty, destiny and reward. The


Chicago Advance provides the following thrilling
Mlustration:-"A farmer went to visit his son who was starting in life as a pnysician in a great city. He found the young man allost disoouraged, for patients were slow in coming to him. Then he went
to a free dispensary where his son gave his services for an hour every day, and watched him as he skillfully cared for the poor. "I thought you told me you were not doing anything!" he exclaimed as the ast one left. "Why, if I had helped twenty-five
veople in a month as much as you have in one reople in a month as much as you have in one
morning, I should thank God that my life counted mor something." "But there is no money in it," returned the young physician. "Money!" thundered the father. "Money! What is money in comparison
with being of use to your fellow-men? Never mind withut money; you go rught along at this work every day. I'll go back to the farm, and gladly earn money enough to support you as long as I live,--yes, and sleep sound every night with the thou
helped you to help your fellow-men."

## IT CAN'T BE DONE.

Try and do the thing which "ann't be done." Weave the fabric of the possible out of the slender
threads of the imposible
Skate threads of the impossibe "Skate, on the "thin ice of
humanity,'s "may le," "perhaps" and "itits barely possible., If you move fast enough you will get over the half.frozen, Remember that the man who and uncertainty. Remember ithat the morst kind of "can't" is expressed in four words "you can't do it!" "It won't go," said the old farmer when Fulton launc, it will never stop!" said the same individual as stop, it will never stop: said the same ind
the uncanny thing moved from its moorings.

## think straight

The only difference between an original thinker and a stupid man is that one thinks and the other
does not. Think within yourself. Public opinion is does not. Think within yoursegt. Pubic opmion is
 will create thought. Create thought and you
will coin sentences. Coin sentences and you
will add to the sum total of human prowill aid to the sum total of human pro-
werbs. $\begin{aligned} & \text { to prover is a great thought in a short }\end{aligned}$
ver sentence. The man who thinks in short sentences thinks for the centuries, if he can only get
his epigrams into tne limelight of public considerahis epigramer int the limelight of publice considera-
tion:- Under the caption of "All Around The Horizon" an exchange remarks:-
"The late Senator Dolli
prominent men, was a minister's son. Doliver had a
gift for happy phrasing. Once, when he was for

William McKinley, before a rather hostile audience someone called out, "Who is William McKinley?" agent of prosperity," a phrase that carried the audience. In a speech in Kansas once he intimated the influence of John D. Rockefeller was so potent in the teachings of the professors of the Kansas oil town."

## EASY RELIGION.

Are you looking for an easy time"? Don't knock at the door of the preacher's study-He is investing
blood and tears in next Sunday's preparation. Are you looking for an easy time? Don't enter the editor's private office-He is trying to construct a timely editorial, while his visiting neighbors drop in better than he does, they would take to the woods Are you looking for an easy time? Don't enter the home of the town physician, for he is wondering why a family, whom he has treated continually and
successfully for thirteen years, has, suddenly, gone successfully for thirteen years, has, suddenly, gone
over, in a body, to some new semi-religious fad. The only folks who are having an easy time are the victims of the faddist who sleep soundly in yonder cemetery having sweetly "passed over."
An English preacher, the Rev. Joseph Hocking, re en years' pastorate. In his closit the close of a pictured lfie as a battle in which the man who is wiun God will certannly be victor. "During this last ten years," he said, "I have never once preached that
life is an easy thing. I have preached that it is glorious, for so it is, but never that it is easy, for easy things are not glorious." It is worth remem bering that "glorious things are not easy, nor easy things glorious.

## YOUR ANCESTRY

"My father was a poor man, without place, posi-
tion or financial standing." Well thank a kind provition or financial standice that; people will be looking over your shoulder to get a glimpse of your "dad." They will not be wondering why you are not, at thirty, as two. They will not be explaining to the friends of two. They will not be explaining to "ge frius always skips a generation." That grand old editor, Dr Buckley, says:-
Charles Francis Adams, who was Minister to angland during the Civil War, when he was quite young, was introduced in the following words: "I
have the great pleasure to introduce to you the son of President John Quincy Adams." There was tremendous applause. The son turned in high indignation to the chair and said: "I do not wish to be applauded on account of my father. I could not help that. If I am applauded at all I I want it to be
for myself." And so it is in cases of great men."

## FACTOLOGY.

Factology is a great science. It is hard to play with a man who deals in fact. He is "delivering the goods and there is a fact in every package. He is
"cutting ice" for every fact has an edge. He is "get cutting ice" for facts move fast. He is "going some" or facts revolve with rapidity. He is "landing on his feet" for facts are quarried foursquare. My
Friend, Editor Adams, remarks:Friend, Editor Adams, remarks:-
"Congressman Weeks says that he had not long been in the House until he made a discovery. He found that a member who was "thoroughly familiar with even one subject coun a congressman who could talk fairly well on almost any subject." A measure ame before the House involving the custom of hazng at Annapolis Naval Academy, and Mr. Weeks was asked to speak upon it, because he was a gradute of the academy. were in the usinal state of dis order, talking, writing, lounging or coming in or go-
ing out." But as soon as Mr. Weeks told them that ing out." But as soon as Mr. Weeks told them that
he was a graduate of the school and spoke with first he was a graduate of the school and spoke with first
nand knowledge they gave him their profound at nand kno

A GOOD WIFE.
A good wife is a wife who believes in her husband. Whe a aoes not believe. But believing in a man help. to make the man. The fact that somebody believes in you compels you to fight for the justification of that belief. The young man who is married is surer, steadier, and more reliable because there are those creates character. Dr. 1 incent, of Chautanyma fame says, in his biography:"One day, after the fareweng give war of 1s.1. .in. I
who went to the front during the
called on Mrs. Grant. Her husband had raised a
company of men and I had just delivered at the railway station a few words of farewell. Calling on Mrs. Grant we got into a bit of discussion on "North and South, slavery,' etc. At last I saia, Well, Mrs. Grant, we won"t discuss this question. 1 hope your promptly and with some warmth replied: "Dear me! hope hell get to be a major, general of something big." I was amused at her courage and ambition come myself I smiled at her enthusiasm, and at her come myself smiled at her enthusiasm, and at her after the close of the war she one day drove me over to see General Rawlings, who was then dying, I re-
minded her of her confidence in her husband before his war record had justifiea her high hopes bhe promptly replied, "I always knew what was in him fonly he had a chance along with the other fellows."

TREAT HIM DECENT.
Treat a man decent and he will turn you down. Treat a man decent and he will turn you down.
Get him a position and he will regard you with sus-
picion. Take a stand for him and he will forget Get him a position and for him and he will forget
picion. Take a stand
that you ever had an existence. Lend him ten dollars and he will dodge you on the street. Hand him your last year's fur coat and he will envy you your new persian lamb ulster. Give him a room in your
residence and he will wonder why you did not surrender the right to sit down in your own parlor. And yet, thank God, all men are not like the man treats you mean, treat all men decent:-
When Admiral Dewey touched our shores again after Manila, and it seemed for a time as if a madly acclaiming people might take it into their heads to
make him President, Mr. McKinley is reported to make him President, Mr. McKinley is reported to
have said in Washington: 'Well, I gave him his chance and enabled him to make of himself what he is to-day, and if, he chooses to turn against me it will be all right

## CONCENTRATION.

If you are ever to accomplish anything in this everybody, be everywhere, and do everything at be same time. Societies increase, organizations, abound same comme. Societies are contagious. There are more meetings to preside over than there are days in the week. We were presentea with every chair which we have been requested to occupy on the platforms
of the universal societies of the universe we could seat a church. We are being encircled by circles and clubbed to death by clubs. In the inspired words of the great apostle (we are not quite sure just where the exact reference is to be found) we propose to
"Cut it Out." Wnen E. Hubbard visited Mr. John
Ruskin, he wrote:--
"Mr. Ruskin is a very busy man. Occasionally he
issues a printed manifesto to his friends requesting issues a printed manifesto to his friends requesting
them to give him peace. A copy of one such circular them to give him peace. A copy of one such circular
was shown to me. It runs, "Mr. J. Ruskin is about to begin a work of great importance, and therefore begs that in reference to calls and correspondence you will consider him dead for the next two months." A similar notice is reproduced in "Arrows of the
Chace," and this one thing, I think, illustrates as Corce," and this one thing, I think, illustrates as
forthing in Mr. Ruskin's work the self. forcibly as anything in Mr. Ruskin's work the self
contained characteristics of the man himself."

## CONFIDENTIAL

Learn to say much in the little conversations of life. Much-much-much. Much that is innocent, kind $y$, and cheering. When you can't think of any
tning to say, ask questions. "How are you?" "How
is your is your wife?" "How is the new preacher getting on "" "How does your new automobile work?"
"When will David be home from college?" "When are you going to Europe?"-Really a man can say "so much" without verging on gossip, slander, or dis-
tasteful personalues. Fut learn to say little. Keep tasteful personanlues. But learn to say little. Keep folks guessing. Because you have said so little-so
little that means mucn-people will wonder how much you know. And when people begin to wonderthere is only one more step to take, and when they take that step you are "the Sage,"" "the Philosopher," "the Wise Man" of the community.
This is what Miss Nightingale says:-"Every nurse
shoudd be one who is to be depended shou,d be one who is to be depended upon, in other
words, capable of being a 'confidential' nurse. She does not know how soon she may find herself placed in such a sifuation; she must be no gossip, no vain talker; she should never answer questions about her sick except to those who have a right to ask them;
she must, I need not say, be strictly sober and honest; but more than this, she must be a religious and devoted woman; she must have a respect for her 0 win calling, because God's precious gift of life is
often literally placed in her hands; she must be a sound and ciose and quick observer; and she must
be a woman of delicate and decent feeling, be a woman of delicate and decent feeling."

## Bicycle $\mathbb{N o} 111152$.

A Story for Boys, by Henry E. Haydock.
"Father, may I come in?" said a fresh
young voice. young voice. "Certainly, my son," answered a man
who had been but a moment before who had been but a mis writing. He glanced toward the door as it
He ged opened, and seemed relieved at the inter
ruption. uption. A handsome, manly-looking fellow of about fourteen entered the library, ad
vanced toward the table and stood opposite his father. As they thus faced
each other, one could see a striking each other, one could see a striking esemblance. The same dogged persever mined expression which characterised Mr tillwell's face, and which showed what had made him superintendent of the R
and W. Railroad, without friends or nfluence to back him, appeared also in face of his son. pronounced expression on the son's face
as he said: o-night."
en look had come ove Mr. Stillweli's face changed to a rathe "Well, Charles,
hey cost, and at prou know how much
to get you one." present I can ill afror "and had thought of it long ago. For a year I have been working in spare mo ments and saving all I could until I have now half of the price of a bicycle
Unless I get it at once, I cannot have this summer. If you will advance me the rest of the money, I can get, the wheel and pay it back before fall."
Mr. Stillwell dropped his head upon his Mr. Stillwell dropped his head upon his
hand as if in deep thought, but under the shadow in which his face was placed there came a pleased, happy look. Already the boy was showing what was in him, He had not begged for a bicycle, but had set out to get it himself. Mr.
Stillwell did not like bicycles. He regarded them as one would regard a
costly toy. Although he was secretly pleased with the way his son had gone about getting it, he still tho
useless expenditure of money
useless expenditure of money. grave expression, and for a moment Charles' heart sank.
"You know what $I$ think of bicyeles," "You know what "I think they are very costly and practically useless. The proposition
you make, however, is a thoroughly you make, however, is a dt is your own money you are spending, so 1 will advance what you ask for, and shall expect to
have it repaid by next fall. If I felt have it repaid by nater, I would gladly help you to get it, but, feeling as I do,
it is best you should buy it with your own money as you propose. I, there-
fore, ask you to consider well, b: cause fore, ask you to consider about your returning me the money when it comes
due." "I have thought it over carefully," his son replied, "and I will hand you
the money then. Here is the other half now," he continued, as he laid on the
tions. Ilow much that money meant to him! How much that money meant work and persevering effort. Perhaps his father guesed what was passing in his mind, most tenderly.
"When do you want my check for the full amount ?" he asked. to-night, and in the morning you can
look it over and enclose the check to Che manufacturer." then his father good night and left the room. Stillwell gazed
For a moment Mr. oward the happily and went work: then he smiled happery and energy.
back to his writing with renewe

Bicycle 11.5 D hat at lat arrived Charles noticed the numbly

The bicycle represented more to him han anything he had ever possessed.
How fond he became of it! The selfdenial, hard work and study he had given o get it were all repaid a handren the
when he sped over the road with the bright, steel machine beneath him. He
never seemed to tire of its company. When set riding, he was working over it, polishing the nickel or wiping the dust from the enamel. The summer was
nearly over before he realized it. The nearly over before he realized it. The
days had sped away from him as the ays had sped a way from
road had under his wheel

> The amount he owed his father seemd to grow larger as the time came near o pay it larger as the time came near nuch as half of it. The thoumht of this money added a deeper gloom to the landhe side of the depot on a dark day in the early part depot on a d
He noticed particularly that day the ong curve the railroad made to save a grade on the opposite side of the valley.
The highway, by descending a steep hill, saved this detour and fully one-
fourth of the distance.
When he reached the station, which was a small, unpretentious building, he did not enter into conversation with the tationmaster, as was his custom, bu began reading the notices and studying time-tables.
"What's
What's the matter?" the statio "Oh, nothing" sheem out of sorts." began to whistle, but it sounded forced and he soon stopped
Tharles agent took up the tune wher denly paused.
"Goodness
"Goodness gracious!" he exclaimed. " forgot that key. I must go to the house won't you? I will only be gone a minute." The agent's house was almost in sight to get the key. tiny office, its few seats for passengers its view of the tracks stretching away in the distance, with a new feeling of
pride, for were they not left in his charge?

- Suddenly this feeling was followed by a sense of responsibinty. Then. withou place to one of dread. As the last place to one of drea. the came to
feeling stole over him there cater his ears the heavy, dull rumble of an approaching train.
Nearer and nearer it came, but there
was nothing in this of itself to cause was nothing in this of itself to cause
alarm, for he knew No. 18 well. It alarm, for he through without stopping. So he stepped toward the door to see it pass once again. As he did so. the tele-
graph instrument began clicking loudly. He paid no attention to this as he did not understand telegraphy and had of ten heard it make as much noise when the sound had no import. Standing on the
platform, he watched the freight train platiorm, he wate majestically by. A brakeman whom he knew waved his hand to him, and he waved back in response. Car after car passed, until at last
caboose with its fluttering flags. caboose with its fluttering flags.
The long train had hardly crossed the last switch, and the click of the rails, as the trucks of the cars passed over them. still sounded in his ears, when he heard his name called in an agonizel
voice from the station. He rushed into the room. There stood the agent, his face ghastly white, with one hand upon
the keyboard of the telegraph as if frozen to it.
"Orders to hold No. 18.-Got back too late to stop her.-No. 5 to pass her
here.-No. 5 has left V-station.Nothing between the two trains." The agent fairly gasped the words
hut Charles understood him at once. No. 18, the through freight. and No. 5. the express, between stations on a
single track road. were rushing together with nothing to stop them! Charles turned as white as the agent
while a look of despair crept over hi


## Western Development

Keep Your Money in the West and Share in the Profits of its Solid Growth
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nipeg offers the products of
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stocks and modern retail
stores in Canada.

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offers the best security and possibilities for profit
city on the continent.

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market in the West with a demarket ind quici sale at all times for grain, cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, poultry and
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convention remember that a convention remember that
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theatres in Canada, and a theatres in Canada, and a
splendid street car service of
66 miles of City tracks and 44 splendid street car service of
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ials and the distribution of manufactured goods.

## For illustrated literature and specific

Chas. F. Roland, Commissioner
The Winnipeg Development and Industrial Bureau, 825-6-7.8 Union Bank Building, Winnipee
an organization whose Directors represent 16 business bodies of Winnipeg.
face. Suddenly his eye rested upon his wheel, and hope came to him. He remembered the long curve of the rack and the short cuther again further on almost at right angles, and then continued in parallel lines. He thought o the slow progress of the freight. It was one chance in a hundred, but perhaps her, particularly as he had so much less distance to go and could get great speed on the down grade.
He was on his wheel in a moment,
riding as he had never ridden before riding as he had never ridden before At first there was a smooth stretch of
road leading to the steep hill, which threw the road at right angles to the track, and over this his wheel fairly flew. With his head bent low over the handlebars, he glanced nee his eyes upon the road, which seemed like some white, silent river flowing by him with great rapidity. It took but a moment or two to get over this road, at the speed he
was riding, but it seemed to him to be was rid
He was now on the down grade, and
although he could not see the freight he knew it was near from the presence of the cloud of thick, black smoke, which bung above its course.
He soon reached the crest of the hill.
In a moment, he thought, he could see the a moment, he thought, he coutd see stop her or not. At length the train came into view, and he saw at once hes could not hope to head it ofould be able to reach it before all the cars had passed
the place where the road curved in by the place where the
the side of the track.
As he started down the hill he put all his weight on the pedals until the pace gathering speed with at a great pace, gathering speed with each revolu
tion of the wheels. He was going so sast that when he cam speed increase instead of diminished.

Now, he is approaching the track with ightning swiftness. The road and rall which seemed like years. He raised his eyes, the train is directly ahead of him ; he whil just reach it before it passes and some of the cars.
Once more he looks down and puts all his remaining strength upon the pedals. He raises his eyes again, and finds he is
shooting along the road beside shooting along the road
freight, which is now going at good speed. He cannot hope to keep this
pace long; already the freight is gaining upon him.
A brakeman is half asleep on one of tically and tries to shout, but to his surprise his voice makes little sound, and that is drowned in the rumble of waves his hand in response, as if it were a good joke, his riding a race with the
Would he laugh, Charles thinks, if he realized that that great mass of wood
and metal, Passenger No. 5, was coming toward him with the force of a tornado? The freight is surely gaining, and they pay no attention to him. A short dis agrain; what the road and track diverge again; why
the energy of desperation, and the brake. man at last calls to a fellow brakeman to look at him. They can't seem to
make out why he should try to beat the train, when it is so hopeless a task. ment, but it is with hope for a mo other brakeman laughs, and then both wave their hands at him in token o farewell.

So Obvlous.
"Do you know," said a Sunday-school infant class. "that you have a soul?" "'Course I do"" replied the little fel I can feel it tick.

## What the World is Saying.

## Regardea as a Curiosity

Speaking of the Provincial Museum, yesterday we met a man who had never been asked to buy a town
lot in Saskatoon.-Toronto News.

## Progress in Saskatchewan

There will be 140 local option fights in Saskatch ewan this winter. By which fact we are reminde that Saskatchewan is surely growing some-Mone
tary Times. tary Times.

A Reason for Tariff Reduction
An increase of over seven million dollars in the
Customs revenue of Canada for the first seven month of the fiscal year looks like a pretty good argument
for tariff reduction.-Ottawa Free Press.

## Progress in Calgary.

The time has arrived when the number of new churches that are being established in Calgary, ex ceeds the number of new bar rooms that are being opened.-Calgary Albertan.

Another Change Due to the Auto
Another American heiress is to wed her chaffeur. The coachman used to be the favorite in this role came.-Hamilton Spectator.

## Administering an Estate.

A New York lawyer who acted as administrator of an estate valued at $\$ 7,500$ has finally turned ove 7750 to the heirs. He probably gave them that amount for the purpose of showing them that $h$ was no hog.-Chicago Record-Herald.

A Free Trader in Everything But-
Senator Melvin Jones, heaa of the Massey-Harris works, favors a broad measure of reciprocity, but ot in agricultural implements. Cobden used to tel of a hish dealer who was a free tradd
but herrings. - Prince Albert Herald.

## The Way the West Advances.

Calgary is tifth among the cities of Canada in volume of bank clearings, being over-topped by Mon treal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, and Ottawa our belt.-Calgary Herald.

## A Mania for Scribbling.

 Why will some people-old or young, we knownot-persist in that pernicious pastime of writing not-persist in that pernce the walls and pillars of
with chalk or pencil upoth inside and out.-Ottawa
our public buildings-both ins our pub
Citizen.

## Not Yet-Very Evidently

Japan wants $\$ 40,000,000$ for naval increases, "necessitated by the sheer requirements of maintaining peace." Some day civilization will find a way o maintaining peace that is not as wasteful
as war. But not yet.--St. Paul Dispatch

## An Honorable Distinction

Winnipeg stands first, and Ottawa second, among all the cities of Canada in the care of delinquen hildren. Thable distinction. Other cities not large may enter into rivalry for such a distinc tion.-Kingston Whig. $\qquad$
Score One More for Canada
Another "greatest" taken from our neighbors who are intensely fond of lig things. The highest mountain in North America is a newly-discovered peak the Mackenzie ba
Lethbridge Herald.

Port and Fort to Unite
It looks as though the rival cities of Port Apthur and Fort William will soon be united. The trouble will come when the name is being closeñ" for the
new city, one side advocating "Billarthur" and the new city, one side advocating "Bil
"Artwilliam."-Vancouver Province.

This Country's Need, London's Superfluity
London has hundreds of unemploved teacher many of them starving. (ehers. Are the resourese in the Empire not able to solve the prob

One Shipment of Gin.
One European firm of gin distillers sent Canada "Christmas" shipment of their product consisting hat an entire year's supply was not sent at once or, at the above ratio, such would seem to be sufficient to block all other shipping from the St. Law rence for the
Toronto Star.

Handwriting on the Chinese Wall.
The days of the Manchu dynasty in China are nearing an end. The throne rests entirely on Manchu ayyonets, and when a Chinese Parliament sits in ekin we may be sure that enough Chinese bayonets
will be nearby to enable the Constitutionalists to efy the armed supporters of the dynasty.-Toronto Mail and Empire.

## Apple Orchards vs. a Gin Cargo

An American physician recommends the eating of apples as a natural cure for alcoholism. Wonder ow many hundred acre orchards would be necessary in shipment, that arrived at Montreal this week?brockville Recorder

## Trial by Jury is Safety.

Trial by jury is not an infallible mode of obtaining truth. It has imperfections. But it is perhaps he best protection or moce net the surest mode of punishing guilt that has yet been discovered. It nan any other legal institution that has ever existed among men. England owes more of her grandeur, reedom and prosperity to it than to all other causes put together. In this trial it has lost nothing in
espect and dignity.-St. John (N. B.) Telegraph.

## The Inflow from Across the Line

 Canada's immigration inspection bureau expects年 when the books close for this year they will how the entrance of no less than 150,000 settlersrom this side of the line. Here is doubtless to be found a partial explanation of the extraordinary fact ound a partial explanation of the extraordinary fact ng population the past ten years.-New York Tribune.
"Didn't Know It Was Loaded."
An Ottawa paper in a headline describing a "didn't know-it-was-loaded accident, relates how the gun went off, "without the slightest warning. Apparntly some people are accustomed to a gun that ve minutes' notice, before deciding to send someone to the Kingdom Come.-Brockville Times.

The Finns and Russia's Navy. In crushing Finland, Russia is making impossible
the creation of an effective Russian army. The Finus are the only real sailors at Russia's disposal, and
they will not be very willing to serve in the nary of they will not be very willing to serve in the navy of
a tyrant power that has destroyed their national a tyrant power that has dest
liberties.-Edinburgh Scotsman.

## A Sourse of Untold Evil.

Weedmark, the Smith's Falls wife-murderer, ex Weedmark, the Smith's Falls wife-murderer, ex-
plained in his own defence that he had druink three and a half pints of whisky on the afternoon of the day before the crime was committed. He added that "there would never be any rows until there was
whiskey around."-Montreal Witness.
"Why Did We Not Go to Canada?" A party of Western Nebraska ranchers drove from their claims at the points of guns a number of home
teaders who had settled on the pasture lands. The dispossessed settlers are asking themselves, "Why did we not go to Canada."-Victoria Times.

## Canadians All.

We all recognize, be we Irish, Scotch, English, French or Welsh, that we all as Canadian- must be
united Canadians if we would realize the true destiny of our country. We must feel and apply the spirit of the slogan of Dumas' Musketeers: One for all and all for one." -Lonam Advertiser

Another Boast from the Coast.
The ovster of this continent is, beyond funh, the
innest orster in the world. It is not so miml hon that the Atlantic coast oyster was the h.in? Hial was produced; but of lato years the beds int

Pacific coast, stocked from the choicest of the At lantic brand, have produced a variety unequaled in the world, and there is little doubt that in the future witn the growth of the industry here, the Pacifi
coast oyster will easily lead in the market.-Victori Colonist.

The "Unspeakable Turk."
The latest authentic news from Macedonia remind one of Carlyle's grim epithet, "the unspeakable
Turk." It is discouraging to the sympathizers wit the Young Turkish movement that under the presen Government brutalities equal to the worst of the ol arms. Europe will not ing course of stand such practices. arms. Europe
Toronto Globe.

## Municipalities Operate Rink

Two Saskatchewan towns, Humboldt and Melville have municipally owned and operated skating rinks prairie towns, and it is important to have the rink large and well managed. The cities took action only when it was found that private parties did not come to the rescue.-Municipal Record

## In Regard to Railway Crossings

Federal legislation has pretty well settled the $r$ sponsibility of railways as to level crossings. Rai ways do not want gates that are a perpetual charge
They do not want subways for which they have to pay. Railway managers are inclined to think tha they can show small cost to their company by ob structing the traffic of the town from which thei
own business radiates. own business radiates. But business men know tha is all wrong, and it is high time that
action should be taken.-Saskatoon Phoenix.

## A Straight Tip to the Duke

The Duke of Sutherland is sending out young farmers to ready-made farms in the irrigation district of Alberta. It is to be hoped he has dropped the
idea, once held by men of his order, that the Scottish idea, once held by men of his order, that the Scottish
landlord and tenant system can be transplanted to landlord and tenant system can be transplanted to
the West. It cannot. The young Scotchman is not going to farm for the Duke when he can get a farm for himself. The experiment has been tried and ha failed.-Vancouver World.

Sighing for the Unattainable
Too bad that we were not born to-day. We ar
growing old, and will have left this earth before the conquests are complete. We would like to live to se the aerial express leave Peterborough for Toronto o Montreal. We would ake to see the mysteries of are only on the outskirts of its possibilities. But w are growing old, and must pass out and leave it all.

## A Vision of the Future

Rudyard Kipling told the members of the Win nipeg Canadian club a couple of years ago that $h$ generation translatea into brick and stone and mor tar. What of the visions of the young men of to day? There is an empire sleeping to the north o the province, and another empire rousing itself north
and northwest of kdmonton. Into what will thes visions be translated? Assuredly the young men of to-day will see the shores of Lake Winnipeg burs forth into quarries and mills, from which a fleet ships and barges will deliver heavy burdens at a lon
line of Winnipeg docks.- Morden Chronicle

## Jewish Immigration to Canad

Toronto bids fair to be one of the chief centres Jewry in Ancrica. The purchases of property in the nwer end of the Fourth Ward indicate that in five
years it will be almost as exclusively it. John's Ward is at present. We do not yet ap preciate the fact that the Jew is fast transferring his sphere of interest from Asia and Europe to Amer ica. In Paris and London, for example, but two p cent. of the people are Jews, in Berlin five, in Con 000 Jews, or over a fourth of its entire population Montreal has seven per cent., and Toronto about si. and a half. The Jew as a rule does not go far int imly three and a half per cent. of the porulation are Ony three and a half per cent. of the population ar
Inv:- Toronto and Montreal get the Jewish immi witin into Canada, because, like New York, the are great centres of cloti-werking, and the Jew is remaikably good tailor.-Toronto Telegram.


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## On Novel Reading and its Educative Value．

## By H．D．Ranns，Winnipeg．

There has been in the past－and still
remains－a strong prejucice in some
quarters against novels and novel read－ quarters against novels and novel read－
ing．Good people，whose piety no one ing，Good people，whose piety no one
would wish to dispute but whose judg－ would wish to dispute but whose judg－
ment may be open to question have
placed their ban upon the reading of placed their ban upon the reading of ists themselves suffered under the re－ strictions imposed through the prejudice
of their elders．George Eliot was，in her girlhood，forbidden by her parents to read fiction of any kind，and yet she became one of the most powerful novel－
ists of all time．To take a more mod－ ists of all time．To take a more mod－
ern instance－－in that remarkably intim－ ate piece of autobiography by Dr． ate piece of autobiography by Dr．
Edmund Gosse called＂Father and Son，＂
the the author reveals to us the horror en－
tertained by his too Puritanical father tertained by his too Puritanical father
of any work of fiction，and the conse－ quent exclusion of all such books from his reading as a youth．In some de－ gree this prejudice has been due．to product of early training and environ－ pront－but to some extent also it is certainly due to the abuse of the prac－ tice of novel－reading．Because many have read novels indiscriminately to
their hurt，and because novels of an undesirable tendency have had often a ready sale，some have condemned novels
wholesale．But to do this is to take up a position both illogical and unwise We can no more condemn＂David Cop－ novel than we can condemn the preach Ing of the late Dr．MeLaren or Dr，
Alex Whyte because there may be here Alex Whyte because there may be and less wit whose deliverances dis－ tract and unman his unfortunate hear－ ers．Let us then appreciate rightly the
best fiction，and thank God for the great best fictio
novelists．
But we may be assured that，what ever our personal attitude，the novel is a form of literature that has come to
stay．It satisfies an instinct inherent stay．It satisfies an instinct inherent
in our nature－the passion for a story That fiction is so popular is due to the persistence in grown－ups of that same persistence
instinct which leads the child to ask
ase its elders for＂a story，please．＂In our
love for novels we are but＂children of a larger growth．＂This delight in＂stor－ a larger grow existent always，and will
ies＂has been
continue with humanity to the end．The continue with humanity to the end．The
ballads and folk－tales of earlier－ages
were of the nature of stories－then were of the epic poem，telling the story of nations in the making，and the epic was followed by drama as supreme type of literature．＇ro－day the novel reigns－ el．Much of the finest writing and cer tainly a considerable amount of the most forcible social teaching of recent years has fo
in the novel．
the nove
ype of novel cannoting of the right ed as light reading．Great novels em－ body great thoughts．They drmand
attentive study not the mere cursory attentive study not the mere cursory
scanning that serves to pass an idle scanning that serves to pass an
moment．One primary reason why so many readers get so little benefit from their reading of fiction is because they
read hurriedly paying no attention to read hurriedly paying no attention to
the form or the substance of what they the form or the Consequently，when they have finished their reading they can give no intelligent account of the book，having gained no very definite impression of
its plot or purpose．Fiction certainly ts plot or purpose．Fiction certainy but any novel worth the reading has also a greater or less degree of educa
tive value tive value．
That brings us to the question．In what directions has the novel educative
value？First of all to the intelligent reader the novel gives a better under standing of humann nature．The great
novelist is a seer－one who has gazed novelist is a seer－one who has gazed
with fascination and sympathetic in－ with fascination and sympathetic in
sight on $⿴ 囗 十$ gy numerous little acts of
everyday life which go to make up the
great play great play．Having seen with his keen
and trained observation the drama of
life life as it is enacted before the eyes on
all of us，he paints his vision with faithfulness and a glow which is arrest－ ive and impressive to him who read Herein consists the wonderful power o
a Dickens or a thackeray．As we read and reread（for the appreciative reader will surely do that）our＂David Copper－
field＂or＂Vanity Fair＂we feel David field＂or＂Vanity Fair＂we feel David Copperfield and Becsy Sharp to be very
real and human so strikingly like the rest of humanity，yet we are also con－ scious that they are wondrous creatures．
When once their acquaintance has bee When once their acquaintance has been made they bulk largely in the imagina－
tion for ever．Their lordly figures strut and pass across the stage of our imagin－ ation in moments of leisured expansio and we watch theni with pleased and complacent gaze．Is not our interest
in them largely due to the fact that they are so often our＂larger selves？＂ These great characters of fiction are not men and women of a day but types which will have representatives to the
last moment of time．Who thinks，e． of Micawber as a dead type－have we not all known him in the flesh，though， maybe not of such magnificent mein as


## A Good Catch from Lake George V．

Meredith＇s masterpiece，＂The Egoist，＂ that we all knew Willoughby Patterne Willoughly Patternes！In such large characters the great novelist holds up a mirror to nature．Therefore，if，the
＂proper study of mankind is man，＂to read of these representative men（it tional creatures），to understand and to love them，will help towards a liber al education enabling us the better t understand and love our fellow men．
Again，many great novels are but
thinly disguised sermons．The story is as the sugar coating to the pill of did－ actic purpose．Many who will give the
preacher no opportunity to rebuke their sin or arouse their conscience er and perforce listen to his message The novelist thus becomes a moral in structor，and in setting forth before u wreck of character gives us a beacon ight，warning us off the perilous rocks of evil living．This is particularly true
f the novels of George Eliot who may of the novels of George Eliot，who may of evil．If we wish to find an illuatra－ tion of the inevitable result of duplic． ity and hypocrisy where，can we
better than
to
＂Romola，an an an study the character of Jito Melema in sivonarola thundered from the puipit
of the Duomo？Oi if we wish to se－ the＂expulsive power of a new affection＂ and dull mature is revived and glorified we should follow the story of Silas Mar－
ner in the novel of that name．George Eliot is emphatically a novelist to read，
her books being rich in ethically sug－ her books
gestiveness．
Further，let us look at the novel as an educative force in relation to social questions．In recent times the novel ha been much to the fore in drawing atten
tion to crying social evils，dragging tion to crying social evils，dratging
them into the light，thus revealing their ugliness and insidious power．Th most powerful foe of evili is the light，
and to turn the searchlight of naked and to turn the searchlight of nake
truth upon a grievous evil is the first step towards its destruction．Most of us as we go through life，though we have eyes，see not；though we have mind think not，and hearts，yet we feel not
Here and vnere is a man who does see who thinks and feels．Sometimes w call him pracher，sometimes prophet， often novelist．When our novelist has seen his vision and unburdened his soul
we catch his burning indignation and we catch his burning indignation and
scorn，our hearts are stirred，and so ref ormative action is born．Was it not so with Harriet Beecher Stowe＇s＂Uncle Tom＇s Cabin，＂which inspired a great
republic in the combatting and overcom－ ing of a vast social evil？On this same continent，but of our own time，we have a conspicuous instance of the so cial novel in Upton
Jungle．＂In England a
novelist of seri－ ous＂social＂purpose is Richard White－ ing，with his great and moving nove Yellow Van＂，Street，＂and also＂The former of these novels draws vivialy our attention to the glaring contrasts of life in the great
world metropolis，＂the most miserable the most melancholy opposites，the
the haves and the have－nots，the edu－
cated and the ignorant，the rulers and the ruled．＂＂The Yellow Van＂shows u not t．e life ot the overcrowded metrop
olis but the sequestered life of rural England，where squire and parson reig supreme．Again we have a study
glaring contrasts，and we are made to realize what the land problem means to these novels have made many men think， investigate，and bestir themselves to
help on the fight for social reform says the writer in his preface to＂No John Street＂：＂Why should the great causes which stir so much the passion
of pity on one side，the sense of wrong on the other，be shut out of romantic iterature－democracy，the cause of ou ge，above all？Why，indeed！
ness is that so often by the faithful and vivid pen of the writer we are enabled to appreciate the life lived in countries
distant to our own．Certain localities and countries have an intimate place in
our minds，and we seem to know their opography though our feet never were et on their land．The reason is that ne who has known and loved these very spirit and genius of them，and in his writing has conveyed their＂atmos－ phere＂to＇s．so that we feel we have them．So by our reading is the country＂of our mind thus enlarged ook made more cosmopolitan．Is it not a delightful ching that without the be transplanted than anocher land，and
if our powers of concentration be grea enough，can live through the scenes， depiets？Even if this be the only kind of＂travelling＂our purses will allow，w need not be totally unacquainted with
the life of other countries The of other coun ries．
The last form of the novel＇s educa－ attention is the insight which we gain rom many great novels into phases of history．Phases of history which th
regular historian has necessarily to regular historian has necessarily to des orate，and we understand more com－ pletely the genesis，the development and the outcome of particular events
There is no lack of rich historical There is no lack of rich historical fic
tion in our language－we need onl mention our language－we names of Walted only
meot Dickens＂＂Barnaby Rudge＂and＂Tale o Two Cities，＂Thackeray＇s＂Esmond，＂
Kingsley＇s＂Westward Ho！＂and＂H patia，＂and in our own day such novel ists as Sir A．Conan Doyle and Sir Gilbert Parker．For one who will read some ponderous and pretentious tom on an historical heme there are－
thousand who will eagerly read the his torical novel，which quickens thair im gination in regard to the times in which the events described took place and the novelist succeeds in enlisting where the duller orthodox historian fails．So with reference to historical knowledge the novelist serves mankind
In these various ways does the nore ossess educative value；is it not there fore well that we treat novel－readin as a serious part of our general culture nd read win due care such novels a tend to interest instruct and inspir

## Looking for the Numbe

following story I heard in the There was a very clever and bright little boy once gazing anxiously on the table．His mother passed through the
rom several times，and the boy was room several times，and the boy was still looking on the table．＂What are
you looking at，Willie？＂his mother you lo．
asked．
＂That，mother，＂he replied，pointing on the table．
＂But I can
＂But I can＇t see anything，＂she said．
So Willie picked up a hair and held it in his fingers．

## The Prodigal Son

He was a young local preacher，filled giving a sermon the other evenng on the return of the prodigal son．
＂Yes．dear friends，＂he said ＂Yes，dear friends，＂，he said，＂You
see how this young man＇s father greeted see how this young man＇s father greeted
him－he killed the fatted calf．The hatted calf which had been in the family for years and years．＂

Then he
tion smiled

## Tact． <br> ct．

For nine long years he had been woo－ ing the fair daughter of the farm． ＂Jennie，＂he mused，as they sat by the
old mill wheel，I read the other day that in a thousand years the lakes of Kil－ larney will dry up．＂ ＂Jennie eclutched his arm excitedly． ＂What＇s the matter，lass？＂ ＂Why，as you promised to take me
there on the honeymoon，don＇t you there on the honeymoon，don＇t you
think we＇d better be a little careful that
they don＇t dry up before we get they don＇t dry up before we get
there？＂ N．B．－Within a month the wedding－
bells rang in the vill
hy his congrega－

Not on the Map．
＂You say you left home on the tenth？＂ ＂Yes，sir．＂replied the witness．
＂And came back on the 25 th？＂
＂What were you doing in the inter
＂Never was in sucli a place．＂

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## Household Suggestions.

## Making Mincemeat.

I can see a kitchen table,
white as white can be,
And three as white can be,
And three wide-eyed wistful youngsters
standing round it I can see
Oh, the tables piled with good
There are currants in a bowl,
There are currants washed and drying,
and six hands beyond control, Six hands that grab for raisins
currants, and once more
I see mother making mincement as she used to do of yore.

I can hear her sweetly saying, "Now, you children mustn't touch;
Not another raisin for you
ready had too much."
ready had too much."
can see the almonds blanching ${ }^{\text {© }}$ in hot
-water at her side;
I can see the candied
sugar hard and dried;
can see a $l$ nd now reaching for
Yes, other raisin fine;
mother's making mincemeat, and
But I awake now from my dreaming, and I sit and sadly sigh,
or the grey hair at my temple tells me
And the Christmas seaso
not mean the self-same nearing does
For there is no dear old mother, and
there are no little boys
To slyly pil
of yore,
When mothe
hen mother made her minern
our lives lay all before

Early Christmas Preparations in the Kitchen.

The last of Nevember and the first of December are none too early for the busy housekeeper to begin her Chirst. mas cooking. Not the actual cooking a great aeal of pleasure in quietly doing litcle day by day for the great event nd in the end having a perfect mea About the first thing to be made is the fruit cake, which should be out of the way at least by the first, week in December, and be in the cake ean or
jar ripening. Bake by any reliabe recipe, and store in a cold, dry place for the
great day. Mince meat is better made great day. Mince meat, is better made
some weeks in advance of the great day, and the specked apples can be thus
worked up in leisurely fashion. No mince pies need be baked until the holi ays, but if the mince meat is all read arly, the housekeeper will find it Enceat help.
etting ready by persuading them to pick out quantities of nut meats, and have them stored a way in self sealing jars. There is nothing in the world so meats add richness to the creamy ondant which every housekeeper should now how to make. Select a bright, tions to the letter, and you will have some of the best sweets in the world for he Christmas feast. Plain walnut taffy hickory nut fudge, cream dates, peanut be manufactured in the home kitchen, provided everything is not left till the
last minute. A hurried, worried candy ast minute. A hurri
maker is sure to fail.
Bread for dressing for the turkey may be carefully saved and dried, the herb for seasoning pulverized and placed in a convenient place, the menu yritten out fruits for the centre piece carrefully se ruits or the centre piece carefully se
lected and placed in a cold place so the will not shrivel, the celery protected in a special way to furnish the pretty,
white leaves so necessary for the table the little pot of parsley coaxed into fine foliage in the sumny window for garnish ing and a dozel and one other tasks ac complisher
the holida
It makes the Chri-tmas season last
longer to beyin in time. and it also
makes it more enjoyable. The family preparations begin in time and there will be time and opportunity to help others thriftly count the bountiful store the in her kitchen, and no Christmas can be perfect without that spirit.

Plum pudding hot, plum pudding cold, Plum pudding in the pot nine days old I like it in the pot nine days old.

## Plum Puddiny.

One and one-half pounds of raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of suet, one pound of candied citron or any other
candied fruit, five eggs (the whites and candied fruit, five eggs (the whites and
yolks beaten, separatey), one pound of yolks beaten, separatey), one pound of
sugar, two nutmegs, two teaspoonfuls of ginger, one and one-half cupfuls of milk, one teaspoonful of salt and one pound of grated bread crumbs. Dredge all the
fruit with flour, and add of a pound of sifted flour, one and onehalf pounds chopped apples, two ounces blanched almonds (chopped), and one lemon. Mix well, and fill pudidng molds,
allowing room for the mixture to rise allowing room for the mixture to rise,
then boil continuously for five These puddings can be made weeks before they are wanted. They must be steamed f
be eaten.

English Plum Pudding.
Stone one pound of raisins, wash and ry a pound of currants and put in a
deep basin. Add one and a half pounds of finely chopped beef suet, three-quar ters of a pound of brown sugar, two ounces of candied lemon peel, two ounces
of orange peel, two ounces of citron one teaspoon of salt, one and a quarte cups of flour, one teaspoon of grated nut meg and one cup of bread crumbs Moisten with eight well-beaten eggs, the
juice of a lemon and half a cup of milk English plum pudding, according to the old rule, is stirred till the spoon will stand upright in it, then it is left cover d over night in a cold place. Early on floured pudding cloth, leaving room t swell, and is boiled briskly for five hours
in a deep kettle. If the water leaves off boiling for a minute, the pudding will be which is its prerogative. Send it to the table with a sprig of holly stuck in top and brandy poured over it. Just before
serving, scatter a few plumped raising serving, seatter a few plumped r
about the base of the pudding.

Canadian Plum Pudding
One and a half pounds of raisins urrants, one-half pounds of mixed peel, hree-fourths pound of bread crumb:
three-fourths pound of Chree-fourths pound of suet (chopped brandy, one-fourth pound of almond chop part and reserve a few to orna-
ment pudding) spices to taste, not forretting one trasponful of salt. Mix
thoronghl. dropping in egys one by one horoughly, dropping in eggs one by one
hoil six hours. without stopping, in a
nould, or tied in a cloth.


A String of Beauties from Lake George V.

Extra Nice Plum Pudding.
One and one-fourth pounds of beef suet, one-half pound of freshly made
bread crumbs, three ounces of
dried cherries, three ounces of figs cut into small pieces, three ounces of pastry flour, one-half pound of stoned and chopped half pounds of washed and dried currants, four ounces of Valencia almonds (blanched and chopped), three-fourths pound of brown sugar, one-half pound
of mixed peel chopped, three-fourths popund of apples chopped, two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, four tablespoonfuls of ground rice, one-half of a grated nut-
meg, two teaspoonfuls of baking powmeg, two teaspoonfuls of baking pow-
der, one teaspoonful of salt, five eggs well beaten, one-half cup of molasses, one wineglassful of brandy
Mix these ingredients well together in a basin, then tie them up tightly in a with flour and brown sugar. Put it into boiling water and boil for about twelve hours. Or the pudding may be boiled
in a mold, in which case the mold should in a mold, in which case the mold should
be buttered and then dusted over inside with any course brown sugar, the inWredients put in and a cloth tied over. When the pudding is cooked, turn it
out, dust it over with castor sugar and out, dust it over with castor sugar and
serve with caramel, hard or brandy sauce.-Mrs. O. B. Marshall.

## Sauces for Extra Nice Plum Pudding

Caramel: Put one-half cup of water
and one cup of sugar into a saucepan
boil until the mixture is a very dark
ght eggs, one and a quarter teaspoonfal cinnamon $1 / 2$ teaspoonful cloves, $1 / 2$ teaone cup sour cream, one nutme soda, pint brandy, half pound almonds, flour to mix properly.

## Christmas Candies.

Who could imagine a Chrismas with want to imagine it?
Yet the
candies are a serious item in get good ones, and you don't want the cheap sort. Better make them at home, not only for yourself but also for Christ
mas presents. You need have no lack of variety, but I would recommend your concentrating your attention upon two or three kinds cookery is not the simple thing some persons think; it requires judgment and experience as much as any other kind family and intimate friends before the reckon on them as Christmas pres yo and won't put off making them until a day or two before Christmas. Have wa and you may trust to their keeping To those made by the confectioner preferable to the so-called candies ar dies, and I aceordingly give more spac to them.

Sea Foam Fudge (Chocolate)
Put over the fire in a clean saucepan cupful of water and a third of a cupful of grated chocolate and boil withou stirring until it spins a thread from the white of an egg; pour the boiling mix ture upon it and stir until it begins stiffen. Drop from a spoon on wax pa per in little bon bons or pour into
greased pan before it begins to stiffe and mark into squares or diamonds with $a$ buttered knife.

Sea Foam Fudge (Nut)
Put into a saucepan three cupfuls of ight-brown sugar, a cupful of cold Bring this to the boil gradually and do not stir after it is once heated. Boil steadily and when a little of it dropped into cold water forms a hard ball tak it from the fire. Beat stiff the whites of
two eggs and when the syrup has stopped bubbling pour it on these and beat well. Well it begins to stiffen, flavor
with one teaspoonful of vanilla and add with one teaspoonful of vanilla and add cupful of chopped nut kernels-hick paper or turn into a greased pan and mark off in squares or triangles.

## Peanut Brittle

Boil together a cupful of brown sugar ne of molasses, two tablespoonfuls When a little of the syrup is brittle i ropped in cold water, add a cupful o peanuts from which the inner skins hav een removed. Take from the fire, sti olved in a little cold water, beat well and turn into greased pans.

## Popcorn Balls.

Make some old-fashioned molasses candy and just before taking from the fire stir in enough popeorn to thicken minute set stirring the mixture for a minute set the kettle at the side of the large spoonful and lay each on greased arge spoonful and lay each on greased
paper or a greased tin. As it hardens oll ach spoonful into a ball, greasing hands well first, and roll each bali over and ower in freshly popped corn un-
til this ceases to adhere to the surface. "rap in waxed paper.

Taffy.
Sugar. two cupfuls: butter, one tablepoontul: vinegar half a tablespoonful; ater. a cupful and a half. Boil the butter, vinegar and water until
itons sufficiently when tried in cold

Three-quarters of a pound of butter
one pound brown sugar. two pound me pound brown sugar, two pound. rasins, one and al halt pounds currants.
one pound dates, mire pound figs half
pound mixed poel. half cul molanco.
brown, then add one teaspoonful
butter and one-half arrowroot dissolved in one cup water and cook till clear.
Brandy:
Brandy: Put into a saucepan the
yolks of two and the white of one egr yolks of two and the white of one egg
one tablespoonful of fine white sugar ne-half wineglassful of brandy, one
tablespoonful of warm water Stand the pan in bolling water and whip briskly will four to six minutes, when the sauc and is ready for use. This sauce should not be prepared until just before servimpossible to keep it warm without mpossible to keep it warm withou
continuing the cooking process.

Mince-Meat for Two Pies.
Chop fine half a pound of cold roasted chopped, a pound of seeded raisisis, and orange peel mixed, half a pound o clean currants, one pound of apples,
peeled, quartered and chopped, a lerel teaspoonful of ground cimmamon, half a
teaspoonful of cloves, same of allspice teaspoonful of cloves, same of allspice
and four tablespoonfuls of sugar. Mix and four tablespoonfuls of sugar.
thoroughly thoroughty and add sufce to make the
juice or cider or grape juice toter
desired consistency. The mixture is im. desired consistencs. The mavture is in. yacker-crumb) at

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## Canada's Crops.


#### Abstract

The census office issues today a bul- letin on the crops of Canada as prepared letin on the crops of anada as prepared from reports made up to the end of October. The closing months of the year give good reports for nearly all of the field good reports of the Dominion. Potatoes alone crops indicate partial failure, and in all the provinces there are complaints of rot provinces there are complaints of rot in the fields and in the heaps for winter in the fields and in the heaps for winter storage. The area is 503.262 acres and storage. The area the estimated yield $74,048,000$ bushels, being an average of about 147 bushels per acre, which is nearly uniform for all the provinces. The quality is 84.42 per cent. Turnips and other field roots per cent. Turnips and other field roots show a quality of 88.57 , a yield per and acre of 402 bushels and a total yield of $95,267,000$ bushels for a crop of 236,622 $95,267,000$ bushels for a crop of 236,622 acres. Hay and clover are computed acres. Hay and clover are computed for $8,515,400$ acres and a yield per acre for 1.82 tons. The quality is 90.45 per of 15 and the total yield $15,497,000$ tons cent and the total yield $15,497,000$ tons. Fodder corn has an estimated vield per Fodder corn has an estimated yield per acre of 9.38 tons, which upon an area of 271,960 acres gives a product of $2,551,000$ tons. Sugar beets are grown 2,551,000 tons. Sugar beets are grown most extensively in Ontario and Alberta most extensively in Ontario and Alberta where they supply roots for three sugar where they supply roots for three sugar factories. The area in crop this year factories. The area in crop this year is 16,000 acres, which is a substantial 




The Margin of Culltivation and Prosperity.

## By A. Percy Chew, Winnipeg.

The general prosperity of the Can- $\mid$ sufferings of the poor are due to their adian people at the present time is un- ignorance and incompetence, while on of other people's. The great problems they themselves enjoy are the just reof other peoppe countries clamor so in- ward of their own high qualities. Even sistently for solution,--the problem, of
if lus theory were sound, which is to
une unemployment, clild-labor, poverty, etc..
are here almost unknown. This is apt $\begin{aligned} & \text { say the least a matter for doubt, there } \\ & \text { would still remain the question of a }\end{aligned}$ are here almost unknown. This is apt
to hould still remain the question one effect not altogether desir-
man's duty to nis fellows, which can
naver able. It tends to make the people self- never be held discharged while condi. The complacent and indifferent to the suf- such as 1 am about to ction, largely from ferings of others not so fortunately in in wriungs of Mr. Charles Edward Rustell the average well-fed, confortable Canadian something of the almost in describable misery constantly endured
by the women chain-makers of Cradley by the women chain-makers of Cradley lieath, England, he is very lable ti
shrug his shoulders and ask why the women are so foolith as to marry menh
that cannot. do not emigrate.
This stath of is quite mureasonclined to think that in some catere it i the result of repeated efforts to still
the voice of conscience. Since Dar win's doctrim conscience. Since Dar istence gaid into New York, was effected. One of the comfortath.
held the
of the slum-dwellers wa
buy their coal by the "pail formation of the "trust"
nine cents: afterwards it rose to eleven This apparently insignificant increase was the direct cause of much suffering
to the poor of New-York. As Mr. Rusto the poor of New -ork. As Mr. Rus like a normal income will regard a dif ference of two cents as a small matter
But to the inhabitants of the East side But to the inhabitants of the East side
it was a very serious thing. Even a nine cents, warmth had been a luxury not to be extravagantly indulged in. At eleven, it was beyond the reach of many. Some pitiful incidents took place on account of this rise in the price of coal. In order to keep expenses down and yet not be entirely deprived of heat, one
family took the lids off the kitchen stove family took the lids off the kitchen stove by the escaping gas as they slept. An old lady who up to that time had managed to scrape along by doing needle
vork for the sweat hops found the extra two cents above her slender means. She died of cold and hunger
The number that in America alone thus live constantly on the verge of
starvation may conservatively be estimated at many hundreds of thousands. And it will not do for us to say that all their misfortunes are to be referred to their intemperance and idleness. That
argument would hold good only if it could be shown that their intemperance was the cause, and not an effect of their poverty, and if it could be proved that
 prospenty and peace. So long as the
free land remained the labor market was wimparatively favorablesto all workers, wing to the perpetual tendency of exmargin. This tendency, of course, affected the supply of labor power favor-,
ably (considered from the wage workers) ably (considered from the wage workers'
standpoint) and their wages for that reatandpoint) and their wages for that rea-
son were somewhat higher than otherwise would have been the case. (As every one knows, wages are regulated
by the law of supply and demand). Byt the law of supply and demand).
But how land is all taken up and But now the land is all taken up and
there is no longer an outlet for surplus labor, the tide of prosperity, at least for the wage earners, begins to ebb. The
labor market becomes glutted; there labor market becomes glutted; there
arises the nucleus of the future Army of Enemployed. Naturally, the first to suffer by une changed conditions are the unskilled and the least efficient, and this very obvious fact has lent some color o the comfortable theory before men-
tined. It is now argued that these unfortunates, as a matter of fact, are unfit to survive anyway; they are unem-
ployable, you know, and must soon ployable, you know, and must soon erish in the never-ending struggle for
existence. But when the unemployed problem becomes curonic, as is already the case in most European countries and in the United States, this argument
of the Pharisees falls at once. It is at once seen that the unemployed are by no means composed en'irely of "inefficients." In them are thousands of skilled, thoroughly competent producers.


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the opportunity to work is always open to them. No one will assert that it is.
It is a known fact that alout two million people in the United States are always unemployed.
Since we are aware that this state of affairs does not exist in Canada, it might de well to enquire the reason. The enWe need not seek the cause in the superior qualities of Canadians; human-
ity is much the same everywhere. It is ity is much the same everywhere.
due to the existence in this country of what the economists call a "margin of cultivation." It is like this: When men first begin to fill up a country as a rule
they occupy the most accessible and desirable land first. As the population increases the cultivated area naturally expands, of course diminishing minersely
the amount of unoccupied land. This the amount of unoccupied land. This frontier and, unused, unoccupied, and
free to all, is called the "margin of cultivation." The effect of the existence of this free land is to provide the laborer that can-
not find other emplorment with a final nosfurce. He has the alternative of applying his power to labor to the virgin
soil. If he is entirely without modern means of production, his life on the margin of cultivation will at first be little
superior to the life of a savage; but since nature, though reluctant is not unkind, he need never lack the bare
nocessities of existence; the horror of neressities of existence; the horror of

This condition of things is the fault This condition of things is the faut of result of the present system. And if I say that to me it - - pears certain that canhappiness, I hope I shall not be ac unhapp of being possessed of a spirit of
cused gloomy pessimism. I try to call atten
tion to the unmistakable evils of the tion to the unmistakable evils of the
present day world because I believe that present day world because hand, a day when the welfare of mankind shall be a consideration of greater moment than the mere production of goods. Do yon
doubt that today it is production first -man afterwards? It is a fact that the United States Government would not pass a really effective Pure Food
Law because of the bad effect such Law because of the bad effect such
law would have on business. Mean while, all manner of abominations con tinue to be eaten. I have said that we cannot properly fix the blame for social wrongs on an
dividuals. The Southern cotton manu facturer, for instance, employs child-
labor. He has tiny mites of five and labor. He has tiny mites of five an six years of age wonng for him an
day long in the unhealthy atmosphe day hong in the unhealthy atmospher
of the mills. The facts are well attest of and beyond dispute. Do you imagine That the manufacturer is alone responss
the for this heartless crime? The truth We for this heartless crime? The trut
is that competition obnges him to emis that competition obnges him to em
!loy child-labor or go out of busines. Tlie cotton consumers of the world de Mand cheap, cotton, and for the produc
tinn of cotton of the required cheapnes tion of witton of the required cheapnes
dhild labor is essential. If a particula

| Profit, there are others not so scrupulous | done, the end is not, then far away; for |
| :--- | :--- | that will. He can do no good by refus-

ing to pistory proves that the sentiment of
the great mass of the people has ever would not keep one child away from the $\begin{aligned} & \text { been on the side of mercy and benevo- } \\ & \text { lence and equitable dealing between man }\end{aligned}$ We absolve individuals then, from responsibility. But we do not absolve society. On the contrary, we desire to convict societ or welfare of all but favored few. The collective conscience must be aroused before any real betterment is to be hoped for; if this can be well worth while fight, the object is well worth while


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Night. wine Night. Hold a sweetness divine; And seeds,
and the ree And the roots and the re
All know the earth sings of wonderful thingsOf plenteous feasts
And delights manifold!

The desert tribes sleep,
Yet their wind-blown te Yet their wind-blown tents As the worshippers speed; Dream that Love is the creed Of the Little New King
And every glad thing;
(Dream naught of the thorn,

Outworn Mary sleeps,
Yet the child on her breast, Like a little weak lamb Against its warm damDoth still sweetly wake For His Great Kingdom's sake Wake to guard the and
The Holy Christ-Child.

> Christmas
Greetings.

This will be the last issue
of the Western Home Monthly before Christ. mas, and the editor inin the middle of Novem ber, and wants it to be made ChristChristmas enthusiasm so long ahead, especially this year, when the autumn has been so mild that it does not seem possible that Christmas can be so near zine reaches my readers for suggestions as to the making of Christmas presents, and it will not be at all too late to purchase books as gifts, and I have
thought that it would perhaps be both useful and interesting to women in the useful and interesting to women in the
country districts and smaller towns to know of books that are suitable for Christmas gifts.
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One which reached me
very recently and which
New Book.
very recently and which
Wild" by Archie P. Mc-
a brother of Jean Blewett, whose verses are familar to almost all western readers. This book will be of very special interest to people from Ontario,
as it deals with the heavily wooded districts in the south, along Lake Ontario -districts where the hickory and the
walnut trees grew in the old days. It walnut trees grew in the old days. It
is a beautiful tale, exquisitely told, and is a beautiful tale, exquisitely told, and
evidently the brother has much of the same poetic temperament as the sister. same pescription of woodland life and
His das passionate love of young McTavish
then the passionate love of young McTavealing thing of its kind that I have read the Ancient Woods." You can smell the odor of ...e upturned dead leaves as you read the book, and the hittle scene in the
first chapter where the red squirrels make war on their big brothers, the blacks, will recall familiar incidents to all those who, in their childhood, roamed
the woods of old Ontario. The book is the woods of old Ontario. The book is ing illustration of the heroine, Gloss.

Many Westerners will be interested to know that Mary Markwell (Mrs. Kate
Simpson Hayes) has a new book of rerse out for Christmas. It is called verse out for in the Yukon and Other
"Derby Day in thated Songs of the Northland." I have not
had time to read it, but opened on this bit "T could not sing unless mps song had in "I could not sals the thoughts that in me
rise unle-: my hart had been a rise unlow my hart had been a
broken thing.

Why is it that the voice of song so
holds music till the heart hath bled?
"Why should we find most fair and far
off fields by thorny by-paths led? But if this little weakling song of mine might ca
ing soul,
Most gladly would
"And smiling, drink the lees left in the Thowl." book is issued by the Musson nook co. cover a group of husky dogs, the horses of the Yukon.
A book that will prove interesting to the west is "The Land of his Fathers" by A. J. Dawson. The text of this book is based on Rudyard Kipling's poem:
"I am the land of their fathers, "In me the virtus stays,
"I will bring back my children, "After many days.
"Scent of smoke in the evening "The hours, the days and the seasons, "Order their souls aright.
"Till I make plain the meaning "Of all my thousand years,
Till I fill their hearts with knowledge
"While I fill their "While I fill their eyes with tears." Mr. Dawson is an ardent Imperialis and visited Canada some 18 months ago, Winnipeg branches of the Canadian Club In this book he has attempted to show
the debt of the colonies to the Motherland, and has paid Canada the compli ment of suggesting that Canadians atner than Australians are the type of men and women best calculated to
deal with the terrible question of the unemployed poor in the old land, as they have less leaning toward socialism than the Australians, and are not so con-
servative as the people of the home land, servative as the people of the home land,
and above all, they are most strongly and above all, they are most strongly
impressed with the icea that giving people money is of little use unless you teach them how to make money and give them the opportunity of making it
for themselves. The book is impossible in many respects, but the idea running through it is a fine one and it is well
written. There is a rather charming written. There is a rather charming
love story in it, which helps to lighten what would
sombre tale.
"A Year out of a Life" by Mary Waller, the author of the "Wood Carver of ismpus is one of the new books that have not seen it, from the little sketch of it I read in a recent magazine, it is quite as charming as the book whioh brought such pleasure last year. There
is also a beautiful special edition of "The is also a beautiful special e"
Woc. ${ }^{\text {arver of Lympus." }}$

The author of "The Rejuvenation of
Aunt Mary" has another book out"Yout Mary" has another book out-
"Yild and Mine," which is quite as fascinating as "Aunt Mary." By the way, if anyone has the opportunity of
seeing aunt Mary" plaved, they should certainly not let it go by. The book is charming; the play is even more so
An author that we have not heard rom for a long time, Marietta Holly, is Childrens' Rights." This book is as quaint and forceful as any of its predecessors from the same author, and in her homely phraseology she gives some
sound advice about the right of children, and bespeaks for them from their parents the fair dealings and courtesy they would show to their equals in age.

I don't think there has ever been a Christmas with a greater profusion of that have become almost classics. The
publishers seem to have vied with each

Winnipeg, December, 1910.
other this year in the matter of il. lustration, printing and binding, and this books. There are all the old favorites and many, many new ones being offiered. may be obtained from either J. A. Hart \& Co. or Russell, Lang \& Co., of Winnipeg, if they hoses. One book which is not new but which Jane of Kentucky", by Elizabeth Calvert Hall. It is a series of reminiscent aketches, and the one called "Sally
anne Experience" is quite sufficient Amn'semperience the whole price of the book.

Sorel Club of Winnipeg were And The fortunate enouga, during R.N.W.M.P.
onel Steele as a speaker, and he gave us a delightful iour of reminiscences, one of which
dealt specially with the debut of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police at Edwas no man in the corps over 25 except the Colonel, and he was under 30. There are probably in the west both. men and
women who remember the famous ball of Edmonton, when, from that seemingpeople were gathered together at the new fort of the Police and the old fort of the Hudson's Bay Co., and spent three never -to-be-forgotten days.
As I sat iistening to the Colonel's talk, I could not help tuinking how much the Royal Northwest Mounted Police meant
and had meant to the women of the Canadian West. Wherever one of their it has been a sure sign of help in difficulty and protection always. There is an old saying that every woman loves a truth in it, but if the women of Canada did not love and respect the red coats; of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, cears ago, after that terrible winter 1907, when there was shortage of fuel all over the west, when the country lay ling was almost at a standstill, I met met
with a woman, the wife of a homestend with a woman, the wife of a homestend er in one the the remote parts of Sas-
katchewan. I asked her if she had suffered during that winter, and she told me that they had had very little fuel,
that wey had run almost entirely out of provisions, that her husband was sick was an old country woman, wholly un accustomed to pioneer life, and they had not a neighoor within 35 miles. previous autumn, and with characteristic old country reserve, had, I could
see, rathur turned down the overtures see, rathur turned down the overtures
of friendliness from the people in the nearest railway town, little dreaming
that a knowledge of just where the were located might mean a difference be tween life and death to them in the When they were almost at the end of their resources, she said she was looking had scraped clear of frost in the window, and she saw, coming across the absolute ly trackless waste a man on a horse. A every step the horse went down almos
to his belly, and still they struggled on to his belly, and still they struggled on. proved to be a trooper of the Police. He saw to his horse first, putting him inyoke of tretched here shily growing thinyoke of oxen were daily growing thin
ner, and before he had stopped to talk or anything else, he went to a bluff, nearly a quarter of a mile away and
cut some wood to replenish their fire. She asked him how he came to find them, and he told her that the Saskatchewan
Government had furnished the Police with the names and the quarter sections of homesteaders in remote districts and they had been sent out on patrole to
round up every homesteader. He had made inquiries at the little town 35 or 40 miles away, but had not been able
to get any word about them, as no one spemed to know whether they, had
stayed on their homestead or not, but
on the off-chance of anyone being in
distress, he had ridden through the un-
broken snow and the bitter cold, to make
sure sure. she said, and I did not wonder that
her vooice "As long as I live, I shall never forget that day and $I$ shall never see a police uniform without feeling that there is a
friend inside it," riend inside it." That is only just one
incident that might be multipied by the thousand, of the work done by these men; and without meaning the slightest disrespect to either churches or mission-
ries, the Canadian west owes more ries, the Canadian west owes more to than to any other single influence that has been brought to bear upon its development. No other new country has a record so free from border roughness
and lawlessness. No other country has and lawlessness. No other country has Canadian West.
As Colonel Steele rightly said, British
law and British justice preceded the law and British justice preceded the ettlers into the wilderness, and he
might have added, British fatherly care for its sons and daughters was admirably represented by the corps of which the distinguishéd head the distinguishéd head.

## Electing Officers.

From now until the end
of January, women's or-
ganizations will be hold
ing annual meetings and
electing new officers. I have attended a great
$\qquad$ 1 meetings for all kinds of nd one of the things which has struck me particularly about the election of of cers in women's societies and clubs is owed, far too frequently, to prevail over that of common sense. Officers for ny organization, no matter how small of may be, should be elected on account required to fill. In men's clubs and societies, sentiment does not seem to enter. They may, and frequently do, elect
fficers who are not of the best, but it officers who are not of the best, but it
is far oftener for some mercenary motive than it is because of the fith of nen, on the other hand they are so afraid of hurting the feelings of Mrs. mith or Mrs. Jones, that they will not continue in office women who are totally unfit for the office, and who will not
take the smallest trouble to post themtake the smallest trouble to post them-
selves on what they should do; and when selves on what they should do; and when
called to order for some serious breacn of parliamentary procedure, laugh and say they did not know anthing about t, seeming to be wholly oblivious to the mpertinence of wasting the time
score or a hundred busy women. core or a hundred
I think there is more time wasted by the disorderly conduct of women's public meetings, or perhaps I should say, the unbusiness-like conduct of public mee ${ }^{+}$ ings, than woundith charity and philan thropy which remains undone because no one has time to do it.
A president should be elected who is capable of presiding. That is her duty
and no really sensiuse woman would be hurt at being passed over if she is at all aware of her own deficiencies in this
espect. Another fatal habit about wo respect. Another fatal habit about wo
men is to make rules and regulations men is to make rule motive of interest or sentiment, wholly to ignore them. There was a most amusing instance of this in
Winnipeg recently, when a society which Winnipeg recently, when a society whic had a special by- the executive absent from three consecutive meetings withou sufficient excuse should cease to hold of
fice. The members of the executive had fice. The members of the executive ha been singularly flagrant but when one business-like member suggested that the rule be enforced and these members dropped from the executive, she was calm y informed by the president that o onforced it, because, you know, it would hurt the ladies' feelings. As a matte had been almost impossible to get to gether a working quorum of the exe ings must not be hurt, had so little respect for the feelings and so little re
gard for the time of other members that

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evers of grey and white squirrel, lined to the waist with mercerette, revers of grey and whe self and tabs of silk military braid ; strapping of self on sleeve forms a cuff, colors blue, brown or green. See cut of when ordering. 404604-Misses
selling at $\$ 7.50$.

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a application. See cut of this coat above.

Break an ounce of sheet gelatine and soak in one-half cup of cold water for
two hours. Weigh one pound of grat lated sugar and put in granite sanuce pan with one-half cup of cod wate place over the fire, and when the sugar
is dissolved and comes to a boiling is dissolved and comes to a boiling point.
add the soaked gelatine. Boil for twentty minutes. Flavor with the rind and juice of one lemon and one orange, and one tablespoonful of rum or whisky
Wet a tin in cold water and turn mixture in, having it about an inch thick. Put away to harden, then cut into inch square pieces, and roll these in con-
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some time to harden, sometimes some time to harden, sometimes two
days, but is most delicious.

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## Steele Briggs Seed Co. Limited

 Winnipegand made no apology.

I wonder how many of Canadian my readers could name Women In women writers, with th names of the books which ery glad to see that the Canadian Cen very glad is devoting space to this subject In a recent issue Ethel Kirk has a charmingly illustrated sketch, which inludes Helen Merrill, Jeanne Graham, Virna Sheard, Catherine Hale, Agnes
Laut (who, by the way, has a new book on the market), Nellie McClung (who is oing to Eastern Canada on a month's rip, to give readings from her own ooks), Jeanne Blewett, Isabel McKay, Valancy Crawford. These are only a few of the Canadian women writers. The
list is being added to daily, and I think ist is being added to daily, and I thin
it is almost time that more space was
given to this in our public schools. Both given to this in our public schools. Both
the boys and the girls growing up shoul be made familiar with not only th names but the work of the people wh are slowly but surely
literature for Canada.
I am more than glad to re-
Women's that that the meetings
thave been addressed
Meetings. by Miss Juniper and Miss
Kennedy have been a great
sucess. Miss Juniper, I
know, is very much encouraged by the
cordial reception tendered to her by the
women of Manitoba. I would be very
clad if any of my women readers who
have had the pleasure of attending any
of tnese meetings would write me a brief
acount of the impression made upon
hem by the gathering they attended.

From Russell comes the report that 200 women gathered to listen to the talks
on household, science and home conon household, science and hirtle, Morris
veniences. At Minnedosa, Ber and Carman they were equally enthus iastic, though at some points the num bers were not so great. Surely among
those women there were some reader those women there were some read and
of the Western Home Monthly, and though I know all women will be bus from now till after Christmas, still it would not take long to write a ver
short letter, and if we could have a num hort letter, and if we. could have a num ary issue, it would be of great interest. In order to get them in for the Januar number, it would be necessary for the
to reach me by December 15 at th reach me by December
latest. Will not some of my readers be good to me in this respect, and write? do not want merely a description of the
meeting; I want to know how it af meeting; I want to know how it af
fected you, whether it was the kind of fected you, whether for, whether you meeting you hoped for, whet can sug-
found it helpful, whether you
gest anything whereby similar meetings gest anything whereby similar meeting
in the future could be made more help ful to the women who attend
While I am on the subject of women's
meetings, let me say that the Management of the Agricultural College at Winnipeg are making arrangements for a big gathering of women at the time of the February Convention, and at that
meeting it will be decided what these women's clubs through the country are to be called-whether they will be
known as institutes or clubs or house known as institutes or clubs or house-
hold science societies. Let me remind hold science societies. Let me remind
you also of the horticultural meeting to you also of the horticultura meeting to
be held at that time, under the auspices of the Western Horticultural and Forestry Society. Do not forget my request
for suggestions along this line, or the names and addresses in your own district, of women who are making a spec
ialty of flowers, vegetables or trees. conclusion, I hope that all my reader will have the very merriest of old time Christmas days.

## A Useful Gift.

Piece-bags which suggest their contents may be made as follows: For the white pieces make a bag of white cotton
or muslin; for the woolen pieces, a bag of outing flannel; a gingham bag will suggest colored wash goods; a bag of and one of silk good for pieces of lining, bags may be hung from hooks, in either the sewing room closet or the
storeroom, and much hunting will be avoided by adopting this systemwill be avoid.
atic method.

## The Care of the Sink

The care of the kitchen sink may not sound much like a holiday topic, but it is one of the things which, if disre-
garded, will cause serious trouble unnecessary expense. Many wome
und who are scrupulously neat about other things have filthy sinks in their kitchens They will not allow a particle of dus
on the parlor table, but the grease on the parior table, but the grease may
be inches thick under the edges of the sink. It all comes from carelessnes I rented a furnished house once from a I washed the dishes I mappened to da my hand under the edge of the sink The grease had collected and the woor rotted, until it was positive filth. It is not enough to wash the sink out each
day with a rag and water. Brush the day with a rag and water. Brush th
edges with a small whisk broom and boiling soap suds, to which borax has been added. Of course you have a sieve in the corner of your sink, but that
does not prevent the small particles of grease getting into the pipe, stiffening there and causing you great inconvenience. Now that the cold weather is here, especial care should be taken, since
the grease will coagulate so much quicker.
Washing soda dissolved in boilin water will cut the grease in .the pipes If you use a washing soda on wash day,
it is a good plan to pour the boili it is a good plan to pour the boiling
water into the sink, since it cleanses water int
the pipes.




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## The Young Woman and Her Problem.

By Pearl Richmond Hamilton

Young women have told me lately that during the Christmas season ther
pocket books are drained so much that pocket books are drained so mear to catch up. I am sorry that so many regard Christmas
in the light of commercialism. The in tre Christmas spirit should manifest itself in the exchange of love and kindness and not in the barter of costly of untold selfishness when the gifts are valued in dollars and cents. One young woman I know realized this and las year she wrote the money they would spend on her presents, for gifts to the spenfortunaie or poor. This girl every Christmas received nearly one hundred presents, many of which were costly. I am sure she experienced the genuine gifts and spent ner money for the needy. We should gua d
Chrismas disposition Chrismas disposition.
I read of another young woman who
realized a growing selfisl realized a growing selfishness and she
invited her friends to spend an at. her home. She asked each one to bring an envelope containing each one to for the present they intended giving her. During the evening she explained her feeling of selfishness every Christmas and amount she would gived in envelopes friends present. Then they all decided to send the contents of the envelopes to a hospital. I am sure they all spent a happy Christmas.
I know a girl
Know a girl who grieved all Christmas day because her presents wer
so expensive as those of a fyiend.
When thinking of your presents, compare or contrast them with those received by friends less fortunate than you are. Too many think of those more
fortunate. It is a mistake. I thme our yule-tide would be happier if we would spend it blessing the poor.
I was deeply impressed last year with the expression of genuine Christmas spirit among our people generally. For
weeks people worked hard for money to bring Christmas to the poor children and grown people alike thought of the
suffering. In the churches, instead of suffering. In the churches, instead of
buying presents for the children in the buying presents for the children in the
Sunday schools, these very children planned and worked to buy presents and food and clothing for the poor. The ketties on the streets were filled
with big silver pieces and bills, and not with big silver pieces and bins, and
with coppers and five cent pieces. filled Somehow the whole city was filled
with the true Christmas spirit. It was with the true Christmas spirit. It was our hearts. We are celebrating the birthto glorify His birthday, we must have Christ in our hearts.
May every one of my readers bless others in their giving and thus enjoy a

COMMERCIALIZED PHILANTHROPY. Last week a young woman made this
remark in my hearing. "I am tired of seeing wealthy men and women give largely to church and charity. I am a week. I here are many others working with me and our employers take our
blood money for charity. Why do they not use it in $\mathrm{g}_{\mathrm{v}} \mathrm{g} \mathrm{g}$ us an opportunity to wake an honest living? They run in every corner and then make landsome donations to culiercular hospitals." Philanthropy means benevolence toward
the whole human family. It means the whole human. family. It means
readmess to do good to all-it is universal good will love of mankind.
It might be well for the pall employer who is planning a liberal
charitable charitable gift to consider his own estal,
lishment and use some of his Christma, lishment and use some of his Christma*
mothey for the improvement of condi-

THE COUNTRY BOY. Sometimes I feel that young men in of unrest among country for that spirit ates a desire to go to the city. Young
girls that cre
when are tidy and rule like young men who and manner. Young men often do not ealize this and then they wonder why they are turned down for the city fel ow. Young women cann be criticized mire them for it. One dear little coun try girl said to me the other day: "Why love the country and I want to live at home but I just cannot endure the rudeboys. Why they drive us to the city!" It is true that their work requires untidy dress but when they are dressed
up for social affairs they should ber up for social affairs they should be very
careful is they wish to keep the girl from going to the city.

## THE ONLY GIRL

One young woman writes me that she says there are other towns in the west with only one or two young women.
She asks me to solve the social problem I think tuat the women in these towns. should plan evenings for the improve It would be the means of saving men
It young men from the evils and tempta tions that entice them.
Our great west is
Our great west is increasing its popu
lation very rapidly and this condition lation very rapidy
will not exist long. The young woman in our western town has a rare opportunity. She is rivalry, and when she is the only one her character will in a large measure
influence the standard for ideal womanhood. The young men will regard her as the ideal type. If she be beautifully womanly, their idea of the young woman in general will be high.
Let her put forth every effort to be wortny of true admiration. Let he en deavor to make the life of the town
more wholesome.

## APPLICATIONS.

Girls need to be diplomatic when ap plying for positions. for a position last month and when she was told the salary she said to the employer: "Yours must be a very small business to pay so little
salary to a stenographer." The employ salary to a stenographer." The employ
er showed her the door. She did not approach him diplomatically. That same position was given oo another girl at an
increase of ten dollars a month. ncrease of ten dollars a month.
Many young women spend weeks and Many young women spend weeks and
weeks seeking work when they themselves are at fault for their failure. A girl who, in a plain, neat business dress, applies in a manner that suggests con
sideration and ambition is quite sure sideration and ambition is quite sure Employers as a rule are not half so heartless as they appear. The young
woman must have a strength about he woman must have a strength about he at all times to advance the interests of at all times
her employer.

## BE FIRM.

How we all admire girls who are firm enough to say "I will or "I will not!" in the way of lack of determination. Before the marriage of King Alfonso it had been planned among royalty that When the subject was mentioned her she exclaimed: "I will not!" She was firm about it too. The more he she was in her decision. She was scold she was in her decision. She was scold
ed and lectured but she still saad "I will
not!" She did not as the world knows.
Some Florence Lightingale gives one an idea

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of her strong will. She loved her cousin Willian shore and he loved her. As their church canon forbade them $t$ mar-
 mained single until his death. The Angel of Crimea waited patiently for the messenger that has recently taken her to
her lover. This pathetic instance of earthly love suggests firm determination as well as constancy.
A girl must be strong enough and firm enough to say "yes" or "no," and to have a will of her own. It may clash with
our ideas but we admire her for her our ineas but we ad
strength of decision.

## THE TWO SIDES.

The following illustrates the fact that there are two sles to every question: He was engaging a new stenographer,
and he bit off his words and hurled them
at her in a way to frighten any ordinary girl out of her wits.
"Munch chocolates?" he asked
"No, sir."
"Talk slang
"No, sir."
"Make ey
not busy !
"Know ho
'cat' and 'dog' correctly ?"
"Gossip through the dozen times a day?"
"No, sir."
"Usually tell the office staff how much the firm owes, and all the
vate business you learn?"
"No, sir."
He was thinking of something else to
He was thinking of something else $t$
ask her; when she inserted a spoke in th ask her, when she inserted a

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"Smoke cheap cigars when you're dic "ting ?" she sked
"Why er-no he gasped. "Take it out of the poor stenographer
when you when you ha
off worst?"
"Certainly
"Certainly no-not!"
"Throw things about and swear when
business is bad?"
" N -never."
"Go for your employees when they get hung up on the elevated in the morn ing?" "No, indeed."
"Think you know enough about punctuation and grammer to appreciate a good stengrapher when you get one?"
"I-I think so"" "I-I think so."
Want me to go to work,
time worth so little that-"
"Look here!" he broke in, entuusiastially; "kindly hang up your things and
let's get at these letters."

## CHRISTMAS CONSIDERATION.

Women who employ domestic help are responsible for more than they realize
One evening I saw a girl stand outside of the kitchen door for an hour or more talking to a young man. I did not blame the girl. There was no place in
the home where she had the privilege of the home where she had the privilege of
entertaining her company. Perhaps the next evening the young man would pro-
vide a place for entertaining her. You know our public parks are really public parlors. The story of the life of many girls would be different if women who
employed girls would take pains to guard them from temptation. Many of our servant girls are here from a foreign
land They are away from parents and land. They are away from parents and
friends. When we take young girls into our homes as helpers we owe them something more than wages. We owe them love. If we refuse to give that love we are responsible for their fail-
ure or downfall. A good Christmas conure or downfall. A good Christmas con-
sideration would be the spreading of sideration woul love and kindness that marks the life of Him whose birthday we are now celebrating. It is love and indness we need to give our helpers
during the whole year and this Cliristmas season is a good time to begin the love-gift.
The continual changing of faces of the thousands to whom she is nothing,
the hard, self-centeredness of every one the hard, self-centeredness of every one,
give the strange girl a sense of black give the strange gir a sense of black
loneliness that pierces to the very marrow of her spirit.
Young women must have some one to
confide in. Psychologists tell us of certain types of nervous disorders produced by suppressed emotions, they tell us
that "things of the inner life demand to find, turn back upon the inner self and work ruin to the nervous system." Let cus Christmas season be spent in
thoughtful reflection on things that will thoughtful reflection on things that will
spread the gospel of love and kindness spread the gospel of love and kindness among the young women in our midst.
Let us be real friends-genuine and true. One writer says: "Some friends are like pins-they have their good points, but they will stick you if they
get a chance." Let us study the meanget a chance. Let us study the mean-
ing of true friendship and thus spread Christmas love throughout the entire year. Let us fill the lives of others with peace-peace on earth and good
will toward young women.

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Newest Odors have delicate frag-
rance which is remarkably lasting.
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one of the rare scent of the white heather tipped with morning dew, from Scotia's
hills. It is a most exquisite perfume of hills. It is a most exquisite perfume of
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## The Garden of Dreams.

The wild rose has closed up her blossoms The night wind blows softly and lowStirring the leaves of the poplars,
And birds twitter dreamy and slow And birds twitter dreamy and slow.
Fold up your sorrows, Earth's children, Fold up your sorrows, Earth's childre Walk among lilies and roses, And linger by murmuring streams. The pale moon has tinted with glory This beautiful world 'neath the star Upward the soul looks, in rapture, Lay off your burdens so weighty, Enter the slumber canoe Glide o'er sleep's river, so golden To gardens a-glitter with dew. rows a veil of enclantAnd drapes the grim phantoms of Noiselessly moveth the dream-god Where sweet-scented dream flower Float on oblivion's water Leaving old earth's weary pain; Sleep! Mother Nature is waiting, To cuddle her children again.

## The Rank and File of God

By S. Jean Walker, Neepawa.
Every toiler in the forest, every hand that plies the oar,
Every miner delving deeply, every work er on the shore:
One by one are m
one in daily plod,
arg forward, one by Mighty force, strong, unresisting, is this ra
Every wise and patient builder, every
tiller of the soil, Every act of commo en's humble toil; Honestly performed and
pelled by slavish rod
Noble band of rod, rank and file for God
Hewing wood or drawing water, in the Glady mart or mill; following th Master's will
Then will life be all enobled, angel hand will then record,
rank and file of God.
Grimy hands of honest labor, let none In the place where God hath placed thee In the place where God hath
let thy acts thy life adorn
let thy acts thy life adorn.
Work and sing while onward marchin tho', the world may ne'er applaud. rank and file of God.

## To the Lily.

By M. Andrew, Crandall, Man. Pure as the purest flowers,
Fairer by far than any rose Fairer by far than any roses: Grander than any posies
Fairest of all things fair,
Thou art fit for kings or a palace, And this, though great, is not all. You givest life to the dying,
And you gladden aching heart And you gladden aching hearts;
You are like a message from Jesus, You are like a message from Jesus,
And his mercy your kindness imparts. May you live in the light of God's sunshine
And grow in the places most fair;
you remind us of (cod and His good ness.
And show us His loving care.

## The Changing Time.

M. A. Stone-Mundare The wind is rustling in the poplars Breezes softly touch the grass;
Purple haze hangs round the hilltop: Summer whispers, "Let me pass." Leaves of golden brown and crimso From the trees are falling fast: As we watchedyher Summer passed. Kot a leaf is left to cover
Rugged branches, brown and bare. at the snow comes down in kindness,
And 'there's ice, King Winter's here.

## Scotch Column.

Conducted by William Wye Smith, S cottish expert on standard dictionary and translator of "New Testament in Braid Scots," etc.

She dwells upon the braeside She dwells upon the braeside,
Where the bonny bluebell blows Aboon the mossy burnside, Where the Kirtle Water flows.

Her lauch rings clear and merry And her sweet sangs charm the air; Her reid lips shame the cherry,
And the sunlicht gilds her hair.

0 bonny are the bluebells,
That on the braeside blow
But, lassie on the hillside,
Thou'rt the fairest flower I know.
Breck it! An ill custom or a gude
A winkin' cat's no aye blin'.
Daylicht'll peep through a sma" hole.
He weel may soom whase heid is haud en up.
Hame's a hamely word.
To blaw in the stour, and fill his ain een.

He's whiles in the air, but ye're aye on the grun'.
Driest wud will soonest lowe.
Ilka man kens where his ain sair lies.
Roller skating, which has been the "rage" for two or three years, is said to "Rinks" are for sale and "companies" wound up.
Everybody doés not come to Canada! The other day, in Glasgow, some youths The parting had evidently been a sorrowful one, so much so that the intending emigrant had "ta'en the gee," for, at a
theatre in the evening, the first person the lads met, at the end of the performance, was the "emigrant."

Gladstone once began a speech in Scoltand by say sang, "As my blood is
Sentirely scottish,", and then proceeded. entirely Scottish," and then proceeded.
His son, Herbert Gladstone, lately Home Secretary, is now the first GovernorBefore going to his destination he ac cepted a peerage, under the title of
"Viscount $G$ Gladstone, of the County of Lanark." Now lords generally name Now lords generally name ne"
themselves after their estates, but Lord Gladstone, who is not a great landed proprietor, describes himself as of "The County of Lanark," the home of his im-
mediate ancestors. The people of Lanmediate ancestors. The p.
arkslire are proud of him.

A doctor, a friend of mine, after rehurning from a visit to the oland said to me, "There is one thing I learned that you dare not criticise or say any-
thing concerning, excep oo praise; and those concerning, excep names are William Wallace ohn Knox and Robert Burns. Mines they have placed on the hirghest
possible pedestal of admiration."
And it is quite
 eneral principle is also quite true
that it does a people good to have In the United States it is much the same as in Sentland. They have had two great presidents - Washington and
Lincoln-and now they have added men will be proud to say that they have men will he proud to say that they have
shaken laands with Roosevelt or heard
him seak.

1 monument has been placed in Stew artwwn churchyard. Ayrshire. over the
graw of Robert Burns and his son. Iohn
Birwin,
was unveied in September in the pres. ence of a large and interested assem
hlagoe Mrs. Andrew Carnegie has presented to the town of Dumferine, in Fifessire,
the house in which Cure the house in which Carnegie was born,
with some land adjoining. There are many houses in Scotiand for tourists to visit and in days to come this will be
one of them.



 but he daurna say onything aboot it." songs
Whose echoes still are ringing; The valley where the shepherd heard His deathless "Skylark" singing. Gray nocks, with mosses hoary, But seems to babble to the air The burden of its story.

The Rev. D. Gibb Mitchell has been for the last three or four years giving an occasional sermon in "Braid Scots." He
once told me about it in a letter, and once told me about it in a letter, and
said he used my "Braid Scots" version said he New Testament for his Scripture
of the New Readings on such occasions. In Glasgow on one occasion he had a great gathering.
In London nobody has yet preached in In London nobody has yet preached in
broad Scotch, but there are often Gaelic broad Scotch, but there are oflen
sermons, and these are very largely atsernded. Mr. Mitchell is getting out a,
series of Nine Sermons in Braid Scots," series of Nine Sermons in Braid Scots,"
at "two and sixpence." His address is at "two and sixpence." His address is
Davidson's Mains, Midlothian, Scotland. A late Edinburgh paper says of his latest sermon in Scots: "On Sunday evening the Rev. D. Gibb Mitchell, Gramond Unitchurch at Davidson's Mains a touching sermon in 'Braid Scots' on 'The Wumman at the Waal Heid.' In the course of his sermon, Mr. Mitchell said: There's nane here but wad hae gien Him cup o' caurd water. There's nane here
but wad hae likit the chance to ser' Him. It's no' water noo He wants, but hertsfolk that turn thir back on earth a' lo'e
Him. Winna ye come? He is the Christ Him. Winna ye come? He is the Christ.
He wants ye. Dinna lat yir sinfu' past He wants ye. Dinna at yir sinfu' past
haud ye back. Speir Him the nicht. Let us a,mak' Him gled-an', tell Him we'll lo'e Him as lang as we've breath-till
the sod hap us ower in oor hinmaist the so
sleep.'
The Flowers are bonnie, the trees are green, tha fair to the wery
een, . And the wanderer's heart is lanely. The strangers are singin' the fields And the strains are borne on the breeze alang;
But Oh! for the lilt o, an auld hame But oh! for the lilt o' an auld han
sang
for the wanderer's heart is lanely. For the wanderewilliam Thompson.
$\qquad$
Carlyle-isms.-Who level down to their own level; and no lower. It is singular
how long the rotten will hola together, how long the rotten will hola together,
provided you do not handle it too roughly. A lie cannot endure for ever. Seldom had man such a talent for borowing. Whisk off your head in a wink
ing, and you have no pain. Instincts, lich are truer than their thoughts. There, whosoeve
ging or stealing. $\qquad$
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Reports from Perthshire and district give the information that the honey har-
vest, especially in the heather districts, yest, especially in the heather
is very disappointing this year.
cintamen are pleased to remark th


Archbishop of York are Scotsmen. And York, was also a Scotsman, of an Ayr shire family. His grandfather, who wa Robert Burns when an infant, in 1759.

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Attention in Scotland, and also in England, is directed just now to the man-
ufacture of beetroot sugar Twenty mil lions sterling is now sent abroad by Great Britain for sugar, and it is argue
that this money could be kept at hom by establishing 500 factories for beet root sugar, and that 100,000 men woul thus find employment. And further that the waste pulp would furnish
mense material for manuring land.

Long as the cottar by his ingle-neuk Book, And to his bairns, with reverential air,
Reads from its page, and closes all with prayer-
peads page, and whistles at the plow. or mavis sings upon the hawthor Long as the daisy decks the mountain's side.
The name of Burns for ever must abid - Robert Innes.

The first mention of a coach in Scotland was in 1598, and they became gen aloot the time of Mary, Queen of Scots Potatoes were generally planted about 1760. The first umbrella was in
gow, 1782. Bicycles came in 1870 .

Rev. Mr. Colville, an old time Presby terian minister, said people ought to be lieve resistance to be unlawfu-for th sake of peace. But he wanted kings an
authorities to believe it lawful-tha authorities
they might govern accordingly.
"Rise, Geordie!" said an industrious farmer in the Mearns to his herd on morning. "Rise, Geordie! the sun is up long ago," "It's time till him," retorted Geordie yawning and rubbing his eyes, "He wasna

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real height of the hero
, Ahy teod iste", hwes the reply. "Just
st he tailor measured hin
"You have a grand prospect here," said some tourists to a ahepherd in the Hiph
lands, who was lying prone on a ligigh
"Ou, aye," lazily replied the rustic.
"You'll be able to see America from
hereot out farer than that,
They thought now they had got a sim , pleton and asked "fow far is that $q$ " "Ou, just wait a wee," said,
"There!" said an irate minister, as his "man" cut his chin in shaving him, "that's the effect of whiskey!"
Ay," said John, apologetically, "it maks the skin vera tenner!’
There's many a man of the Cameron Clan That has foll
field
He has sworn to support him, or die by his side,
For a Cameron never can yield For a Cameron never can yield.
hear the pibroch sounding, sounding, I hear the pibroch sounding, sound glen; Dhile light - springing
trampling the heath
trampling the heath--
'Tis the march of the Cameron men!

## But Once a Year.

To see the way that you're built? Oh, Would you like it yourself, old clap? As I sad before, I don't think Trd like

cozy, to my way of thinking, in the little bootns which spring up, like so many mushrooms, along the curb a week or
two before Christmas, and disappear immeautely afterwards, as if a giant had stepped on them and crushed them back
into the earth. I make a tour of them every year, and every year I see a host of old friends, who bow to me very courteously from the narrow shelves. There is the doll whose porcelain hair pleasing pink and white complexion give pleasing pink and white comples, just be-
place abruptly, alas, to canvas low the neck line. I do not know to this day why the small china calves and
feet with boots painted on them, at feet with boots painted on them, at
tached to her limp legs, are apparently made for a lady of one third her size, but I am always glad to see her, now that I am quite over my first shock at
seeing her dressed only in a short calico seeing her dressed only in a short calico
shirt. There is the lamb who stands up shirt. There is the lamb who stands upsomething between a whistle and a bark every time this is pressed down. Ther
is the tea set, each article fitted into its proper slit in a sheet of pasteboard; its proper slit in a sheet of pasteboard;
but the tea pot has no hole through the
spout, and the vender ought to be arspout, and the vender ought to be ar-
rested for obtaining money under false rested for obtaining money under false pretence. There is a whole family of
pear shaped ladies and gentlemen in a box, wno, on receiving a violent blow on the side of the head, rock to and fro as if in convulsions of merriment, but can
never be induced to lie down and keep never be induce to lie down and keep
quiet. And, finally, there is a battalion of soldiers posted on something which is half like a section of latticed fence and half like a pair of scissors. When you open the scissors these warriors
execute an entirely impossible manoeuver with an accuracy that shames the science of West Point. One and all they are my friends, and none shall say augh $\underset{\text { But your } \mathrm{n}}{\text { against them. }}$ are not decorous. They do not stay on slelves and in boxes. They run about the sidewalks and get under my feet, and I dislike them. They are a disrepu
lot, as is proved by the following:

A little man of tin, who played a violin,
Loved a wobbly little maiden with a Loved a w
broom,
And he said, her aside " If you'd like
And he said to her, aside, "If you'd like I know a chap who'd like to be a groom!
She smiled a smiled a silly smile, and she blushed and giggled, while
zeal
Wection of the walk

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& \text { section of the walk } \\
& \text { s cleared of papers and banana } \\
& \text { peel. }
\end{aligned}
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As he wooed her in this wise, to his hor ror and surprise,
Antlo a bottle in his hand, who was har
ly fit to stand:
Hed been drinking, it is greauy to be
He was bold as bold co
me manner was so free
The fiddler with a dignity supurb,
Was about to say "Depart!" when the Was about to say "Depart!" when the
idol of his heart idol of his heart
Went sliding with his rival off the curb!
They fell, the little fools, into two adjacent pools.
And their state

It stirred the vendor's blood. Ther were so besmeared with mud ? That neither of the two was fit to sell. If you see that man of tin, with his
silent violin, Standing motionless on any treet in town,
Pray recall this little tale, and I think you cannot fail
To see what makes him look so mitch To see what makes him look so mich
run down!

From the sidewalk autumata to the
Christmas candy shop is but the proverChristmas candy shop is but the prover-
bial step from the ridiculous to the sublity, whose I be wought a child of ranFrench confections and hand painted boxes, let me say at once that my favor-
ite shop is one where the most imposing ite shop is one where the most imposing
attractions are canes and baskets of red
and white peppermint, and that my af rections are about equally divided at this
season between lemon elephants and nottoes with paper caps inside.
There is something about a lemon ephant which I have never been able resist. The first one I ever saw was given to my only sister Arabella, one hristmas, when she was scarcely larger han her son, my sturdy nephew, is to and one can readily appreciate that in miscellaneous gathering of gumdrops nd chocolate creams a lemon elephant vould naturally sline like a star of the
first llagnitude. There was no help fo irst ingnitude. frere was no help for
i. I was fated from the first to steal that elephant. Steal him I did, and, be ween fear and rapture, licked him cov ertly all day, till, one by one, his fea
ures-aye, even his limbs-melted re-ures-aye, even his limbs-metucd re is lowest terms, as it were, he be came a mere lemon drop like any
and I replaced him in the box.
I will not dwell upon the sequel. My father had a single slipper, survivor of an ancient pair, which was used for
nothing else. And $I$ am sure that, unseen, the spirit of the lemon elephant rinned at me and
icked love company.
But the evil was already done, the venom had entered my system, and from that day on I have never been able to out having the tenth commandment fall, shattered to atoms, about my ears. Concerning those mottoes, I yield allegiance to the old fashioned variety This is covered with silver paper, hel
together by a little paster, on which is printed the name of the cap to be found within-"Athena," Amazon," "Jockey," sometimes "Dunce" or "Fool." To this prospect of discharging a Springfield rifle cuan at a sudden summons to pul the cracker in such a motto! Of course one finds trinkets, jewelry, Heave the principle is all wrong. A motto is motto, a trinket is a trinket, and the two are about as well suited to go hand in hand as and candied pine
But the slip of paper with the verse printed upon it-that, after all, is the
cream of the whole affair. Oh, Angela Appleby-Angela Ames it is now, since you married my old friend Bob-do you
remember how in the days of the tintypes and the dancing class, when I loved
you tenderly, you tenderly, embarrassment held me tongue tied, and you had never known
my passion had it not been for these my passion had same slips of paper?

The rose is red, the violet blue.
Sugar is sweet, and so are you!
There with a touch of realistic flower life thro
a word.

When this you see
So the humble swain called your attention to himself.

Wealth and pomp and fashion I would gladly spurn,
You would but return
There, with a touch of realistic flower I think it is not hard to understand why I have a strange little thrill yet whenever it comes to opening a motto.
Shall we stop at the poultry shop on Shall we stop at the poultry shop on
our way home and have a look at the fat fowls? I do-always. Revenge is sweet.
Here, hanging side by side, are the cock that a woke me at sunrise in September, the hen that dashed across the road and
terrified my horses into spasms, the terrified my horses into spasms, the
guinea fowl that said I know not what from a near-by fence when first I tried my hand at golf, and the turkey that
swaliowed the ring I dropped upon the lawn. Where is their buoyance now? mowerer, let bygones be bygones. De
mortuis nihil nisi bonum. Tomorrow we
will eat our bird stuffed and browned. with roasted chestnuts and apple sauce. and no doubt we shall forgive him free
ly all his former failings.
After our stroll we are home
last, by the fireside, near to the tal
clock, which, at ten minutes past ten, seems to be indulging in a giant yawn, ith its hands stretched upward in the arm of a bige vove the little tongues of flame, leaping nd dancing over the logs, a throng of ittle sparks are elbowing each other in he cake soot of the chimney back.
Little people going to church," as I was "ittle people going, to church," as I was
wont to call them, I refuse to say how many years ago, they vanish one by one through some invisible sanctuary portal. But we cannot stay to see them come orth again when their prayers are said
t is Christmas Eve, and there is work to be done.
They are hanging in a row, three of them, expectancy in every stitch. That and heel, is Elsie's, and I'm sure I haven't the faintest idea how I am ex pected to get this doll into such cramped quarters. She must sit on the floor, no more room in the stocking than will uffice for the jumping jack. He seems nappropriate for Elsie, but I'm quite sure I'm right about him, because I had
to tell her how to spell his name when to tell her how to spell his name
she was writing to one $S$. Claus The next one is John's, and, upon my word, this red ball goes into it as if it had been made to fit-and the effect is
as if John had the stocking on! What as if John had the stocking on! What
surdy legs he has, the sprat, and what leagues they cover every day! Suppose -ah, suppose that patter patter on wile tairs and through the hall were to be ushed! Should I then be able to writ in peace, do you tnink? Nay, let the laurels, my good sirg, and I will take
John! Till morning his soldiers shall sleep beside morning his soldiers shal the box, for ventilation's sake, and one of them standing up for sentinel among his fellows, because it is never well to leave a camp unguarded. It is your last John assumes command and such cam paigns will follow as will, I fear, leave few of you unscathed.
Donald's stocking next-or is it Donald's after all? Why, it was but yester-
day that his was as small as is Elsie's day that How the boy grows! In with th knife and the new 'watch, then! God bless him-he's a man already.
There's a tap at the study door. I must have been dream ing.
It is Jimmy, the janitor's boy, and "Please sir, mother's made you a pin cushion and here it is, sir, with a Merry Curistmas.
A Merry
A Merry Christmas! And it's close
upon eleven. Then I have been dream. upon eleven.
ing!
"You're up late, Jim. Oh, helping with the tree for the babies? So they are to have a tree. Well, let us see what Ex pectancy and I have managed to pick up
for them on our stroll. Three bags of candies, made of net, so that every
goody can be seen-a box of blocksgoody can be seen-a box of blocks-
wooden soldiers-peppermint canes-a doll; and here's a dollar, Jim, to buy
something for yourself. And so good somethin
night.
Step by step the minute hand of the tall clock goes round the circle of the final hour, like a good householder in-
specting his premises before retiring. Ah, Expectancy, your time is growing short now, dear companion. Your hand, and then good-by till next year, when we shall make our rounds again in
search of the shreds and patches of old search of the shreds and patches of old
fashioned Christmas which yet remain in the nooks and crannies of this workaday woru of ours.
One-two-three-midnight already!
Now for my candle-and a Merry Christ. mas to you all, good people!
In the heart of the embers there's a glow
of gone Decembers,
(ileamings of dreamings of old things And, in places, graces of dear dead faces In a vision Elysian of the long ago. And its peal rock and reel to the Hush! There it sounds, running riot Ting! goes the clock, and the dream's

## A Stirring Christmas Message.

From the Principal of Westminster Hall, Vancouver.

It is now three vears since I came from the Commercial Metropolis of Can ada to make my home in the last West.

During these three years, I have crossed and recrossed the country many times and have seen the greater part of the four Provinces that make up thie
West. Each time I have looked upon those almost boundless fields, they filled me with reverent awe as in imagination I have heard the tramp of unborn millions yet to call uem home.

The present readers of the Western Home Monthly are the pioneers of a great host, the Canadians of the future. Theirs is a unique distinction. What ever may come in the future years, there can be only one set of pioneers. They more than evil. Though they are from many lands and of many tongues, they are to be followed by still more diverse multitudes. But if the great principles which have made Britain what she is or ob-
erved, out of these many kindreds and tribes and tongues will be evolved one people, greater and richer than any yet known, because of the very wealth of National types of which it is composed. This, result can only come at the price f eternal vigilance and whole hearted endeavor on the part of one and all. the national well being is the mark of British Civilization. An Englishman's home is his castle. And if Canada is to be truly great she must strive after the same high distinction. We can only be a really great nation if each citizen is as great as he can be. This puts every man on his honor. He is a partner in
the great company of citizens which make the nation. His vote is the mightiest thing he can possess. It is his share in the making of the nation. To trifle with


REV. JOHN MACKAY, D.D.
Principal, Westminster Hall, Vancouver.
it is a crime. To sell it is to confess himself a traitor to his trust; and to do incalculable injury to himself and his country
It takes thought and effort to cast a ballot wisely, but the making of a great nation is surely worth the best effort we can give. He who trifles with his vote, onght to lose it. He is no longer fit to be a citizen. An purpose whatever ought and to society. He who buys another's vote for any purpose whatever ought to spend the rest of his days in penitentiary. He has no right at large in a
free country, which he is doing his best to destroy. He is the breeder of free country, which
Intelligent, self-sacrificing citizenship is the only foundation for a stable nation.
Its laws ought to spring out of the best life and be the expression of the highest thought of made ought to be reverenced as the recorded conscience of ef nation. Disregard of law, whatever momentary advantages it may seem to bring, can only end in anarchy and national disaster rantages it may seem tocure, human honor and human life are safe, only where law is rigidly enforced. Camada has a proud pre-eminence in that regard. If we would keep it, those who come to us, must at once loarn \%o mpunished, be the offender rich or poor, weak or powerful, and that tamper
Nif with justice will receive demands intelligence of a high order and the great attention being paicl to educationd is every province argues well for the future. We mu. baid to education is every province arger whatever source, and no hoary old sur,er-
face, with steady eye, new light from whe
 'entrench itself among us.

Education must not be alone to make us better money makers, but better
better citizens of Canada and of the Kingdom of God.
As Christmastide turns our thoughts back to the old homes we have left, whe quickens sacred memorien- of bye-rone days, may it carry our heart- of, mind mer own we will be, ber

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## The Dear Old Farm.

Viola B. Garrison, St. Sebastian, P.Q I have wandered away from the farm To the city so far away,
I had heard of its wonderful charm Where the people are lively and gay They said there was work for all
In this city of bustle and roar, In this city of bustle and roar, Where dollars seem to come at a call
Though the people keep calling for more.
have been here a year and a day But have not found what I soughit My dreams have all fown away Or else have amounted to naught. Tonight I long for some task
On the dear old farm as of And the duties that mother would From her wayward girl once more. Of this strife and tumult I'm weary And how my head does ache When I think of the home so cheery Till my poor heart is ready to break. Oh mother I yearn for a rest
In your loving arms again,
With my head lying on your breast And you soothing all of my pain. They can talk of the buzz and whirl And joy and pleasure of city life, Wut they are not for the country gir Fere I back on the dear old farm Ind saw mother smiling and fair Of the city with all its glare.

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## Original Plans.

Prepared especially for the Western Home Monthly, by V. W. Horwood Architect. Winnipeg.
" 0 , winter, ruler of the inverted year I love thee, all unlovely as thou seemest And dreaded as thou art!"

Thomson wrote these words but looking at this attractive ittle farm house winter should, hot the cheery grate fire thing. It suge life within. It is a home, and has all the comforts which the name implies. Shelter, adaptation to all needs, a restful refuge when the days work is over, and an inspiration to the tired
mind. The situation of a house of this character should be, if possible, on rising ground with a poplar bluff relieving the bareness of the prairie and giving a
sense of shelter and color. The poplars sere small trees and cling together for are small trees and cling together tor be
mutual support. They are not to despised as on a lonely prairie they have a charm in color and shape that many prouder trees cannot boast.
I have taken field stone as the basis of the design, laid roughly with large joints well raised out, giving a rustic effect, and with the diffcrent hues of the stones
making a delightful combination. The making a delightful combination. The
sides and roof alone are stained a dark brown, weathered in appearance. Outside the sash are painted white. The veranda shingled and stained, with the outside doors built of planes with latch. This is not expensive as the iron hinges can be made by any blacksmit and the doors by the carpenter. Stain the doors a weathered moss green. with The plan shows a living-room with
conservatory off; a dining-room which
can be opened into the living-room; kitcaen, pantry and outside entrance to basement. The stair hall has a large
landing and window and going upstairs landing and window and going upstath
there are three bed-rooms and a baththere are three bed-rooms with closets of them. The basement has a hot air furnace and is divided into coal storage, fuel bins, vegetable bins, etc.
The hall could be pancled to the ceiling with 1 " $x 5$ " fir boards covering the joint with a $1^{\prime \prime} \times 2^{\prime \prime}$ strip, making a simple but effective panelled wall, stained a brown. The living-room and din-
ing room burlapped up about $54^{\prime \prime}$ and mg room burlapped up about jf and a plate rail above. In decorating these rooms it is well to take into consideration the point of the compass they face. When northern exposures. the color-
ing should be warm; southern, colder and less light. The fireplace in livingroom to be of most service should be bricks with a simple shelf over it. The
curtains in living-room to be heavy tapestry material.

## At the Spring.

By Lilian Leveridge, Coe Hill, Ont.
ver through the burning summers, and the winters white and chill,
ever resting, never failing, flows the spring beneath the hill.
Crystal clear, its rippled waters, silverCrystal clear, its rippled; waters, siver-
sweet, its happy song;
Murmured melodies of child days; far-
off days that lingered long.
remember when the viol
round its mossy brink round its mossy brink; hen the wild things of the woodlan When the tall trees traced their shadows. golden-edged upon the rill, nd the breezes unseen fing
the pattern at their will.

I remember the cicadas shrilling in the highest tree
And I wondered as I listened what that strange, long note could me from the wood: vo.ies calling to In a sweet and unknown language that I never understood.
very day new wonders waited; every introd path could please. from the leafy trees. here was wonder in the wind songs, there was wonder full of wonder, all the hours were golden hours.
remember how the blue sky just above me seemed so near
and I thought perhaps the angels smiled and beckoned to me there.
how I, dreamed the far-of future treasured some sweet thing for me. Long I sat and wondered, wondered what
the waiting joy could be.

Now the wild things come no longer to the woodland spring to drink; But the tame things of the pasture
quench their thirst around the brink quench their thirst around the brink
till the rippling waters murmur what is past and what will be.
till I list and dream and wonder what past and what dream and wonder what
Still I list and
the future holds for me.

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## The Little Ones.

Why Some Birds Hop and Others Walk.
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A little bird sat on a $t$ wig of a tree A-swinging and singing as glad as could
be,
And shaking his tail, and smoothing his
And having
guess.
And when he had finished his gay little
Hong, Hew in the street and went
hopping along,
He the th both little
While his sharp little eyes looked for hile his sharp little
something to eat

A little boy said to him: "Little bird,
stop!
And tell me the reason you go with a
Why don't you walk, as boys do, and
men,
One foot at a time, like a dove or a
hen?"
Then the little bird went with a hop,
hop, hop; and he laughed, as he
never could stop;
And he said: "Little
And some birds that hop and some birds that walk.
"Use your eyes, little boy; watch closely
What little birds hop, with both feet,
And just like me.
ducks and the ben,
And when you know that you'll know
more than some men.
"Every bird that can scratch in the dirt
Every ban walk, that can wade in the water
can walk; Every bird that has claws to catch prey
with can walk,
One foot at a time-that is why they can walk.
"Bi:t most little birds that can sing you
a song that their legs are not very
Are so small that
strong
To scratch with, or wade with, or catch
things; that's why
They hop with both feet. Little boy,
They hop with both feet. Little boy,
good-by."

How Chrismtas Came to Me.


T WAS but a few days
before
Old

St | before $\quad$ Old $\begin{array}{l}\text { St. } \\ \text { Nicholas, } \\ \text { wonderful }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | Nicholas' wonderful

yearly visit, and all
the were gorgeously tempting. But while other children were
wishing for dozens wishing for dozens
apiece, I used to stand of different toys apie toy donkey, and and look at a large toy donkey, anld just have him alone!
Each year my brother and sister and I wrote to St. Nick and mentioned the
things we wanted; this year when my mother read my Christmas letter she was surprised to find that I had but one wish-the toy donkey. "But suppose St. Nicholas can't bring would like?" she asked. I replied by a shake of the head.
Early Christmas morning, while every
one else in the house wa s leeping one else in the house was sleeping,
groped my way to where my stocking hung, and in the darkness felt for the donkey, but the toy was not there. Back I crept to my little bed and cried as
my heart would break, until my sob "Here, here, who is crying on Christ.
mas morning?" he called out. "Get into
your clothes and dry those tears, and
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morning and dry thot. tears, and We ell couldn't get it into the house! I tried to for to St. Nick. as I kept back the tears.
"tter ?" I whispered to At that moment I
on my shoulder.
"C his I cried for joy "M
My own Christmas!" I sobbed as

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knew of one that was quite as smart as Of a morning he always had his nose close to the kitchen door about the time breakfast was over; for although he
had plenty of nice fresh hay, he ex had plenty of nice fresh hay, he expiece of bread, when I came out from breakfast. Sometimes I tried to fool him and hid the dainty in my pocket, but his clever little nose always smelled where it was.
Early each morning my father put on his blanket and strap, and he wore in readiness for the rest of the day. On days when he thought I was riding
him too much he would suddenly refuse to go, twisting his long ears forward and back to let me know he did not like it. If I failed to understand his signs, he stood still and shook himself, gently. If persisted in staying on his back, he
would begin in earnest and shake until ould begin in earnest and shake until
rolied off on the grass. Then putting down his head and running to the further end of the yard, he would bray with all his might. When he did that, I rides of him that day. If I came after him he would open the gate and gallop off down the big pasture out of reach. He could open a gate almost as easily
as in his mouth.
If I was happy my little Christmas was the same; but if something had made me sad he would droop his long
soft ears, and coming close to me rub
his nose against my face as if to say, Christmas is sorry! somels an hour a time, until he was certain that I $t$ a time, until he
I never knew Christmas, in all his life, to be naughty when he could find any other way to express his opinion. Carrie Blakeslee Humphreys.

## Tucker's Christmas-Tre

When Tucker Johnson was seven years old he had a great trouble-for a whole year he could not walk. This was hard
for Tucker. His hip had been hurt by a fall, but the doctor said that with care he would get well again. So, after the first and worst was past, Tucker made
up his mind to be patient and get well ap fast as possible.
Still it was very lonesome to sit propped up all day, looking out of the propwindow of the log house, with nothing
to see but the muddy yard and dead grass and bare trees. The only beautiful thing to look at was the sky. Mr. Johnson, Tucker's father, had to be out most of the day working about
Mr. Trent's farm, and often Tucker's mother had to be away too, for they were poor, and were obliged to work
harder than ever now that their little harder than ever now that their little
son was sick and needed doctors. Mr. son was sick anl needed doctors.
and Mrs. Trent were very kind, so and Mrs. Trent were very kind, so were
other people, and of course Georgie was

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 Nicholas has left. There is one the Nicholas has left. There is one that he
had to leave outside because it was so being kindled, and the many wer candles lit upon the Christmas-tree Soon the whole house was filled with joy from my small brother and sister, as they found upon the spanling tre ne after another all the things the out to the me," he said. He led me almost ran into something-and it wa the head and ears of a real live donkey foust threw my arms around his wan onkey went by that name. He learned have seen a as well as a child coltl onkeys since, but I don't think I eve

a help." Georgie was Tucker's little sister, two years
he always said he always said.
Georgie was fat Georgie was fat and round and chubby with pale hair and bink-pink cheeks. She staid with Tucker
p when their father and mother were away, and sat in the big red rocking-chair with her pudgy feet stuck out before her, and
rocked "for dear life" and sang and sang rocked "for dear life" and sang and sang.
Georgie knew three songs, but they all sounded alike when she sang them. Tucker loved her so much, so much, and he played with her for hours together, but sometimes he grew tired of her singing. other, and when she had finished that she, sang the third, and Tucker could not tell them apart.
The Christmas before Tucker was hurt he and Georgie went to see the Tree at
the Sunday School; it was the prettiest thing they had ever seen in their lives. There was a shining angel at the top, and sparkling balls and ribbons and can-
dles all over it; for each child there was a bag of candy, and an apple and an orange. It was like fairy-land to Tucker and Georgie.
As Christmas drew near this year that
Tueker was sick, he thought more and Tueker was sick, he thought more and
more about the veautiful Tree, and the more about the veautiful Tree, and the
more he thought the sadder he felt as he
remembered that he could not go to the Sunday School, Christmas Eve As they sat before the fire one night Tucker said, "Mother, I believe pretty Christmas tree to look at all the time. I wish one would grow right up out of the ,ground and stay where I
could see it.,
Mrs. Johnson squeezed his hand and said, They don't grow that way, my
son. But maybe Santa Claus will bring som. But ning."
Christmas came that year on Sunday, so that the Sunday School Tree was to
be on the afternoon of Christmas Eve. Friday, as Mrs. Trent was gathering ferns and holly in the woods, she met Mr. Johnson, and inquired after his boy. He repeated what Tucker had said about the Tree. After they had talked a little and Georgie would not be forgotten although they could not come to the SunEay School Tree.
Early Christmas morning Mr. Johnson
look out and said, "Why, it snowed last night!". And when he had pushed Tucker's chair up to the window as usual, what do you think Tucker saw?
A light snow had fallen, and there, A light snow had fallen, and there, right by the window, with the white
flakes lying upon its branches, "growing


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Christmas tree they must have one for to make the holidays a time of gladnes came to us.
A large piece of oilcloth was placed on the ground to keep the food dry from the bottom, and on this we put
clean, firm pieces of carpet and boards to relieve the cold surface; a variety of grains, mostly wheat and cracked corn, and quantities of hayseed were
spread on this platform, and large dishes of water from which the chill had bee taken-not only to drink, but pigeons
often bathe in the coldest weather if they have a sunny place, and it is in teresting to see them enjoy a bath.
Pigeons and birds are extremel. Pigeons and birds are extremely fond cake and boiled meat until tender, cooking the bones, too, for they greatly en-
ioy pecking the meat and fat from bones joy pecking the meat and fat from bones.
All this food was placed so that could get its share. A space was filled
with nuts for the two frisky little red squirrels.
The tree was trimmed with enough glitering ornaments to make it very
bright when in the sunlight-it bright when in the sunlight-it wat mas tree.
New Year's ously beautiful day, the sun shone brightly and it had grown warmer. The
guests came early, and during the day many came whom we had not seen during the early part of the winter; some flew away after feasting, only to return with others. It was in every sense a festival
and delightful to watch them-ten dif ferent kinds of wild birds, hundreds of them, and sixty- five pigeons, all colors,
from the snowy "fantail" to a pair of from the snowy "fantail oo a pair of sombre back. All mingled
all ate their fill, and all chirped merrily or cooed contentedly. At first some seemed timid at sight of that strange, dazzling tree, but soon lost their fear when others, who had admired the one and in many ways showed their delight. The festival continued a week. The tree was left until a heavy storm came where it was sheltered from the snow, sleet and wind. Year's Festival for the Pigeons and Birds proved a happy suc cess. Will you who read and pre some feed them not only at Christmastide, but give them a little holiday cheer each day of the year. Your own heart will be filled with joy for having gladdened their acomplished with food that would otherwise be wasted

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"We want clear water all winter" said Della. "I hope you will have it," said the are going to have carols and a Christ.
nas tre, This was great news to the Bigbees, who had never seen a Clistmas tree They talked about it, and told Mamie
Scudder. They knew there would be candles on the tree, and shining things among the boughs. It would be beaun-
But the first Sunday in December a linding snow-storm kept them at home, The next Sunday and the next there was ice tossing in the river so that
rowboat could venture abroad.
One more Sunday, and then Monday would be Christmas. All the happy children across the river would go to
church, and there would be the tree full of gifts.
"It's a cold day and growing colder," said Mr. Bigbee on Saturday. from the windows when they looked at the steamer plowing through the ice. Sunday was colder yet, and the skies
were gray. "It looks like snow, but it's too cold to snow," said Mr. Bigbee. The family kept close round the fire. None of them spoke of Christmas. There had been no secret preparations, no
shopping trips. Money was scarce in the their When Ben and Della went to their beds at night, Paul, who followed soon
after, came back into the kitchen with serious face. "Mother," he said, "they have hung "pirs. Bigbee set her lips tight. Then she put her arm round Paul, and kissed him. ${ }^{\text {Wever }}$ mind," he said. "We can pop corn and erack nuts.
Mrs. Bigbee stayed up late that night. By eleven ${ }^{\circ}$ clock she had made cookies
shaped in various ways, -birds, dogs, shaped in various ways,-birds, dogs,
balls, boys, horses, elephants, camels, hearts, sheep and rabbits,- and not one
too biy to sup easily into a child's stockShe put twelve into each of her chil.
dren's stockings, hanging Paul's up also.

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She glanced toward Mrs. Scudder's but the lights were out.
"Ill go over early with Mamie's," he said, and went to bed. Chistmas!" outed the children the next morning The house rang with laughter and mirth. There was great excitement over the
stockings. Even Paul was interested and amused
"Dear little mother!" he said, softly. Mamie came with her stockingful, and he children played menagerie, Noah's Th tar ar
The steamboat made no trip that day
few skaters were seen. "I guess the boat skips Christmas the same as Sunays," said Paul.
After dark he went to the window. Thear the bells," he said. "And the on the group. "If we knew the carols we would sing hem ourselves," said Mrs. Bigbee. From time to time the children we
to the window. It was starlight.
"see the lights in the road!" exclaimed Delia. "The folks are going home with "They're coming down the bank!" This was odd All the Bigbes look. "Why, they're on the river!" said A little line of lights moved steadily along. They were certainly on the froz en river. They were coming toward the Paul. "1ue river must be frozen hard all over, and that's why the boat didn't
go!" $\quad$ It happened so once six years ago," said Mr. Bigbee.
"Mrs. Scudder ran over from her house The sweet Ch, she cried. "Listen!" clearer and clearer, as boys and girls came up the bank, up to the very house "Come in! Come in!" said Mr. Bigbee, throwing the door open.
It was $\bar{\pi}$ if church, tree, festival

Christmas and everything had come to the Bigbees and Scudders. "We cut off a bough full of candles to be your tree," said the boys. They
set it up in a corner and lighted the set it up in
"We brought your presents," said the girls, giving each a book and box of candy.
It was late when, with merry farewells, the visitors took their lanterns and departed, singing carols, while the happy children watched the line of lights recrossing the river, and listened in the distance.

## Saint Jodocus.

In trial of his servant's truth, One C.ay came begging, as a youth Of humle mien, in garments poor,
"Give to him," Saint Jodocus said. "Open, good steward, thy store of brea "Here's but one loaf, my master, see, Left for our dog and thee and me.
"Yet give to him!" the Abbot cried, "For us the Lord will still provide. The sullen butler said no more,
But cut the loaf in pieces four.
"One for the Abbot, one for me, One for our dog, and one for th Unkindly to the youth he said,
And handed him his share of bread
Again, in semblance yet more poor, "Gi Lord came to our Abbot's door "Give still," the good Jodocus said: "Give him my little share of bread For us the good God still will care. And now he gives the Abbot's sha A-hungered came the Lord again, Nor asked he the third time in vain "Give now, $O$ steward, thy little it. God will $P$. More destitute, and blind and lane, The Lord for yet the fourth time ca Doth not the dog's piece still remain? Doth not the dogs piece stil rem
For He who doth the raven feed Will not forget us in our need."
The steward gives, the beggar goes, Then through the air a clear voice rose "Thou true disciple of thy Lord, Great is thy faith! Take thy reward: As thou believedst it should be
The steward went to the open door The steward went to the open door; Lo! onward, toward the nearest sho
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guest genially remarked, as he prepared guest genially remarked, as he prepared
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quired, for the blouse $17 / 8$ yards of ma-quired,
terial 24 or $2 \overline{2}, 11 / 2$ yards 322 or 44 inches
wide with $11 /$ yards of all orer lace, $3 / 4$ wide with $11 / \mathrm{y}$ yards of all-over lace, $3 / 4$,
yard of silk for bands; for the skirt,
$63 / 4$ yards 24 or $27,51 / 4$ yards 32 or $41 / 8$ yards 44 inches wide when made with
the gored upper portion; $53 / 4$ yards 24 the gored upper portion; $53 / 4$ yards 24 or $27,41 / 4$ yards $32,31 / 2$ uper without the gored uper portion;
made for the trimming $11 / 2$ yards of silk will be needed.
The waist pattern 6738 and the skirt
pattern 6739 are both cut in sizes for girls of 14,16 and 18 years of age and will be mailed to any address by the
Fashion Department of this paper on Fashion Department of this
receipt of ten cents for each.

CHILD'S DRESS 6807.
Simple dresses such as this one are always needed, and every new and pret-
ty design finds a place. The skirt is ty design finds a place. The skirt is
traight and plaited and the waist, or traight and plaited and the waist, or


6807 Child's Dress, 4, 6 and 8 years. the same time that it is simple. Plain material makes this one, and the trim ming is soutache braid, but striped or plaid material trimmed with itself, cut pretty effect. is made with front and The waist is made wortions that are tucked and the epaulettes are arranged under the outer
closing is made at the back for the entire length of the dress.
For the six year size we required $3 / 4$ yards of material 24 or $27,31 / 8$
ards 36 with 12 yards of braid.
The pattern 6807 is cut in sizes for The pattern 6807 is cut in sizes for
girls of 4,6 and 8 years of age, and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Departm
of ten cents.

## HOUSE JACKET 6340 .

To be made with fancy or standing This simple house or long sleeves.


6340 House Jacket, 34 to 44 bust favorite one. This model is half fitting at the back and loose at the front and same time that it is thoroughly comfortable to wear. In the illustration challis is trimmed with lace insertion and banding and is made with three-quarter
sleeves, but cashmere and similar sleeves, but cashmere and similar fab-
rics are appropriate and long sleeves can rics are appropriate and long sleeves can
be substituted if better liked, while the fancy collar can be omitted and the plain standing one used in its place.
The jacket is made with fronts, backs and under-arm gores. The fronts are tucked at each side of the centre and whichever collar is used is joined to the neck edge. The sleeves are of moderate
fullness and are gathered into straitht fullness and are gathered into straight
cuffs. cuffs.
The qu
the medium size is $35 / 8$ yards 24,3 yards yards 2 yards 44 inches wide with $11 / 2$ yards of banding, $31 / 2$ yards of edging.
The pattern 6340 is cut in sizes for $34,36,38,40,42$ and 44 inch bust measure, and will be mailed to any address by the Fashion Department, of this paper on receipt of ten cents.
BLOUSE OR SHIRT WAIST 6774.
 34 to 42 bust.
With or without yoke on back, with tucked or gathered fronts, with long or three-quarter sleeves.
The waist is made with fronts and back. When the yoke is used, it is applied over the back. The tucked fronts can be made either with or without the
shoulder straps, but the gathered fronts shoulder straps, but the gathered fronts
are attached to the straps. The long sleeves are in regulation style with overlaps and cuffs but the three-quarter sleeves are finished with bands and roll-ed-over cuffs.
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## Suggestions for Holiday Gifts.

Every woman loves the pretty bag which may be fashioned from diferen broidery and pretty ribbon bows make such attractive Christmas gifts. W have selected some bags which will inter
est our readers. The first illustrated est our readers. The first illustrate mbroidered of fawn Repp. The uppe portion of this bag is on pink silk, whic Is shirred with soft ribbon draw-string The wider ribbon passed through th large eyelets hold the outer Repp
into place. The second bag, No. 1318, tamped on pale blue Moire, embroidere in the well-known loop-stitch. The
stems out-lined with green and Japanes stems out-lined with green and Japanes
Gold ribbons tied into pretty bow Gold; ribbons tied into pretty bows
complete this attractive bag. The crepe


1378, Darning bag, 35cts.


1376, Shirt-Waist Case, 50 cts,
bags, Nos. 1357 and 1358, are both novel and useful, as they are more simple than those quoted above. These bags come already made-up from pretty cotton
crepes, and tinted with effective designs crepes, and tinted with effective designs
which only require out-lining with self colors to bring out the effect. No. 1357 is a single bag, and the 1358 a double
one. No. 1378 is a darning bag, which one. No. 1378 is a darning bag, which
comes in assorted designs tinted on crash, and is a very useful article. Another novel idea which has been
much appreciated is the Book-holder, much appreciated is the Book-holder which comes alreaay made-up, and is
appropriately tinted on Cream Art Linen. Everyone will appreciate the convenience of the handles on these book and magazine holders, as these pleasant companions may now be easily carried about.
Another Shirt-waist Holder, which is so essentia to ones comfort either at home or while travelling, as they protect so nicely
dainty waists from soil and mussing This case is made from cream lawn this case is made dainty ribbons, and a pretty design is stamped, which may be em-


1357, Single Crepe Bag, 35cts broidered witn silk to match the ribbon binding Readers entrusung their orders to us will have them promptly filled, and any cles described on the page will be cheerfully furnished. signs 5 cents per skein.

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a past.


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Census of Manufactures.
On first of June next year, a census
will be taken of the manufactures of will be taken of the manufactures of
Canada. It will ascertain the capital employed in works in 1910, together
with the value of land, buildings and plant, the kind or class of products of the works by quantity or number of
finished articles and their value in the finished articles and their value in these statistics will relate generally to factories employing five hands or more during the year, but in such industries as flour and grist mills, brick
works, saw and shingle mills, electric works, saw and shingle mins, elect light and power plants, and a few
others. where the value of products is large in proportion to the number of persons employed, returns will be re-
quired without regard to the number quired without regard to the number
of employes. The employees of work will include managers, superintendents, etc., on salaries; officers, clerks, etc., on
salaries s operatives or workers classed salaries; operatives or workers classed
as over and under 16 years on wages; as over and under 16 years on wages;
and piece-workers employed outside of the works. Salaries, wages and payments to all officers and employees will be entered on the schedule for the census year by sex, and will inctude the
aggregate weeks employed in the year, average hours of working time per week and aggregate wages paid to them in the year. The aggregate weeks of time and the aggregate wages paid will refer
to the whole body of employees for the year, while the average hours of working time will refer to an average com-
puted for all employees in the year for puted for all employees in the year for
one week only. For piece-workers outone week only. For piece-workers out-
side of the works the statistics are required to show by sex the aggregate payments made to this class in the year, and also the-aggregate value of their products. The power employed in the
works will show the number and horse power of steam, gas and gasoline engines, water wheels and electric motors. as well as the power sold to or bought.
from other public or private companies. The fuel used at the works will show the quantity of coal, wood, or other fuel and its value laid down at the
works, including transportation and works, including transportation and
duties. The coal will be classified by duties. The coal will be classified
measure to show whether it is forign
or Canadian. Custom work and raw
materials will be reported by kind or
class, and entries will be made amounts received in the year for cus. tom work and repairs; and the cost value of raw or partly finished mateclass of products works. The kind or will be entered by separate name if more han one is made, the quantity or number of each finished article and the value of separate products in the year. The aim of this record is to show the extent nd variety of manufactures in each
province and district; but it will be un derstood that the statistics as compiled and published will give away no records of individual business. Totals
will be published only where three or will be published only where three or
nore industries of a class or kind are reported. All information here referred oo will be collected by enumerators on schedule No. 9 .
The census of the dairy industry, re lating to the production of butter, cheese, cream and condensed milk, will be taken on schedule No. 12, and will
show for each kind of product its quanshow for each kind of product its quan
tity and selling value, and the quantity of milk and cheese used for conversion at the factories, the number of patrons, and the amount of money distributed to them in the year.

## A Successful College

We beg to draw the attention of our readers to the advertisement of the
Success Business College, which appears in this issue. The Success College was founded a little over a year ago, and during t'ee past year has met with suc
unceess that it has been found neces success to extend the seating accommodation. The college at present has a seat ing capacity of 300 . The handsome large catalogue of the college is being
sent free to all who are interested in sent free to all
a college course.

## Special Notice.

On and after December 15th, the sub scription price of the Western Home
Monthly will be $\$ 1.00$ a year or three
years for $\$ 2.00$.

Two Hundred Dollars In Cash Prizes
will be given by the National Drug and Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited, to those who make the closest estimates of the population of Canada as determined by the Official Census in May, 191I.

Full particulars of this Contest are given on Page 54 of the new

## Na-Dru-Co Almanac

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## Some Remarkable Cases

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Throughout the whole of Canada it would be difficult to find a village, or even a street of over twenty houses, in which there do not reside persons who frankly state that they owe their present good health to the old and world-famous remedy, Mother Seigel's Syrup. The extent to which this well-known remedy is used as the regular family medicine, for all those troublesome ailments which arise from stomach or liver disorder would be surprising, were it not for the fact that this root and herb extract has established itself as a popular favorite, by reason of the remarkable cures it has effected all over the world. Here are three cases in point :




 stomach. Thad a pain in my head that nearly
drove me wild
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"It gives me great pleasure to tostify to the
value of Mother Seigels Syrup In my cose it
has been of incolulable worth It has re-
stored me to health, after suffering over three



These letters are typical of tens of thousands received by the Proprie tors of Mother Seigel's Syrup, and their genuineness can easily be proved by anyone who will take the trouble to do so. To any fair-minded person,
they cannot faii to establish the merit of this old family medicine Indeed, the very fact that Mother Seigel's Syrup, with its record of ove Indeed, the very farty years' unbroken success, has stood the severest of all tests--the test of time-should convince the most sceptical that there must be some grea merit or quality, in this root and herb extract, which is not found in an other medicine known to the public, and which accours ind
popularity and success in curing disorders of the stomach and liver

## Sunday Reading.

New Things.

## Frances Ridley Havergal

New mercies, new blessings, new light on the way
courage, new hope, and new
strength for each doy; New notes of thanksgiving, new chords of delight;

## New praise in th in the night;

## New wine in thy chalice, new altars to

raise;
New fruit for thy Master, new garments of praise;
New gifts from His treasure, new smiles
from His face;
New streams from the fountains of infinite grace;
New stars for thy crown and new tokens
of love; New gleams of the glory that waits thee above;
New light of His countenance, fuil and unpriced-
All these be the joys of the new life in
these be
Christ.
The Cure of Moral Ignorance.
By George Matheson, D.D., LL.D. The heavens declare the glory of God.
way. When I find that there is an orbit for the life of every star, I see that
life has wandered.-Christian World.

Slow Growth.
By William George Jordan. Everything that is great in life is the groater, and higher, and nobler the work, the slower is its growth, the surer is its lasting süccess. Mushrooms attain their full power in a night; oaks re-
quire decades. A fad lives its life in few weeks, a philosophy lives through generations and centuries. If you are sure you are right, do not let the voice of the world, or of friends or of family,
swerve you for a moment from your swerve you for a moment from your
purpose. Accept slow growth if it must be slow, and know the results nust come, as you would accept the long,
ionely hours of the night, -with ionely hours of the night,-with absoiute ents must bring the morning.

## A Faith that Does Things.

Are there human hands fit for the work, human feet fit for the journey, human words fit for the message? Are
there seed for the harvest, soil in which


## The Chute on the River

unto night, showeth knowledge. Who
can understand his errors?-Psalm XIS. (:an understand his error
$1,2,12$.
What a strange assertion, of know-
ledge on the one hand and of ignorane ledge on the one hand and of ignorance ledge in a sphere where we should expect a comfession of mpstery; here is a we should look for perfect light! Where Psahmist ens, but he says that he does
the heavens not preceive the errors of his own soul! He precelice daily and nightly converse with
He hat
the stars, but he hears not the the stars,
of his own sin! hears not the - Yoice allay: his sin is at the door. Why should the revelation of Ciod's majesty precede the revelation of the disorder
within himself? Why should a man be able to learn astronomy before he can
learn the learn the prevading sinfulness of his
heart? It is because the vision of beauty must precede the vixion of deformity.
Itow do । learn what diourder is? It is by first learnine wrder. discord till I laise st ndied larmony know man is driven to the songs of hiearen
by the disomtant notes of partli: he Citcerth- the jarring notes of earth h hey
hearing the conge of heaven. He the is borme -ightless camnot figure the sum,
but he but he that an figure the sun can un-
derstand him who in borne tiglitless. I
learn my corror- my wanderings from learn my crror-my wanderings from
thus mayest sow it, sunshine and show ers and a pulsating earth to minister Why dost thou linger in idleness, look. ing up to him? Set thy hands to the work, lift up thy feet to the journey,
sound out the message, sow the fields with the seed he has given thee. Simply praying is not always the best thou canst do. It is sometimes a lazy man's device to ask of God what God has alThe faith which does not trust God for what he has done, but only for what he will do, is a poor sort of faith, a faith in little sections of his activities. There is fully enough of this sort of
faith in the world But this sort often makes the most noise in the world, because it has nothing else to do but to make a noise. God commanded Moses to cease crying to him and to speak to
the children of Israel that they go forward. What if the sea is before them, and there really seems nothing to do but to cry unto God? Man's seeming is not
is good as God's seeing, Go forward to as good as God's seeing. Go forward to
the sea, or into the sea at God's comChe sea, or into the sea at God's com-
mand, if it await the touch of your feet. If you wait to see the open path before hou move you may wait too long. Ln-
hiealed lepers were commanded to go and show themselves to the priest. and it was "as the went they were cleansed."
Iway with the spurious faith which. in a world needing good work done, and in
which God has already so wonderously

Winnipeg, December, 1910.


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movement apparent contradictions
quickness and softness, vivacity and movement apparent contradictionsmildness, gentleness and spirit. Ease is the essence of grace.
When Milton desc
When Milton describes the grace of
an angel,-it is "smooth, sliding without step," and Gudio's angels, graceful as Taglioni or Duvernay, seem to have been painted after Milton's description.
The seat of grace is in all parts of body that have motion-the legs, hands, arms, head, lips, eyebrows, and particularly the neck.
As the head is almost continually in motion, the muscles of the neck, in order
that the head ${ }^{\text {n }}$ may move with freedom and ease, should be extremely supple. This suppleness may be acquired by practice. French women possess it in an extraordinary degree.
A Frenchwoman, si
A Frenchwoman, sitting between two
people, will address the same phrase to both of them by a free and easy motion of her hea
her shoulders.
The women
dom do that. When they there is a stiffness in the joints or muscles of the neck, making them turn the body with it
Nothing is ever graceful that is forced
affectation destroys grace and hence the necessity of attending to that precious
rule, "Rien de trop"rule, "Rien de trop"-do not overstep
the modesty of nature Christian Homes Training Gamblers. At a mass meeting in the Second Presbyterian church of Portsmouth, $O$., on a Sabbath afternoon, in the presence of 200 men, a converted gambler and ex-saloon keeper made a statement wh
ated a profound impression. ated a profound impression.
"I have been in the sal with a gambling room attached, for $t$ last four years, and claim to know some thing about what I am now going to ling den is nearly so dangerous nor does it do anything like the same amount of harm as the social card party in the
home. I give this as my reason: In home. I give this as my reason: In the gambling room the windows are
closed tight, the curtains are pulled down, everything is conducted secretly for fear of detection, and none but gamblers, as a rule, enter there; while in the parlor all have access to the game, chil-
dren are permitted to watch it, young people are invited to partake in it. It people are ittrictive and alluring by giv
ng prizes, serving refreshments, dding high serving refreshments, and part, I never could see the difference between playing for a piece of silver molded in the shape of money and silver moulded in the shape of a cup or a thimble. The principle is the same, and whenever property changes hands over
the luck of the cards, no matter how small is the value of the prize, I believe it is gambling.
"Perhaps you have never thought of it, but where do all the gamblers come
from? They are not taught in the grom? ing dens. A 'greener,' unless he is a fool, never enters a gambling hell, because he knows that he will be fleeced out of everything he possesses in less
than fifteen minutes. He has learned somewhere else before he sets foot inside of such a place. When he has played in the parlor, in the social game of the home, and has become proficient
enough to win prizes among his friends, the next step with him is to seek out the gambling room, for he has learned, and now counts upon his efficiency to hold his own. The saloon men and
gamblers chuckle and smile when they read in the papers of the parlor games given by the ladies, for they know that after a while i..ose same men will be-
come the patrons of their business. I say, then, the parlor game is the col-
lege where gamblers are made and educated. In the name of God, men, stop this business in your homes. Burn up your decks and wash your hands. The other day I overheard two ladies talk.
ing on the street. One said: 'I ng on the street. One said: 'I am
going to have a card party, and am going to the store to buy a pack of cards. Which are the best kind to get?' The other replied, 'Geet the An has an angel on the back.
heaven into this infernal business." After he had taken his seat another converted ex-gambler, who led the men's
meeting in the second Presbyter meeting in the second Presbyterian said: "I endorse every word which the brother vefore me has just uttered. I was a gambler. I learned to play cards,
not in the saloon, nor in my own home, not in the saloon, nor in my own home,
but in the homes of my young friend who invited me to play with them and taught me how.
Instances coming under our observation confirm the tendency spoken of by dies as appalling as any ever placed upon the boards of a theatre.-Christian
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Advoeate.

## A New Way to Regain Health and Happiness <br> Long ago when I first lifted my voice of warning against drugs

 and patent medicines, and began my first great fight in favor of
Electricity as a curative agent, I found anything but smooth sailing against superstition and prejudice, but knowing I was on the right track, I pounded away, backing my judgment with what money I had, and have lived to se
that has now come over the public
I have done my part in showing that this whole scheme of taking
something out of a bottle, a vest pocket box, or to have something something out of a bottle, a vest pocket box, or to have something
"rubbed on," in order to regain one's health and strength, is principally pure superstition. I have taught that, while the drug had a certain known direct effect, it had another and after effect that could not be foretold; that this after efiect, or reaction, often causes
other diseases, and produces complications and aggravations that require more drugs to mitigate; that this drugging habit, once entered upon, has no end this side of the grave.
The old methods are wrong, I tell you; the whole scheme is wrong. I have proved to the world that nearly all human disorders can be cured by removing the primary causes, and if you will consult me, if you will read my book, which is free for the ask-
ing you can learn something about this subject that will interest ing you can learn something about this subject
every Man and Woman who is in search of Health.


If you feel that your Health and Strength-your vital stamina-are on the wane, if your liver has got in your eye, your heart in your boots, if you are not the Man or Woman, physically or mentally, you should iike to in any form does not enter
Again and again I have preached that "Electricity is Life;" that by building up $t$ t.
of the weaknesses and diseases to which human flesh is heir can be effectually overcome.
Do you want proofs, Mr. Skeptic? I will give you an abundance of them. "An ounce of proof is worth a toa of assertion." Below is a sample of the kind of evidence I have to offer Write to me and I'll give you more.

 winter than I have done for four before. Yoursas atways in the
fall and
faprin I w was troubled with it.


Dear Sir, -I cannot praise your Belt too much for what it
has done for me. I seeret from my friends and they are al ways asking me how 1
ane to be looking so well
and came to be looking so well and strong, and I just show them
ny Belt, and sat that is what did it.-A. MATTHEWS,
No. 44 Osboren Street, Winnipeg, Man.

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lost vitality, it corrects every sign of mental

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Say Something Nice.

## Frank Britt.

Don't say it, neighbor, n That angry word. Just let your grievance
I'm sure 'twere better so I'm sure twere bet 'T will not help him nor you Less said, the less to ru Yes, let it go unsaii;
Take good advice; Don't speak to hurt;
Say something nice.
Don't, brothers, be like bea It's all your loss. Shake off your fighting airs; Be sweet, not cross. Far better, side by side In love and peace abide Yes, boys, don't snarl nor snap
Not once nor twice. Dont storm nor stamp nor slap Say something nice.
Don't-hear me, man and wifeScold, scold, and scold.
Too short the days of life
To spend so much in strife Your temper hold Speak words of love and praise Mistakes and faults dism Melt out the ice; And, with a smacking kiss, say something nice.

Don't, parents, chide and chide Those bairns so true, Dear boys and girls bright-eyed I know they are your pride
They love you, too. Don't speak so much of ill Their young hearts so to chill. Much good they do; to more Your help their hearts implore Say something nice
Don't, don't, o mortals blest Of life complain.
God gives us what is best From plaints refrain. No gift deserved, you know
Then, do not murmur so. Above all price;
All wails and woes away,
Say something nice.
-The Christian Endeavor World

Fragrance of a Gentle Life.
J. R. Miller, D.D.

Once, in crossing a meadow, I came t a spot that was filled with fragrance. Yet whence the fragrance came. At last. found, low down, close to the ground, hidden by the tall grass, inmumerable little flowers. It was from these that
the fragrance came. I enter some homes. There is a rich place. It may be a home of wealth and luxury, or it may be plain and bare. No
matter; it is not the house, nor the furniture, nor the adornment that make his air of sweetness. I look closely. I is a gentle woman, mother or daughter quiet, hiding self away, from whos wondrous charm in a gentle spirit. The rentle girl, in a home may not be beauti ful, may not be well educated, may not er musical or an artist or "cleyer" in leaves a benediction. Her sweet patience is never disturbed by the sharp rords that fall about her. The chil
dren love her, because she never tires of hem. She helps them with their les mends their broken toys, makes dolls ettles stheir little quarrels, and find ime to play with them. When there is f comfort, Her face, is always hright with the outshining of love. Her wine
has music in it as it falls. in cheerful andess sight of all horues should be testel, like
soothing touch rests on the aching head, or as they minister in
about the bed of pain.

The lives that make the world so sweet
Are shy, and hide like the humble We pass them by with our careless feet or bream tis ther And cheers and comforts us, hour by
hour."

The Tone of Voice.

## It is not so much what you say,

 As the manner in which you say itIt is not so much the language It is not so much the language you
use,
As the tones in which you convey it.
"Come here!" I sharply said,
And the baby cowered and wep Come here!" I cooed, and he looked and And straight to my lap he crept.

The words may be mild and fair, And the tones may pierce like a dart;
The words may be soft as the summer And the tones my break the heart. For words but come from the mind, And grow by study and art;
But the tones leap forth from the inne self,
And reveal the state of the heart.


Falling Tree, Swan Valley, North.
Whether you know it or not, Whether you mean it or carc,
Centleness, kindness, love and hate Enteness, kindness, love and hat
Envy and anger are there.

Then would you quarrels avoid Aeep anger not only out of your words. Youth's Companion

Short-Sighted Horses.
The business of one well-known firm of opticians consists largely in the man-
ufacture of horse spectacles, says an American paper. The object of the
spectacles is to promote high stepping. The frames are of stiff leather, entirely enclosing the eyes of the horse, and
the glasses used are deep concave and the glasses used are deep concave and
large in size. The ground seems to the
horse to be raised, and he steps high, horse to be raised, and he steps high,
thinking he is going up hill or has t tep over some obstacle. This system of spectacles rong adopted while the horse is young. and its effect on his
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## Woman and the Home.

The Child
By Bertha Gerneaux Woods. When Mary sang to him, I wonder if His baby hand stole softly to her lips,
And, smiling down, she needs must stop And, smiling do
her song To kiss and kiss again his finger-tips I wonder if, his eyelids being shut And Mary bending mutely over him, For very depth of love grow wet an dim
Then did a sudden presage come to her Of bitter looks and words and thornstrewn street her face And shower smothered kisses on his feet?
"A Little Child Shall Lead Them By Sarah S. Jacobs. "A little child shall lead them-Why For that as on this day
Was born beneath Judea's sky "as born beneath Judeas s

Lead us and them, such case a warm house atmospher
would cause them to quickly. fall off
The first step in preparing a tree is The first step in preparing a tree is to provide it a base, one, that is so secure this end saw the trunk off squarely, and nail it (using long nails) to the bot tom of a strong wooden box-a soap this lay the tree on the floor, holding up the base, and drive the nails throug the bottom of the box. Now raise the tree and fasten four strong cleats acros the top of the box, crossing each other so that square, thus making it absolutel secure. Cover the box (all over) with white muslin; and later, when the tree is finished, the muslin may be effectively branches. Now look your tree over and judicious
(without injuring its sym ly prune it (without injuring its sym-
metry) just enough to avoid such densemetry) just enough to a avoid such dense The next step is the most important to make the tree safe. That this poin is not understood is attested by the list of casualties' which is a prominent feat-
ure of December 26 newspapers. If candles are attached to the tree's branch es they are liable at any moment to turn, or become detached, inviting dis
aster. But they may be perfectly se


Five little Indian boys.

"A little child shall lead them-When $\mid$ eured to radiating rods, varying in length | $\begin{array}{l}\text { At Christmas, with its song } \\ \text { Of peace on earth, good will to men, }\end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{l}\text { from six inches at the top to three feet } \\ \text { or more at the bottom; which rods, of }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | :--- | Of peace on earth, good will to men, Lead us and them,

The Babe of Bethlehem.
-A little child shall lead them-How To give, and ne'er withhold, Now love in smiles and tears,
Myrrh, frankincense and gold, Lead us and them,
"A little child shall lead them-Where L.ife's pains and perils o'er, To the green fields and pa
Of the immortal shore,

The Bube of Bethlehem.

The Christmas Tree
By $\overline{\text { E. M. }}$. .
The selecting. preparing and trimming of a Christmas tree is nit a trifing mat-
ter if rou de-ite. and are able (it really ter if you de-ire, and are able (it really
costs but little) to have one as beautiful as it is possible to make it. It involves taste, judgment and care. In getting a tree, select one that is
eymmetrical and thickly branched. Look to it that it has not been so long cut
that the green spines are brittle, as in
course, should conform to the tree's outline. If painted green, the rods be
come an integral part of the tree, but they may become an important part of brightly tinted. To fix the rods (it is best to paint them first), lay the tree down and with an auger bore holes a six-inch intervals, spirally, from the
base to the top of the trunk; then, with a knife, whittle the ends of the rods to fit the holes, put them in, giving them a few taps of the hammer at the outer en to drive them home. When all are in position, raise the tree again to its place
And here mechanics end, and art begins. The very essence of the Christmas tree idea is, especially in the minds of the children, that it not only should be beautiful, but also should bear Christma lights and glittering baubles, with never a goodie to eat. The pity of it! the dis appointment of it! Aye, the wrong of it, since the tree is there with its prom
is. Practically it is a saving to diges ise. Practically, it is a saving to diges
tion to place the Christmas sweets in tended for children on trees, as they dismantle them slowly, being reluctant to spoil their beauty. Let nearly every receptacle for something good, or fruits, her of little bags (of silk or silkaline) for holding suyared popeorn, dates, nuts
and raisins. The same filling will answer for cornucopias, of which there
should be a generous number, and varying sizes and colors. Gilded walnuts make a very effective decoration,
and they always delight children, beand they altwas pretty as they are, they may be cracked and eaten, Use English walnuts, and first pass a wire around each one and secure it, leaving an end for attach-
ing to the tree. Brush all the nuts over ing to the tree. Brush all the nuts over
with thin shellac or mucilage, and when dried to the "tacky" point, roll each in copper leaf (which looks just like gold leaf, but is cheap), making no effort to do it neatly, but rather letting the lea
hang raggedly down. Christmas cakes are a great feature for trees, the German "lebkuchen" espec ially, the more expensive martzipan, too and the plain ginger cakes of heart an
other shapes; not forgetting the "gin other shapes; ," so dear to the heart of Eugene Field. Any baker furnishing such cakes will add a child's name in icing (specially effective for large hea shaperpress children as an evidence of Santa Claus's astuteness and affection. A basket decoration is exceedingly pretty. In the toy department of large teaspoonful to a half pint) may be had in every conceivable shape and color. Each should, of course, be filled with con fections. Stick candy, both the large and tiny sizes, should be tied in small
bunches by ribbon, and disposed liberally over the tree; and if you can get the oldfashioned hearts, animals, windmills and grotesque figures of pure sugar (not
terra alba) give them a place terra alba), give them a place.
are tinsel and colored paper fairy slippers, fancy boxes, and other devices (all to be candy filled) ; gilt paper bands cut like or woven into lattice work for holiday figs; peppermint candy canes, and
large and small bonbons (holding paper caps), which may be had in dazzling variety. On the topmost branch (at its outermost spur) the little wax angel or its size appropriate to the size of the tree. These little figures generally come very shabbily dressed, a matter easily remedied, as the costume only amounts
to a tiny skirt and flowing sasn. Some
perfect oranges and apples are a neces
sary part of Christmas tree fruit. The must be wired, and, being heavy, should the trunk of the branches or rods near tree I always place several things on each rod, an apple or orange first, an
lighter things in front, before securing the candle on the end. On the tip spur of every branch it is well to wire a pap-
er flower (using the same color er flower (using the same color and
flower for the ' whole tree). Another
咅 Hower for the whole tree). Another
flower at the base of the branches "brings out" the heart of the tree. On the end of outermost twigs rings of
candy (clear ones, the striped pe candy (clear ones, the striped pepper
mint kind, also the opaque sugar mint kind, also the opaque sugar ones
may be slipped, and these, by reason of their number, add greatly to the rich appearahce of the tree.
Of course, a Christmas tree should be Of course, a Christmas tree should naturally, are used in its trimming; but i there is a strongly dominant color not
the effect is finer. For instance, choos the effect is finer. For instance, choose
one color for the candles, paper flowers bags and rods, letting the rest of the
items be of any or all colors. As for Chris.mas gifts, they should never be hung on a tree. The tree is a wonderful remembrance from Santa
Claus, the mysterious Claus, the mysterious. Gifts are fron
ordinary mortals, family and friends, and should be so labeled.
When the last touch has been given to everything, try to take a look a your tree, in anticipation, through little
folks' eyes. Behold its "glories" glad wonder (if you are sufficiently wise) and forget the "bother" if you hav been foolish enough to find it such.

## Christmas Thoughts.

A dear old grandmother wondered What she could possibly achieve from pleasure to her four "girls" in thei busy, happy homes. One day a letter from one of them gave her a sugges and many carap-bag was brought out Upon Christmas received each a box containy mother received each a box containing bands
of the most exquisite buttonholes, all
ready for use. There were bands suit-

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these bands simplified the these bands simplified the making of
many a garment, and the busy mothers had cause to thank the dear old lady for many days to come.
A woman who diffises more "good
cheer" among the poor each Christmas cheer" among the poor each Christmas
than any of her neighbors, who are many times more blessed with worldy goods than she, says she manages by means of her "poor box." In her storeroom is a large covered box in which she places
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needed in the neeaed
retain possioilities for usefulness. These things are carefully repaired, cleaned
and pressed, and given where she thinks and pressed, and given where she thinks
they are most needed. They are as care. they are most needed. They are as care.
fully done up and marked as any of her gifts, and each package always contains at least one new addition, fruit or nuts, or perhaps a new handkerecief, to add
its freshness to the rest of the content Thus she gladdens many hearts with
Thest what most people hang in the attic or sell for a few cents to the rag man.

The Christmas Spirit.
By Ruth Hall. Two men met at the foot of the elevat-
ed road steps. Thev were old college

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| friends, tho' they seldom came in each | to him in his loveless, ambitious mar |
| :--- | :--- | other's way nowadays. One was dressed

with modest elegance. He carried his
sise. There was a beautiful woman
there who was engrossed in society as with modest elegance. He carried his
stick through the middle stick
evening paper between the well-gloved fingers of one hand
"The ouner muttered under his breath: "Of course. Just my luck to run across
Brent to night of all nights in the
yen th
His arms were heaped with curiously shaped packsges from which the wrappings were half-slipped. A woolly lamb
thrust its head confidingly int his thrust its head cone lingly into his
breast-pocket, and the long tongue of a breast-pocket, and the long tongue of a
little cart ran up about one shoulder. "Christmas shopping, you see"-he explained, nodding his head- he could not move his hands-and smiling in embar $\underset{\text { rassment }}{ }$
The other bowed gravely: "I see,
said he, very gently; "you can"t get at your change pocket.' Let me help you,
Aleck." $\underset{\text { Alexander Sanson stared. Brent and }}{ }$ had not called each other by their Christian names for many a year. After they were seated side by side in the upward moving train he felt called upon
to explain his purchases still further: "o explain his purchases still further:
"There are so many last things to be attended to," he said, "and Mamma always worries if everything isn't sent home by noon of the 24 . There's such a rush ${ }^{\text {on " Christmas }}$ Eve,
"I suppose so," replied Avery Brent.
I have no children." He looked down at the woolly lamb which he still held
""I his lap," don't knuw," Sanson continued,
with a foolish look, "what Johnny would
do if he woke to-morrow morning and do if he woke to-morrow morming and
found Santa Claus had forgotten to bring his drum."
"Tou have a son?"
"Three of them. Lively, mischievous fellows," The look grew fonder and
more foolish, but the man beside him did more foolish, but the man beside him did'
not sneer: "The oldest is eleven. That's Johnny. The drum's for Johnny.
He managed, in spite of his bundles, to reach into a coat pocket, and draw out a wallet. They were wedged so closely ing something of its contents. There were several photographs among the papers. There was a ring of golden hair. Sanson drew out a folded slip and handed it to his companion. first letter", he said, "it was sent by mail to my office
from the from the hause one day.
Brent examined the communication. It consisted of unbroken rows of obtuse
angles made with a sharp lead pencil. ngles made with a sharp lead pencil'
Underneath was written in a woman's hand: "Johnny wants me to sty that this means: 'I miss Papa ordilly.' I
hope you will read it sop hope you will read it so."
Avery Brent gave back the paper Avery Brent gave back
"How many are there ?"
"Five of them. I tell you we have "Five of them. I tell y
tively
Jively times, these holidays!"
There was no answer. The man at his There was no answer. The man at his
side stared out into the night with eyes side stared out into the night with eyes
that saw nothing. His thoughts were busy with that handsome, unhomelike house, just off the Avenue, toward which he was hastening now. That house came he in business. To-morrow he would
give her the diamond star shie had selected, and she would bestow upon him the set of Landor he had suggested to her. "Here I am," 'he cried, as the guard
opened the door: "Good-night-and opened the door: "Good-night-and-
and""A Merry Christmas," returned Sanson, gayly.
Mrs. Sanson ran to the door on hearing the click of her husband's key. He
had to set down his parcels before he could stoop to kiss her: "Children out of "the way?" he asked, anxiously. "Oh yes, I saw to that. They're in the
nursery. But Papa, what do you then nursery. But Papa, what do you think,",
she whispered cautiously she
Longworth's in the atrawing-room. "Shirley She's dreadfully in the way.", all ninghts? ?" earth brough
"Hush! she'll hear. She was passing she said, and dropped in She was passing -oh, Shirley, you're not going?"
The two moved with a hypocritical smile, toward the young woman who, at
that moment drev: aside the She was tall and landsome, with an air of selff-sufficiency and confidence. Ser
eral notebooks were tumbling out of muff.
"I must go, dear", 'he amer ing hands with Mr." shanson. "I hat sher engagement, after dinner, at the old
Men's Mens Home, to see about to-morrow's dinner. I just ran in to look children, you know",


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Her face had not relaxed from its cold dignity. Suddenly it lignted as she dart-
ed toward a great,, round bundle which ed toward a great,, round bundle which sanson had just set down: "You did "Good-by, Aunt Shirley," piped a
chorus of shrill voices over the banister chorus of shrill voices over the banister Wisht ye Merry Chris'mus!" t we foot of the stairs: "Wishting Merry Chris'mus!" she called back to hem. Alexander Sanson regarded her curiously: What beautiful eyes Shirley has! he rema
To the woman, picking her way
through the icy streets to her boarding through the icy streets to her boarding Esoteric meeting she had been attend ing, or the First-Aid-to-the-Injured lecture, or the Old Men's Home. She saw nothing but five rumpled yellow heads thrust over the raing. she heard only Christmas.
The Sanson family were at dinner when a maid returned from answering
the bell: "It's Father Bonham, ma'm," she said to her mistress; "and he wants "Oh dear," sighed the little woman "what a time to choose! Christmas Eve! I suppose it's some charity or "I don't see how it can be helped. I hope he won't stay long. Yes, Mary, lay a place for him by Emily there." A thin-faced, pase young student
lowed the maid's returning footsteps.


Lunch on the Drive.
He was aressed in the rigid style of an "I had a pamphlet for Mrs. Sanson," Anglican order. He was a distant cousin
of Mrs. Sansons, and the children hailed him as an old friend.
"You can see us hang up our stock "I'm afraid not, my boy; I wish could; but it's a busy time for me." He played with a bit of bread, but ate
nothing "You look worn out, Julius," said Mrs " Sanson, in her motherly way.," You "Oh, I don't mind that. I did think as I was in this part of town, I would stop a moment to rest. But I'm all gifts upstairs for you. I brought them with me."
"If we could be excused"-hinted Emily, glancing toward the foot of the "Just this once," added Frank, per "You know its arainst the wule" be "You know its against the rule," be "But Christmas
"Yes, it's Christmas Eve, Mamma," plead their father. "Just this once."
So she gave permission.
Father Bonham drew Frank and Johnny to him as they were slipping past.
"You know whose birthday to-morrow "ill be?" he began.
"it's our replied, Johnny, reverently it's our Saviour's."
"And do you remember what St. Luke told us about Him, when He was a
little boy like vou two here? About His duty towards His parents?"
"I'm sorry, Mrs Keith. My wife isin fact, she's putting the children to bed. You see, they're all wrought up to-night. hanging up the stockings.' He could not have told what in her manner led him to speak so fully. Suddenly he recalled hearing that the Keiths had a son once who "went wrong."
She took a step forward: "Oh, I wonder," she exclaimed, "if I could'nt go upstairs, very softly, and see them in "I think you could," said Aleck
Mrs. Sanson sat in the low rocking chair in the middle of the dimly lighted room. She held a carefully muffled little ody in her arms, to thin, worn face was pressed close the pink cheek
her baby. At either end of the room tood two small cribs. Four rumpled, yellow heads were supported on four "Go on Mamma," said Frank: "'Now Dancer, now Prancer!'"
"No, no," corrected Emily. She'd got to: He was dressed all in fur from his hrs. Sanson knew nothing of her unMrs. Sanson knew nothing of her un-
seen auditor in the dusky hall outside; seen auditor in the dusky hall outside;
she knew nothing of the woman who crept softly down the stairway when she had heard the sleepy voices murmuring, ith their good-nights, "and Merry Christmas."
"I yish ev'ybody Merry Christmas," Ided Ressy, in the plentitude of her "And now I hope we won't have any

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"He 'was subject unto them." replied "That's a low voice.
neans you must mind remember. It vour motuer. Good-night, father and "Good-night," they called, "and Merry
His severe lips softened to a gentle epose. The door closed on the noisy roup, and he turned to Sanson. The
mother had taken her baby from his high-chair beside her, and held him clasped in her arms.
"Look, Aleck," said the priest, some "Look, Aleck," said the priest, someSpirit." He went on hurriedly, as if ashamed of his emotion, and gradually elapsing, as clergymen are apt to do,
into his pulpit utterances: "One becomes so heartily sick of the barter and ale fashion in which this feast is cele take' among friends, and an attempt to stablish benefits between acquaintances There is imposition, and greed, and
pauperism in our charities. I believe ou parents who give to your little ones, from pure love, asking no return, are the truest exponent of Divine Charity, mean." ame in from the library to greet some guests. He loked disconcerted, and so id the old gentleman on the divan, commenced his greeting.
A portly, domineering dame, in sables
and rustling silk, rose too. She was and rustling silk, rose too., She was


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more interruptions," exclaimed the young father, after the Keiths had gone.
"We've a good hour's work before us."
He led the way to the library, where five dangling stockings waited, at the chimney corner, their magic minstra-
tions.
At that moment Brent in his club, tions. that moment Brent in his club,
At thana in his Guild house, Shirley Bonham in his Guild house, Shirley Mrs. Keith at her suffrage meeting were,
one and all seeing, with the mind's eye, one and all seeing, with the minds eye,
one and the same thing-and that, too, was a row of dangling stockings.

## Father Speaks.

Merry Christmas, one and all! What a sunny holiday! Who left bundies in the hall? Can't you see they're in the way? I keep falling over it.
Children, show me all your toys There is room to spread them here, Hold it further from my ea Don't restrain 'em; let 'em play; Christmas is the children's day.
Just the things you want have come?
Queer how Santy seems to know! Queer how Santy seems to know
Go ahead and pound your drum, You may smash it sooner, so. What? More slippers for your dad That makes seven pairs I've had Mary, give that child a lift,
Those are my cigars he's on Postman calling for a gift? 'Fraid that every cent has gone.
Don't you think it would be wise Don't you think economize?
Next month to

Turn that baby upside down! See-h-e's swallowing a wire Hello, uncle! You in town?
Help! 'the Christmas tree's on fire! Bring some water right away!
Whoop, hurrah! It's Christmas day!

## Making Housework Easy

It is hardly conceivable how many busy housewives "get along" as best they
can without the many modern devices helps of various kinds which make house work endurable to the women of refinement and small physical strength, who still must do their own housework without the assistance of a permanent maid.
Many times it is a matter of so-called economy. Very doubtful economy, indeed, which saves the pocketbook at the
expense of the physical health, the expense of the physical health, the
money thus "saved" being expended for headache powders, tonics, and medicines, made necessary by the overwork and exhaustion of the hurried housekeeper.
Every little convenience which saves Every little convenience which saves
the housewife and mother time and strength for her family and for a little personal rest and recreation should be welcomed, and not looked upon as a kit
chen extravagance. chen extravagance.
Take, for instanc
Take, for instance, the carpet sweeper
How did we ever get along without it? Yet there are many women to-day who still wield the back-wrenching broom to
the point of exhaustion and who waste the point of exhaustion and who waste
hours with the whiskbroom and dustpan, taking up the crumbs after meals, the threads after sewing, and the light dust
of each day when they could accomplish of each day when they could accomplish
far better results in a few moments and with almost no exertion by the use of
the accommodating and thorough carpet
sweeper.
When floors must be washed a selfwringing floor mop, with a long hande
attached, wul prevent mental distaste a tired back, aching wrists, and bruised hands.
Where hardwood floors must be
polished or, at least, kept well dusted polished or, at least, kept well dusted
a long-handled floor polisher made of thick, soft felt, costing perhaps, forty or
fifty cents, will be most effective and will find its way surprisingly well even into the elusive corners.
The washing-machines on the market The washing-machines cleverly planned, so perfect me-
arenically, and so successful in their re-
clanice whanically, and so successful in their re
uults that they ought not to need any
special recommendation
really do all that is claimed for them; they save time and strength for the busy worker and wear and tear on the clothes.
Then there are many minor helps Then there are many minor helps
which may seem trifling but which count which may seem trimes in lightening the disagreeable part of kitchenwork. i small stiff brush for scrubbing potatoes, carrots, turnips, etc., will do the work quickly save the hands from the penetrating save the hands which is so difficult to remove from the pores of the skin.
A can of tye should be kept handy, as it will promptly and easily remove grease and stains from pots, pans, and kettles,
where otherwise a very great amount where otherwise a very great amount
of "elbow grease" and time would be needed, and even then would not accomplish as good results. Of course, care must be taken in using lye, not to
let it or the water in which it has been dissolved, touch the hands, as it will dissolved, touch the hands, as mop, however, will do the work nicely. Indeed, the lye will "cut" the grease from the
dish mop and thoroughly clean it as dish
well. Soap powders are often much more effective than soap for the ordinary dish
washing. washing.
Naphtna soap, if rubbed on soiled
and clothes and allowed to soak for an hour or two, will cause the dirt to fairly
shake out. At the finest Eastern school shake out. At the finest Eastern school
for turning for turning out domestic-science teachfor washing very soiled garments, and claimed to be non-injurious. Some people say that it makes the hands tender. I think this is only in rare in-
stances, where any washing-soap would be harmful, and many times because the hands are not properly dried each and every time they are taken
water.
athe necessaries which should be kept convenient in the kitchen. There is no
reason why one's hands should look bad reason why one's hands should look bad ar because of dry, reddened, and chapped skin and uncared for bruises and cuts. A very little timely attention will do wonders for their appearance and com-
fort. reach it easily, will remove all sorts of stains and ground-in dust, where nothing else seems to be at all effective.
A tube of semi-liquid or a bottle of fuid cream should be kept where it can be applied and well rubbed into the skin after drying the hands. It will take less than a minute of the and will and comfortable.
A bottle of collodion or any of the new skin preparations, if applied with a tiny brush or toothpiek, will antisepti-
caliy seal all sorts of cuts, scratches, caly seal all sorts of cuts, scratches, many washings, thus giving them opportunity to heal, where exposure to
further hard usuage will prevent their further hard usuage will prevent their
healing indefinitely and will keep them smarting and sore for days. '1ue old Irishman's philosophy was excellent and will apply here: "If you can't be aisy, be us aisy as you can."
-Janet Sweet.

## A Song of Helpfulness.

Look up, sad heart
Sorrows are but to prove you:
The skies are bright above you The skies are bright above you:
The hearts are warm that love yon

Look up, not down!
Look out, sad heart!
The world is bright around
The world is bright around you
Nor Satans arrows wound you-
Look out, not in!
Look forward, love!
The way is straight before you: And hearei will strength restore
Forward, not back!

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anoh I ort konew I cart think of
 else for the day'-somewhere where there's something to see and do."
"Restless
"Restless little Betty," said her
mother, smiling. "Well, what do you mother, smiling. "Well, what do you
think of going to Lakewood for a few think of going to
days?
Betty looked dubious.
"Lakewood is lovely,", she said, "and I do want to go there again sometime; but it doesn't seem just right for Christ-
mas. I want to do something more-more-""
"Rackety," suggested Jack.
"Yes, more gay and festive. I'd like to fly to the North Pole in an air-ship." ing?" Wes. Wouldn't it be fun? What could we do, Mother Her mother caressed Beatty's curly
head and smiled indulgently at her as she said:
"Let me think a minute. There must be plenty of places if you're bent on going away somewhere. How about New
York?"
"Op, "Oh, that's just right!" cried Betty.
"Let's all go to New York to spend Christmas, and see the beautiful things there. Oh, wouldn't we have fun!"
Betty's eyes fairly shone with delight anticipation, and she threw a sofa-pillow at Jack to stir him to greater enthusat Jack
iasm.
"Wak "Wake up Sleepyhead!", she cried.
"Come on, let's plan it all."
"If "If You choose," said her mother. "You brother to go with you."
"Oh, Mother! Tlat be gand! Well have the greatest time anybody

The Guest.
Who is it comes with winter rime be-spangled-
Age on his hair, yet youth within his And sprays of holly twisted and entangled
Greenly about his brow, in garland

Who is it comes with glints of sunbright laughter,
and Lighting the arches of his bearded lip,
And lusty voice that rings up to the rafter
In greetings of hale-hearted comrad-

Who is it comes with bounty and with Who is it com
blessing,
Which he
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ing?
'Tis Fath our guest?

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Sennett Stephens
A Christmas Celebration.

## By Carolyn Wells.









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"(ilorions!" sat Jack, roused to
thusiasm at lat, "It will be fine ir
Jamie, or ",itub" as we call him. i Jamie, or "Situb" as we call him, is
along. Whent shall we start !", Thursdar.
"Christmas is next week. Thurdat Betty," said her mother. "suppese w
start about. Tuesday and come home o Friday?"
"Just right!" said Betty. "And stay
at as fime hotel and go to the shops. and the play? Oh, Mother, could we
and to the phy?
ares Ines. I think well go to a matinee,"
"Yo

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"Yes. I think we'll go to a matinee,"
said her mother. "Do you think Mrs.

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Graham would spa
on Christmas day? on "I don't "I don't know," said Beatty, a little know Agnes and Stub will be crazy to go, so probly we can coax her into it."
Wheedlesome Beatty did "coax Mrs. Graham into it," though that lady was loath to be separated from her son and
daughter at the Christmas season. But daughter at the Christmas season. But
the proposed trip was so tempting that the proposed trip was so tempting that permission was finaly given, and the
four young people were radiant with
happiness at the prest happiness at the prospect.
"I shall take Lisette".
Guire, speaking of her, said Mrs. Mcif I get too tired to take you children around to all tae places you want to
go to, she can go with you go to, she can go with you;
oughly reliable and capable So everything was arranged
Tuesday proved to be a clear, cold spirits. Of course the Grahams high Betty's guest for the whole trip. Though Betty's large fortune, inherited from her paternal grandfother,
was all her own, her mother had been appointed her guardian until she should

"Betty threw a sofa-pillow at Jack, to stir him
to greater enthusiasm., come of age; and while conscientious and prudent as to expenditures, she also
was determined that Betty should lowed a goodly number of the harmless pleasures that her large income justified
her having. her having.
So when
So when the New York trip was de-
cided upon, Mrs. McGuire made every effort to give the children the most en joyable time possible.
And it was for
And it was for this reason she proposed taking the two Gralams as guests.
Lisette had been with her mistress long time, and was well versed in looking after the luggage and all such details, so the party had nothing to do ing a tendency on Jack's part to notichimself useful and attentive, Betty's mother wisely encouraged it, knowing When they reached New York, th children, used to quiet village life of
Greenborough, were fascinated and most bewildered by the noise and con fusion. Jack had never been in Ney
York before, and Betty only once, but the bustle and rush of the city appealed to them both, and many kindly people and eager faces of the four friends. Betty's moxicab will not hot hold us all," sai the young ladies and Master James in
that one, and Jack, will you kindly call that one, and Jack, will you kindly cal
that electric hansom for you and me?" Proud to be of service, Jack beckoned o thie hantom driver, and soon the two
retere whizzing away to the Plaza
Hotel. where rooms had been engage
"Well, if this isn't great!" said Stub
Graham, Graham, who, though addressed by Lis-
ette as "Master James," was "utub" to the others. "I say, Betty, you're the brickiest sort of a a brick to ask us to this splenaiferous treat!
Betty smiled happily. She was look-
ing out at the hurrying throngs of ing out at the hurrying throngs of peo-
ple, the tall buildings, the gay shopple, the tall buildings, the gay shop-
windows, and the jam of traffic, with unspeakable delight in the novelty and excitement of the scene.
"And to think of three days of this
gorgeousness! Three whole days!" gorgeousness! Three whole days!" said
Agnes, squeezing Betty's arm in her glee.
They They soon reached the hotel and found
Betty's mother and Jack already ther Betty's mother and Jack already there
and waiting for them in the great en-trance-hall.
Betty was a little awed by the splendor all about her, and Agnes and Stub were frankly delighted, and looked
around with undisguised interest. But Jack, feeling a new responsibility
as the escort of Mrs. McGuire had, as the escort of Mrs. McGuire, had, quite unconsciously, acquired a manner as of in no way impressed by them. He seemed quite at home and he paid no attention to the surroundings, but in a simple, unaffected, but perfectly correct fashion, he stood by Betty's mother, carrying
her wrap gracefully over his arm, and hor wrap gracefuly over his arm, and slightest wish.
"Where did Jack get that manner?" thought Betty, in amazement, and then
she realized that he was acquiring it she realized that he was acquiring it
merely by association with her mother, and through a natural ability to adapt to himself her innate refinement and gracious ways.
Betty was impulsive herself and now,
though secretly though secretly moved to mirth by solved to try harder to improve her own demeanor.
They all
They all went at once to the rooms
reserved ment overlooking Central Park.
It was quite a little home of itself, as there was a comfortable sitting-room, attractive dining-room, and four bed rooms with dressing-rooms and baths.
A large room with two beds was allotted to Betty and Agnes, and a similar one across the entrance-hall was for the two boys. Lisette had a small room adjoined the girls' room. In a short time bags and trunks were unpacked and a few individual belongings scattered about, and the apartment seemed quite like a private home.
"Why do we have a dining-room ?"
asked Betty. "Can't we eat in the big asked Betty. "Can't we
restaurant downstairs?"
"Stame
"Sometimes, if you choose," said her
mother. "But I mother. "But I think our Christmas dinner is a personal sort of feast, and
I'd like it better here by ourselves." "So should I,",", agreed Jack. "Lots
more more fun, Betty. "But we'll dine down-stairs to-night,"
went on Mrs. McGuire: "so ski atict girlies, and put on pretty frocks for the "Isn't it larks!" said Betty, as she and Agnes went to their room to dress. row we'll take a ride in it. I wish we could go tonight."
"I don't want to go tonight," returned Agnes. "I'd rather stay here in to see." "So hotiful hotel. There's so much "So there is. Hurry and dress. What "I brougnt my blue voile," said Agnes, "Sher thought that would be right. I'm wearing this ,Dresden silk. They go nicely together.
Betty expeditiously arranged herself in the pretty light silk frock, and the
girls hooked each other up and tied each other's hair ribbons, so that when Lisette came to offer her services, they wer quite unnecessary. The boys, too, ha made good time with their dressing an "Oh, I wish we were going to dance said Agnes. "But I suppose we couldn't "We can dance up here after dinner. am sure "Mother will play for us, Though an adopted son, Mrs. McGuire
had asked Jack to call her "Mother,

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and the boy had been only too glad to
do so. "Play for you? Of course I will,"
said the lady herself, entering the sit ting room. "And now we will go down to dinner. Lisette will stay here in charge of everything."
Jack sprang to open the door
He held it
party went through it, and the his party went through it, and then he
closed it and followed them. Somehow he was again in place to push the elevator bell and Mrs. Meguire looked at him with pride as she noticed his quiet
quickness and graceful ways. quickness and a delightful Betty was a little bewildered by the array of silver and glass, and Stub frankly inquired which fork to use first, "T'd like seemed to know by intuition. always," said Stub, as he ate his ice"Soeam. wouldn't I," said Jack. A hotel is all very well for a few days, but it is all very well for a few days, but it
isn't a home.", "That's so," agreed Agnes; " I sup-
pose we'd get tired of it if we had it pll the time." "Well, it's good enough for me," regoing to live in one. I don't see many boys here, though," he added, looking round. "No," ""No," said Mrs. McGuire, smiling; home." And then dinner was over, and they
ail strolled through the hotel corridor and bougnt some flowers at the flower stand, and some illustrated papers at
the newsstand, and then went up to the newsstand, and then went up to Mrs. McGuire played the piano for them, and they danced a little, and then, after some planning for the next
rest. The next day was clear and pleasant and when breakfast was served in thei own dining room, all the party were "Then it is decided," said Mrs. McGuire, "that we have our Christmas tree this evening?"
"Oh, yes," said Betty; "Christmas on Christmas day, well have our feast, our real Christmas dinner. Don't you think so, Agnes?"
"Yes, indeed. And then the tree can love to look at a Christmas tree."
never had one before, I'll keep this on as long as I can."
It was less than a year since Betty that she had been a poor little waif without money and without a home. Her mother's heart thrilled with glad ness to think that Betty would have a everything in her power to make it a beautiful one.
Very soon after breakfast they start ed on a shopping expedition. two girls, with Lisette, occupied the while Mrs. McGuire and the boys rode in the other.
Such fun as tney had shopping! They fairly tumbled out of one shop into an
other. The tree had been ordered from the hotel, but they bought ornaments and candles and festoons of tinsel rope, and Mrs. McGuire bought some other
things secretly, as she wanted to have things secretly, as she wanted to have
some surprises for the young people Then everybody bought presents for everybody else. Betty found lovely things for the dear ones who had re mained at Denniston, and fo
ful servants there, as well.
She bought presents for her young
friends in Greenborough, too, and all friends in Greenborough, too, and all
these things they had expressed direct these things they had expressed direct-
ly home. But the fun was in buying presents for each other. These, of Betty would urge Jack in a whisper to take Agnes to another counter and keep
her there, while Stub helped Betty choose her there, while Stub helped Betty choos And so with the whol And so with the whole four. Each of action while his or her gift was purBetty's mother cautioned the young
folks that all gifts be simple and inexolks that all gifts be simple and inex-

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So Agnes bought for Betty a pretty evening parties, and Betty bought for Agnes a a slender gold bangle.
The boys bought The boys bought knives for each
other, which caused the girls much other, which caused the girls much
amusement, for neither Jack nor Stw knew that each had bought a knife, and the girls knew that the knives were exactly alike. Of course Betty wished
to give more valuable gifts to Jack and to give more valuable gifts to Jack and
her mother, so, under the guidance of Mrs. McGuire, she bought a beautiful little gold watch and fob for Jack. It was a beauty, and Betty knew it would give the boy the keenest pleasure. something very nice indeed, but she
had no one with whom to consult. Jack had no one with whom to consult. Jack
and the Grahams were no better able than herself to advise on such a sub-
ject and Lisette could not be expected jo know much about it.
But by a fortunate occurrence, the
way was made easy. Betty and her way was made easy. Betty and her
mother had gone to a great jewelry shop to buy Jack's watch, and, afte
the purchase was completed the strolled about the shop looking at the beautiful things displayed in the cases.
Suddenly Betty spied a lady whom Suddenly Betty spied a lady whom
she recognized. It was Mrs. Sanderson, she recognized. It was Mrs. Sanderson,
at whose house in New York Bety had first met Grandma Kinsey.
"Mother," said Betty, speaking very quickly, "will you stay right here and
not look around for a few minute 9 " not look around for a few minutes,
iI can't let you go away from alone, Betty," said her mother, smiling at the earnest little face.
"But, Mother, I'm only going to the
very next counter, and there's very next counter, and there's a lady that 1 know."
"ery well; I trust you not to go wait for you here."
"Don't turn round."
"No, but don't be too long."
"No, but don't be too long."
Betty hurried to Mrs. Sanderson, who Bety hurried to Mrs. Sanderson, who
was looking at jewels at the next counter.
"How do you do, Mrs. Sanderson", she said, speaking politely, but very
rapidly, "Do you remember me?
I'm rapidy. Do your I
Betty McGuire, and I was at your house
last Bety Mear with Mrs. Van Court, and I
lasund Mrs. Kinsey there, and now she
fond found Mrs. Kins
lives with me."
lives with me.,
Mrs. Sanderson looked at the excited little girl, and at last she remembered her.
"Oh, yes," she said; "the little Irish girl who came into a fortune." ma'am. And since then I've found my mother, and she's here with me. But I want to buy her a Cliristmas present unbeknownst to her, and I though you'd
be willing to help me a bit if I asked be willing to help me a bit if I asked
you.". "What a strange child!" said Mrs.
". Sanderson, puttinge up her lorgnette to look at Detty again.
"Yes, I am, maam. But will you "Yes, I am, ma'am. But will You
help me buy the present, and then Tlll
introduce my mother; you'll love her, introauce my mother; your
ma'am, she's that sweet !"
Always when Betty was embarrassed
or excited she slipped back into her alor excited she slipped back into her al-
most forgotten brogue. And perhans most forgotten brogue. And perraps
it was that and the persuasive little voice that touched Mrs. Sanderson's
sympthies, for she said kindly sympathies, for she said kindlf: "Why, certainly, my dear; Ill help
you with pleasure. What do you want you wh?" pleasur.
to bu want a small diamond brooch,
"I w? please, and not too grand a one; my mother doesn't like things too grand.
But a
 Mrs. Sanderson smiled, but she seemed
to understand, and as the affable salesman showed them various styles, she selected one that seemed
ly Betty's requirements.
"This, I think, is lovely," she said; "I'm sure your mother would like it." "I'm sure, too," said Betty, "and it's
the very one I like best my self." the very one I ink best myselif Mrs. Sanderson to the next counter to meet her mother. The ladies seemed
pleased to know eacl other, and Betty pleased to know each other, and Betty
was rery happy.
Then Then good-by brestings were wex-
changed and, as it was funcheon-hour,

"I think we won't go back to the hote for luncheon," she said; "for it's after one o'clock, and we still have some er rands to do. So well go over to tho Waldorf and lunch there, which wil
give you hotel-loving children glimpse of a New York' Christmas
crowd. This plan was carried out, and the young quartet watched with sparkling
eves the throngs of people on Chrits yes the throngs of people on Chris "Now to finish our errands, and the home," said Mrs. McGuire, after luncheon was over. But when they reached the hotel again, about mid-afternoon, Betty didn't want to go in.
"Oh, Mother," she pleaded, "the streets are so gay, and the people are all go ing along with bundes and holly can't we stay out longer?"
"I must go in," she said, "and I wan Lisette to help, me. But, if you wish you four may go for a
or along the Avenue. But promise not to get out of the cab. The chauffeur is entirely reliable, and if you stay in the cab, you cannot get lost. B
back here in one hour, please, back here in one hour, please.
"We will", chorused the fou McGuire and Lisette went into the hotel, and the four delighted young folk went for a a urther ride.
Their course down the
Their course down the Avenue was
slow, owing to the crowded traffic; they affic; they

"Betty drew closer to her mot her's. side as s. she
stood specechless before the beautiful tree."
had ample opportunity for observing the never tired. Then afterward a short spin in the Park, where the lights had
already begun to gleam through the early winter dusk. gleam through "Now for home," said Jack decisively Whien the hour had elapsed; and bac Diey went to their hotel. hing-room, nobody was there,-no tree
no presents, and no sign of any human veing.
Betty opened the door of her mother's bedroom, but that, too, was unoccupied, as, indeed, were all the bedrooms.
Betty looked frightened, and said, in a half-whisper: ${ }_{\text {Oh, do }}$ you suppose anything has happened to Mother?" Then Jack laughed outright.
oll wager w, he said, cant you guess? P'll wager Mother and Lisete are in the
dining room and they're fixing the tree in there!" Sure enough, the dining-room door was closed, and when Betty flew to open it, sle found it was locked as well.
"Let us in, Mother; let us in!" she "Yot yet my child," said Mrs. MeGuire opening the door a tiny crack and peep. aifl dint. ou must all amuse yourser "Oh, can't we help fix it q" said Jack.
"Xo; I've plenty of help in here, and
"S: you must keep out and not bother."
Then the door was shut and locked
find themselves with occupation gone.
"All right; let's get up a surprise
"All right; let's get up a surprise fo
her," sald Betty. Jack; "just the thing! What'll it be?"
"Wait. I'll have to think. Oh, I'll tell you, Jack; you go down to the
flower place, and get a lot of white flower place, and get a
nations-just heaps of em. And then get a lot of holly, and bring 'em all up, and I'll show you. Oh, wait-get the
biggest holly wreath you can find, and biggest holly wreath you can find, and
a paper of pins!" a paper of pins!
Obediently Jack went off, and as the
big hotel was able to supply such de mands, he brought back everything Betty asked for.
"It won't be much," said Betty, as "It won't be much," said Betty, as
she tied a big towel over her pretty frock for an apron. "Come in my room, all of you,, so she won't see it if she comes out.
The other three followed Betty, and she disclosed her plan. First she filled
the center of the big wreath with white carnations, having first crisscrossed it closely with string, to keep the blossoms in place. Then she set the others
to work picking off the red berries from to work picking off the red berries from
the bunch of holly Jack had brought, sticking a pin through each. With these prepared berries Betty formed letters on the white background, and as she deftly under her fingers, "Merry Christmas to Mother.", "Fine!" cried Stub. "Betty ,you're ar real genius! I declare
prettiest wreath
It was pretty, for the holly wreath framed the loving greeting spelled out on the white carnations, and Betty's
true eye had spaced the letters admirtrue eye had spaced the letters admir-
ably. It was not quite finished when Mrs. Mut Betty hastily stuck in the remain ing pins with their red berry heads, and Jack asked Mrs. McGuire not to peep in-
to Betty's room. to "Indeed I won,
only time to dress for dinner and you young people had better seamper if you want to have any evening left for
your tree." your tree."
hungry but they did, and soon a very hungry but jolly party made its way
down to the dining-room. The girls were in festival dress because it was Christmas eve. Their cut out a little at the throat, and red sashes and hair-ribbons gave an air of
Christmas to their costumes. Each Christmas to their costumes. Each
wore a holly spray in her hair, and wore a holly spray in her hair, and
Jack declared himself proud of the visions of lovliness that graced his party
But notwithstanding the jolly time they were having, and the excitement of
it all, there was no lingering after din-
ner. Though the girls would have liked to stay downstairs and listen to the tree seemed to call loudly to them, even through the closed door. So up they went, Betty's little face fairly aglow
with the happiness of her first rew with the happiness of her first real
Christmas. She held her mother's hand tightly as, at last, Lisette threw open the door of the dining-room, and they
all went in The tree The tree was a marvel. Stalwart and had assisted Mrs. McGuire to decorate it. It shimmered and glittered with
tinsel ropes; it sparkled with shining tinsel ropes; it sparkled with shining
ornaments; it trembled with tiny lighted candles, and it fairly blazed with hundreds of tiny electric lights of all colors. This was one of Mrs. McGuire's
surprises. Even the Grahams had nev surprises. Even the Grahams had never
seen a Christmas tree electrically lighted and as for Stub-he fairly whistled in and as
ecstasy.
"Oh,
"Oh, what a corker!" he explained, for more grammatical language seemed in adequate.
Betty dre and slipped her arm tor mother's side she stood speechless before the beautiful
tree. tree. "For me!" she exclaimed, her eyes as "right as the electrics themselves.
"Yes," said her mother, bendi kiss the top of her child's head. "And for Jack," she added holding out her
hand to the boy, who came, a bit shyly hand to the boy, who came, a bit shyly, "And for all
gaily; "you can't leave shouted Stub McGuire, and though my small, Mrs. seems for the moment to be speechless yet I can assure you she thinks it's "Very nice tree!" cried Agnes; "it's the gorgeousest, wonderfulest tree that ever was on the face of the earth! know it is!"
After the over, Mrs. McGuire proposed that the take off the gifts, assuring them that
such a proceding would not such a proceeding would not mar the ef
fect of the tree fect of the tree. ed by Stub when the gifts were hun high, took down the presents one by one, and delivered them to those whos names were written on them.
Somehow there seemed to be lots of
gifts. For five people, each giving t gits. For
every one else, made a good many, an then there were a lot of extra ones tha just seemed to come from Santa Claus
himself.
himself.
and she stood in the background, de and she stood in the background, de-
lighted beyond words to see Betty's

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pleasure in her beautiful Christmas tree. Mrs. McGuire's present to her daughter was a gold rocket containing a miniature
of her own lovely face. It hung from of her own lovely face. It hung from a
slender gold chain, and no gift could have pleased Betty more. "I shall al ways wear it," she said, as her mother clapsed it round her throat;
©and, Mother, you must always wear $m$, "and, Mother, you must always wear my Her mother was greatly surprised at
the diamond brooch, and wondered how Betty had sufficient taste and judgment to select such a beauty. So Betty told
how Mrs. Sanderson had helped her, how Mrs. Sanderson had helped her,
and all admired the lovely jewel when it was pinned at the top of its owner's delicate lace bodice.
The tables were filled with the varions trinkets and knickknacks, and the floor
was strewn with tissue-papers and narwas strewn with tissue-papers and nar-
row red ribbons. Then Jack and Stub brought in the big Christmas greeting Betty and the others had made, and her mother was delighted at the pretty
attention. attention.
It was late indeed when they souylit

Christmas carols sung, and a Christmas dance indulged in. But at last all the down on one of the stars twinkled the great city, a girl who was restfully sleeping after the joys of her first real Christmas.
"Thank you" and "Amen."
When we're at grandpa's house to dine Tnen clasps his hands and shuts his eyes, And sister says "he"s saying grace." Ie says big words that I don't knowI know two words he always says. And one is "Thanks," and one "Amen."

We saw a squirrel, big and gray;
He held a nut between his paws, But did not eat it right away.
He closed his little shining His hands raised just like grandpa's. heir beds, for a refection of ind

old, and only ten years old, and he ought to of course; but his father was dead and
his mother almost an invalid, to whose slender and uncer-
tain income from her needle Benny's two dollars a week at Haines's General Store was no mean addition. Some weeks, indeed, his earnings
were greater than hers, and on these casions Mrs. Brooks, who was still young, would smile in her pretty way and pat Benny on the head and call him her little man of the house
Those were always proud moments for
Benny; and, oh, how they made him yearn to be earning ten dollars a week in the store, like Hank Sellers! Hank was Benny's ideal of a great man, for he could blow smoke through his nose
without coughing; he could lift a barrel of salt; throw anybody in town in a wrestling match, and break the wildest colts that were ever brought to him.
Benny learned in Sunday Benny learned in Sunday-school, of
course, and from his mother, that some course, and from his mother, that some
of these things were not nice; yet, if they weren't, why did a great man like Hank Sellers do them?
These were questions that often
puzzled Benny's brain puzzled Benny's brain as he sat on
the high seat of the delivery wagon, with old Ned Jogging along in front. Mr. Haines did not smoke, to be surebut he was a little, dried-up old man, whom Hank could have licked with one
hand tied behind his back. Mr. Haines aften spoke sharply to Hank, especially when the latter had been out training somebody's colt instead of attending to business in the store; and Benny, on
such occasions, always trembled for his such occasions, always trembled somehow Hank never licked him.
Every Saturday night Benny hurried
straight home with lis two silyer dollars straight home wis mothe silver dollars, and he kiss his mother invariably gave beginning he also conscientiously carried
home the occasional nickel or dime which which he picked up in return for some day his mother told him, with a queer little catch in her voice, which he could not then understand, that thereafter he could have these extras for himself. He kept them after this, but whatever
he bought with them-candy or licoriceroot or an orange-he always shared
with little Elizabeth Since Se Elizabeth and his mother. now next to the last week in December -he had not spent a penny in December a secret into which he had let no one make the first Christmas gift of his life and it was to be to his mother! But
what? This was the question be pondered for days. He had considered at least a dozen articles, always care-
fully bearing the cost in mind, but no sooner would he decide on any one of
them than all the others them on new charms, and thus undo his decision - Wething
every day, but which at the same time
would be beautiful and enduring, and would be beautiful and enduring, and It proved a difficult combination to find, and he was beginning to despair, when one morning at breakfast, just four days before Christmas, his mother said:
"Benny, dear, I guess you'll have to take the coffee-pot down to Mr. Conrad's again. It has sprung another leak." In that moment the inspiration came. He would get her a new coffee-pot! Not a plain tin affair like her old one, which place, with its spout twisted and the button gone from the lid; but a gorgeous one of wnite and blue granite-iron, such as he had seen in Conrad's window. Elizabeth, following instructions, stopped at the store for her brother, for the selection of the pot was a responsibility not to be assumed by any one person.
Benny got excused for a little while, and and the diminutive pair hastened toward Conrad's hardware store. The clouds were spitting snow, and a keen wind harried the street; but Elizabeth's
little red hood and jacket were snug little red hood and jacket were snug
and warm, and Benny, though he blew his bare knuckles from habit, was too excited to think of cold. They paused in front of the window, and Benny eagerly pointed out the pot which he
had chosen, contingently, earlier in the day. "Ain't it a beauty, Lizzie?" he asked. "It's a wful pretty!"" she murmured. "How much does it cost?" that no granite-iron coffeepot ever made ought to cost over seventy-five cents; and he know, 'cause he used to work in a hardware store. We'll go in and ask, "It's beautiful, brother."
"Do you think it's too big? he interrogated anxiously.
"Oh, no."
"Do you think it's too little, then?" "Oh, no. I think it's just right," she "Then I'll ask. l.ait till I count my money again."
He drew from He drew from his irouser pocket half and after some study found that they totalled seventy-five cents-just the paused for she final glence at the gorge paused for one final glance at the gorgethat his eyes fell on a pot which had somehow escaped him hitherto-a beauwith a fancy curved spout and figured handle, a very king of coffee-pots, in act, throned high above all the rest. He gasped, and in that instant the glory and it became a common, plebeian thing. "Look at that silver one!" said he, in a hopeless tone. "O wish we could buy mother that one; but expect it costs ten dollars, don't you?" Benny shook his head, too dejected to "It don't cost that; no coffee-pot costs that-except a king's, , mebbe. But it

He fastened his longing blue eyes on
the glittering object again. It seemed the glittering object again. It seemed
to shine with even more effulgence than to shine with even more effulgence than an aching heart, the glow that would come to his mother's face if he could
only make her such a magnificant presonly make her such a magnificant pres-
ent as that. ent as that. while his lip quivered, "I ain't going get mother a coffeepot after all. I'm going to get her something else." "What you goin' to get her?" asked Elizabeth, greaty
outcome of their momentous shopping expedition.
exped ain't decided yet. "I'll think it
over. You stop at the store tomorrew over. You stop at the store to-morrow,
afternoon again. But I wish I hadn't seen that silver coffeepot," he added, seen
sadly.
He
sady. dreamt that night that he found a
He place where quarters and half-dollars
lay on the ground as thick as leaves, enough to buy many silver coffeepots. But just as he was entering Conrad's store, which didn't seem just the same old place exactly, the bottom of his pockets suddend thither, dodging about as if it had life, and not a single piece could be found again. He awoke bitterly disappointed; but he was some what cheered to find, on getting up, ers pocket was still intact.
On the way to work he could not resist the temptation to stop and look
at the silver coffee pot again. Some at the silver coffee pot again. Some
fairy must have polished it over-night, fairy must have polished it over-night, manner that was fairly dazzling. Each time that day that he passed Conrad's with the delivery wagon-and he went out of his way several times to do itthe window. $A \circ$ noon, both coming and going, he stopped again. Once during
the afternoon, as he. went by on the wagon, he saw Mr. Conrad showing the pot to a lady, and his heart sank. He pot were his and not Mr. Conrad's. But when he came back there was the king on his throne again, looking, if possible,
more royal than ever. more royal than ever.
"Lizzie," said he, desperately, when the pair once more stood in front of the
window, "I ain't thought of anything else yet, and I'm goin' to ask Mr. Conrad how much it's worth." Elizabeth's at this venturesome declaration.
"Mebbe he won't like it, Benny. He
knows we're too poor to buy knows we're too poor to buy it."
"I don't care," answered Benny. heard Hank Sellers ask a man the price of a thrashin-machine once, and he didn't have the money to buy it. And mebbe that pot don't cost but seventy-five They climbed the steps of the old frame building. Beny's heart, in spite
of his valorous words, was thumping of his valorous words, was thumping
furiously; and it was with a feeling of furiously; and it was with a feeling ony
relief that he noted the absence of any relief that he noted the abse.
other customers in the store.
other custom.
tremor inq.
"Mr. Conrad," he began, with a tremor
in his voice which he could not quite in his voicee which he could not quite control, "I want to look at your coffee-
pots. 'I want to get mother one for
Christin pots. I want to get mother one for
Christmas. How much is that-that sil-
ver one in the window, with the crooked ver one in the window, with the crooked spout? $?$
Elizabetl
Elizabeth tightened her grip on Ben-
ny's hand as Mr. Conrad stepped to the ny's hand as Mr. Conrad stepped to the
window and lifted the beauteous thing down. When he came back and set it on the counter, within eighteen inches
of the tip of her snub nose-at which of the tip of her snub nose-at which
close range it was overwhelmingly splenclose range it was overwhelmingly splenny's heart went lower than ever. He
realized already his folly in pricing such an article.
"Do you
"Do you mean this one? That's a dealer. There was silence for a moment, intense silence.
"I suppose it's solid silver," said Benny, suppose it's solid silver," said bentone, but struggling with a lump in his
throat. "No, it's nickel-plated; but for all
practical purposes it is as good as silver. practical purposes it is as good as s,
Do you think you would like it?"
Benny shook his head. He was about to say, evasively, that he hadn't de-
cided yet just what to get his mother;
but his instinctive truthfulness pre
railed. " I a in't got the
almost inaudibly
"We have some the merchant, kome cheaper pots," said
as lowe have some as low as a quarter.
But Benny again But Benny again shook his head.
wanted to pet her somethis nie wanted to get her something nice. I-
wouldn't take no pleasure in pot atter seein' pleasure in a chea,
Lizzie." Come on, Lizzie,"
How much money have you, Benny?" reached the door "Seventy five cents.
Conrad hesitated, and glanced at the bottom of the pot. It was marked $o-\mathrm{m}$,
which meant that it had cost him which meant that it had cost him, as it
happened, just seventy-five cents. Then he glaneced at the diminutive pair. They
were about the age of his own two chil were about the age of his own two chil
dren.
dren. "Benny," said he, with a smile, "this is thenny, season of heace on a earth and good this
will to ment and I Im ong to
 have this pot for seventy-five cents,"
Benny's eyes lighted wondrously for Benn's's eyes lighted wondrousty for
an instant; then the radiance faded and he said, in a hard little voice, without turning back, "I don't want you to give
"I am not giving it to you. Seventy
five cente is is often sell goods to favored customers at cost. You and your mother have al ways been good customers of mine, and
I should be glad to have you take this pot at seventy five cents,"
"All right, sir, if You put it that way"
answered the proud little boy; and or more he counted out his small chang;

fearful lest a penny or two might have got away and thus at the last moment
vitiate the sale. But it was all there. vitiate the sale. But it was all there.
Mr .Conrad swathed the pot in paper Mr . Conrad swathed the pot in paper
until no one could have guessed what it was, tied it up securely and passed it across the counter. Benny lifted
carefully down with a sense of tremend carefully down with a sense of tremend
ous responsibility, tucked it under his ous responsibility, tucked it under
arm and passed out with Elizabeth. arm and passed out with ewn and smash it, Benny," suggested she, awesomely as they trudged over the icy sidewalk "I ain't goin' to fall", said he, con
fidently. "I've carried things as valuable as this before-glass, too. But able as this before-glass, too. Bit
never nothin' for mother," he added, with a tenderer note.
"Suppose a horse runned over you,
continued a in
He laughed in a boy's superior way.
guess I ain't liable to be runned over b a horse when I drive one myself every day. When you get used to a horse, you
ain't afraid of ony of 'em any more ain't arraid of ony of 'em any more mouth of any horse in town." Benny expected to smuggle the coffee pot into the house on Christmas Eve
He had not yet decided whether he would He had not yet decided whether he would
softly arise some time in the night and softly arise some time in's stocking - he
tie his gift to his mqther
would hint beforehand that it would be would hint beforehand that it would be
well for her to hang it up along with well for her to hang it up along with
his and Elizabeth's, this year-or wheth his and Elizabeth's, this yea cupboard, in er he would set it in the cupboard, it when she went to make coffee in the morning. Each plan had some feature
to recommend it. But meanwhile he deemed it wisest to keep the precious gift at the store, al
though just where to stow it was serious question. Under a counter it

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off, especially if there should happen to
be an earthquake. Moreover, if such a valuable thing were left in an exposed place, burglars might find it out and break in and carry it off. Finally, how-
ever, Hank Sellers, whom Benny took in to his confidence, hid the pot in a drawer under some rolls of cotton batting. If Benny peeped into that drawer once in the next two days, he peeped twenty
times. But on each occasion the treas times. But on each occasion the treasonly a bundle of brown paper. Benny's work day ended at. six o'clock, by Mrs. Brooks' stipulation, for he was
too young to be kept up at night. About too young to be kept up at night. About
half-past three oclock on Christmas Eve, when his heart was already beginning to quicken in anticipation of the exciting venture of getting his present into the house unobserved, the telephone in th
store rang vigorously. It was Mrs. Rose crans, and she wanted to know why th two pounds' of raisins she had ordered for her Christmas pudding had not been de livered The store was full of customers
and Hank Sellers hung up the receive and Hank Sellers hung up, the receive
with a growl. Mrs. Rosecrans lived out side the village limits, about a mile an a half from the store, and Benny had been out there twice, that day in the
delivery wagon with baskets full of delivery wagon with baskets full o
Christmas cheer; but Hank had in som way overlooked the raisins in putting up her orders. . Mrs. Rosecrans was Haines's best customer, however, and could not be disappointed, although the horse had
been put away for the day "Benny", said for the day tended for his employer's ear, "do you suppose you could hitch up old Ned by
yourself and take two pounds of raisins yourself and take two pounds of raisins
out to old lady Rosecrans? I can't possibly leave the store now, and she'll have
sith las a fit if those raisins ain't delivered." Benny had never hitched up the horse, but he was not the boy to admit,
especially to his idol, his inability to do a thing before he had tried it. So a few minutes later he trủdged over to Haines's barn with the bag of raisins under one arm. Hank had told him that he needn't come back again that day, so under the
other arm-and this was really the important thing-he carried the precious porfee-pot.
Arriving at the barn, he deposited his
packages in a safe place; then he climbed packages in a safe place; then he climbed
on a box and lifted the heavy harness down from a wooden peg. Mounting the manger with the bridle over one arm, he seixed old Ned's forelock firmly, with a did, and unbuckled the halter. But old
Ned. having done his day's stint of work, had no mind to be harnessed again, especially by this pigmy. So he snorted, threw up his head with a force which nearly wrenched Benny's arm from the
socket, and then derisively cantered out into the barnyard, through the door, which Benny had inadvertently left open.
Half freightened at this catastrophe, and
with an aching arm, the child followed
with the bridle. For fifteen minutes he alternately coaxed and chased the horse tumbling over the frozen ground, and bruising his bare hands until they burn
ed like fire and were bleeding in severa ed like fire and were bleeding in several
places, but the wary old Ned would neither re-enter his stall nor allow him self to be caught.
At first the boy thought of returning o the store and confessing the fail
ure that had overtaken him. But in addition to the humiliation of this course, it seemed like an ungratefu hing, somehow, after Hank had let him off for the rest of the day. So Benny re
solved to walk out to Mrs. Rosecrans He had walked out there once before with some boys, in the Summer time, to help pick strawberries; and it had not seemed so very far. Gathering up his oot behind in a stable was not to be thought of-he started off.
The road was badly cut up. The par els, so light at first, soon grew amazing one which old Ned had jerked, began to ache terribly. Every few rods he paused o shift his burdens, as first the raisins and then the coffee-pot seemed lighter
for his lame arm. In his haste and anxiety, too, he had left his mittens behind at the stable, and his dirty little ands were soon as red as boiled lobsters. It Was half-past four o'clock when he
reached the big Rosecrans house, and the great red sun was nearly down to the tree tops in the west. The cook made him come in and warm himself, and ex pressed her opinion of the man who
would send a bay of Benny's size that distance on foot with two packages to carry. Benny explained, and after he was warm the cook buttoned him up thoroughly, drew a pair of her own mit warm-over his small hands, and wished him a merry Christmas.
A few flakes of snow were drifting own in an inconsequential way, but be ore Benny reached the public road they
were falling think and fast. He did not object to snow, especially with the pros-
pect of a new sled for Christmas; but he pect of a new sled for Christmas; but he
decided to take a short cut across a large decided to take a short cut across a large
tract of meadow. The old snow in the ract of meadow. The old snow in the
neadow proved deeper than he had thought, and at each step he sank in above his ankles; but by the time he realized how toilsome this made the
walking, he fancied that he must be walking, he fancied that he must be
half-way across, and that it would be better to go on than to turn back. He had broken through thin ice in
several low places and his wet feet soon several low places and his wet feet soon
got very cold, but he cheered his flagging ot very cold, but he cheered his flagging and picturing, for perlaps the hundredth time, his dear mother's smile wnen she hould look at her stocking in the morn-
ng. He was considerably worried by

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finally, by the appearance of one or wo finally, by the appearance of one or wo
holes in the paper, caused by his frequent shifting of the package frm one tired arm to the other. Water might
take off the beautiful glitter, he feared, take oft the beautiful, gitter he feared
or eren rust the nickel. Moreorer, if all or eren rust the nickel. Moreover, if aill
the paper ame off, how should he ever
gett his present into the house unreog get paper came off, how should he event into the house unrecog.
giized? To remedy matters he tried to shield
the pot under his orercoat. But the the pot under his orercoat. But the
strained position which this crowding strained position which this crowrang
neeessitated hampered his walking badry,
and the opening in his and the opening in his overcoat. let in
the wind and snow. It occurred to him, too, that he might scratch the polished surface with his buttons. so he drew
the vessel out again-the holes in the the ressel but ager and more numerous
paper now berebuttoned his ooat as best he
than erer-bin paper ner buttoned his coat as best he
than eree-
could with his benumbed fingers and could with
trudged $\mathbf{c n}$.
Presently he found himself in a grove He was greatly surprised at thes, ior he
was positive that no tres grew in the meadow. He had been floundering along with his head down, as one naturally
breasts a storm; but stopping and lookin breasts a storm; but stopping and looking
up now to get his bearings, he discoored up now to get his bearings, he discovered
that no landmarks were visible. Not only the spires and trees of the village
had disappeared, but also the Rosecrans had disappeared, but also the Rosecrans
house itself, big as it was, and set on a house itself, big as it was, and set on a
hill. SNow, snow, nothing but snow, in
Sine to his face and clothing! Freightened but not despairing, he struck out in the direction in which he thought the village
must surely lie. After a little he came must surely- he. Aence. His heart gave a great throb of thank fulness, for this
must mark the end of the meadow. But must mark the end of the meadow. But
alas! There was no road on the other alas! There was no road on the other
side, as there should have been-only a side, ath there should have been-only
smoth expanse of snow, like another meadow.
By this time the last of the pulpy
brown paper had been rubbed from the coffee-pot; Benny's face, hair and clothes
were wet with melted show were wet with melted snow and his feet
numb with cold. His brave little heart now failed him, and he began to cry in
short, hard, bitter sobs. He had scarce short, hard, bitter sobs. He had searce-
ly strength enough left to drag himself through the fence, yet he carefully
screened his beloved gift from the barbs screened $\begin{aligned} & \text { on the wire. Having gained the other }\end{aligned}$ side, he had an almost irresistible desire to sink down in the snow and rest, but
the thought of home and mother and the the thought of home and mot her and the
Christmas entertainment at the clurch Christmas entertainment at the echurch
kept him going. Elizaleth made up like
a firy, was to sing a ong at the church. a fairy, was to sing a song at the church,
and he did not want to miss that. And the next day was Christmas! That was a great thought, and he repeated it over
and over, like some incantation which might have the power to keep his acling
legs in motion. But even the virtue ofthis incantation spent itself in time. Hix strength was
almost gone. Holding the coffeepot by almost gone. Holding the coffeepot by
the handle, in a rixid, half- frozen grip, he stumbled aimlessly about in the gathering darkness, with no course in mind,
and instinctively following the line of least resistance-where the ground sloped. Every few yards he fell, and when
nest.
he he rose he. staggered hueplesesly. Both
mittens were gone but he was mittens were gone but he wax sarreely
conscius of the fact; and to has be${ }_{a}$ numbal one, even though the mittens
were not hin owin
The lethargy which cold and excessive fatigue produce was fast overcoming
him, when be was rudely jarred by bump-


It was the night before Curistmas, an
all
inrought the bouse a creature was stirring,
monse."
He knew the whole posm by heart and had reeited it the vear before at the Terstes were all he could remember to night, and he repeated them drow wil?
seereral times. Then muttering in a fit sexeral times. Then muttering in a fit
ful way a part of the lifthe prajer which
 his mother's knee, he fell asleep.
There, three bours later, the searching party, spstematically ceanreassing erery square gard of the meadow with
their gleaming lanterns, found him with the coffee-pot clasperds, in his arm, with his cap jammed orer his eetes not and end,
but in a stupor which is the prewrent but in a stupor which is the preeurroor
of death. Whea be regained ponsuiver of death. When he regained conscions-
ness, his mother was bed; a lamp burned on the tuble, and there was the pungent smell of liniments in his nostrils. He was still very tired.
and it was some time before be and it was some time before he opened
his eres wide enought for his mother to his eeves wide enouqh for his
preceive that he was awake.
"My dear little boy" she exclaimed bending orer and kissing him, while the tears glistened on her long, beautiful
lashes--the most beentifol in the will lasnes-ithe most beautiful in the worl
to Benns.

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { to Benny. } \\
& \text { "Hare. }
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"Have I comed Lome, mother"" he "Why a mystified tone
"Why, yes, darling; only you are in
notner's room tonight, where it is warm er, instead of yourr own Don't you recognize it ${ }^{\text {s. }}$
Did $I$ come alone?
"Vo, the men-the good, kind menThen the memory you home." flashed over himemory Hie glanceed about the room, but the eoffe-pot was nowhere
sight; and the sickening counviction that it had been lost came oxer him.
"And is it Christmas Jet, mother: he asked, faintly. "Yes, it is now two welock, and real
Christmas. But we dontt usuall count it as beginning until mouning when all the little boys and girlis walk up and look in their stocking. II an
so thankful, darrling that you have been so thankful, darling, that y,
spared to be ome of thenes.,
spared to be one of thone."
-Did you haury up (your "tecking","
is
"Ies. Dan't your remember that vou fold me at dinner retter to be fol not to forget it?"
He burst inte tears. "Tou won't pet
nothing now, wother. I joost it in the nothing, now, mother. I lost it in the
snow' he oobbed. "On. no, you dian't, my $\mathrm{t}^{\text {" }}$ danting
You had it in your arms when they found you sand your heleld it so tiphtly that thou let it tar in your arms untill
they got you bome." Het own tears now they got you bome." Her own tears now
flowed.
 "Yes. that beautiful, beautiful coffer pot, finer than mother ever had before
or ever hoped to have., or ever hoped to hare",
"And wasn't it
"Yot a bit of it. It Ehines like silver.
Mother shall always be so prond of it But how much prouder shall the alway be of her noble boy, who wat to thooght
ful and so self- tacerificing in order to give and deespair, out these, in the darkne and the storm, would not athanden hit
present for ber!'? preent for ber '"
"I Mother,", said be with a radiant face "IMother," said he with a radiant face. "I knowed you'd talk like an anpel when
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dot wanted you to thate itear to tou." he added,
quickly, just before her fips smothered


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 sombre hue.But notice But notice the aesthetic side of this
lovely season, for it is the time when nature shines forth is all her whery. When is she lovelier, sweeter, happier? Never! For she has resolved, seeming-
ly, to enjoy the best part of her year before surrendering to Winter, the stern
gray watchman. In all directions, exgray watchman. In all directions, ex-
pansive fields of golden grain greet the pansive fields of golden grain greet the
eye; beautiful hills and valleys present a most pleasing spectacle, and all nature seems to be portrayed by her own art-
ist. For autumn has come-has come with For autumn has come-has come wirs
the first brown blade of grass; the first
ripening of the now tall, waving grain, ripening of the now tall, waving grain,
and the first migration of the birds. The fruits of the orchard and garden, the vegetables of the garden and farm, and
the products of all have now to be housed in the storehouse; the cattle, horses and sheep present a striking contrast to their
condition in the spring, and the roads, condition in the spring, and the roads,
which have been so unbearable by reason which have been mo unbearable have become
of mud and mosquitoes hard and dry, the cool, frosty air quickly dispersing the mosquitoes. For,
though spring is the beginning of hope though spring is the beginning of hope
and summer is the anxiety of expectaand summer is the anxiety of expectaor the disappointment of plans.
Where the golden grain once
Where the golden grain once reared
its princely crown, now stand great its princely crown, now stand great
stacks that seem to gaze disdainfully down upon the surrounding country. They await the coming of the thresher-
man, but cannot enjoy their lordly posiman, but cannot enjoy their lordly posi-
ition longer for he comes with a rush and a roar. Puff! Puff! how the engine works! Rattle! Rattle! how the separator swallows the grain, separating the
oats from the straw and the wheat from oats from the straw and the wheat from
the...chaff! Dirty, dust-begrimed men the...chaf! Diry machinery, loading wagons or drawing grain; weary, but brave, women
bending over pots and pans of stifling bending over pots and pans of stifling
heat, and children rushing' about in heat, and children rushing about
ecstacies of delight and enjoyment! To the sportsman, too, autumn is a
season of great delight, for the Game season of great delight, for the Game
Laws, which have kept him in restriction during the summer months, now
permit him to indulge in his favorite sport of duck shooting. Bang! Bang!
hark! 'tis the sound of his gun as he hark! 'tis the sound of his gun as he
brings down a noble prize. Bow! wow! brings down a noble prize. Bow! wow!
wow! his faithful friends, the dogs, are in the water, struggling with, and tugg. ing at his game and soon have it at his
feet, where he views it with evident satisfaction. He takes equal enjoyment
of prairie chicken hunting, and the ocof prairie chicken hhen he does not feel casions are rare when he does not in
thankful for the beautiful season in
which he may spend such a joyul holiwhich he may spend such a joyful holi-
day.
But winter now marches in with giant strides. How apparent are the signs of the ancient king's approaching rule!
The trees become sad and melancholy as The trees become sad and melancholy as
he blows his dull clarion o'er all the he blows his dull clarion oer al the
land, commanding all lakes and rivers
to close their doors and windows to the inclement weather, and people, one and all, prepare for a season of joyful fes-
tivities. For winter has come and autumn has passed away
(Ed. note:-Can not other young read-
ers send us something original?)

## Christmas in a Railway Car.

By H. J. Tweddell, Brandon, Man.
It was the morning before Christ-
mas Eve when an express train mas Eve when an express train
steamed out of Montreal station on its long journey to the Pacific coast.
bearing, as all such trains do, a strange and mixed assemblage
Some were holiday makers who had been unable to leave until the last mo-
ment, and were now doultful if they ment and were now doultful if they
would reach their destination in time.
S Some were on business bent, which even
the Christmats holiday was not allowed to interiere with. A few were immigrants who had just arrived from the
Old Country, and were making their way to the great Xorthwest in the hope of
making a home somewhere and somehow.
Insid. the cars all seemed to be com-
fortable thit the coutlonk was cold and

tinguished from the land by the even surface they presented when compared with the undulating ground surrounding them. But our story is not to deal with the
wide expanse of snow-covered country wide expanse of snow-covered country
as seen from the railroad, but rather with persons and incidents inside the ars; so let us introduce those with whom
cerned.
Seated in one of the cars was a young farmer named Harry Fowler. He was about 35 years old, with a frank open countenance that was clouded now and
rather out of keeping with the Christ ather out of keeping coat and cap look-
mas season. His fur ed cosy enough, yet, somehow, he did ed cosy enough, yet, somehow, the opposite side of the car aisle was a Roed, who had just come over the se from England, and, as her dress betokened, she was a widow. Of course, it is
difficult, and not always discreet, ifficult, and not always discreet, to
state a woman's exact age, but for the purpose of our story it will be sufficient to say she appeared to be about thirty. and her face, if not exactly beautiful,
was one that attracted attention by its look of gentle goodness. Her little daughter, Ethel, was a bright child of six years old, with blue eyes and flaxen hair, full of smiles and prattling all the of questions about this, that and the other, of things that appeared new and strange to her. And thus the day wore
on until evening came, and the on until evening came, and the lamps
were lighted. Then her mother began to talk about her going to bed.
"But, Mamma," said little Ethel, "It's Christmas Eve, and Santa Claus will be coming, so I must hang my stockings
up for him," "por for hy darling," said Mrs. Reed, "it's no use to hang them here; Santa Claus would never find them, and the train is going too fast for him to catch,"
even if he knew where to find them," "Oh, yes, Mamma," replied Ethel, "'T'm sure he will. When the train stopped at the stations I saw some sledges that
had got there before the train, and Santa had got there before the train, and Santa
Claus can travel faster with reindeer than the horses I saw, and I'm sure he will find me, so I'll hang my stockings up here."
With that remark she pinned her little stockings to the back of the seat, and
shortly after lay down, and was soon in the land of dreams; where, doubtless, she heard the tinkle of the sleigh-bells, and had visions of the good saint of the while poor Mrs. Reed heaved a sigh as While poor Mrs. Reed heaved a sigh
she sat dreading the disappointment of her child when she awoke in the morn ing. About ten o'clock that night the train
drew up at North Bay, and no sooner had it come to a standstill than several of the passengers alighted, foremost among them being Harry Fowler, who small packages, while his pockets showed that they contained more. He took his seat again, but almost directly after the journey was resumed he got up, and
crossing to where the little èmpty stockings were hanging, began to fill them with oranges, apples, figs, nuts, candies,
and a large doll, until they were loaded and a large doll, until they were loaded
to their utmost capacity, and then he to their utmost capacity, and then
re-crossed to his former seat, his face re-crossed to brightly now than it had previously
there was
"A feeling of sadness and longing,
That is not akin to pain; That is not akin to pain;
And resembles sorrow only
As the mist resembles the rain."
The train sped on, and after a while ing of the bell was heard, proclaiming that another Christmas Day was ushered in. Then began a shaking of hands
among the passengers and a wishing among the passengers, and a wishing
one another a Happy Christmas and all one another a Happy Christmas and As
the Compliments of the Season. As Harry Fowler shook hands with Mrs. Reed and each expressed their good
wishes for the other. it was plain to see wishes for the other. it was plain to see
that the festive season only served to that the festive season only servel
remind each of them of other Clist-
mases which they had mases which they had passed under dif-
ferent circumstances. The buzz of conversation continued for some time, then
gradually quietened. as one by one lay


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## down "to sleep, perchance to dream.

 at Fort William, little Ethel train stoppe looked up at her stockings, shouted out in her glee."Oh, look, Mamma! Santa Claus did catch the train. I told you he would, and see what he has left for me!" and she took down her stockings and began knee, and over and over again, the sweet childish voice was heard to say, "Good Santa Claus, 'good Santa Claus. I, knew he would come, I knew he would. Th doll came in for a great share of her
affection, and was scarcely out of her arms during the whole of that day.
The pleasure of little Ethel was the means of drawing Mrs. Reed and Harry Fowler into conversation, which drifted
into an exchange of mutual confidences, in which each told the other something of their circumstances.
"Your little girl," said Harry Fowler to Mrs. Reed, "reminded me of my
own little Maud, who would have been own little Maud, who would have been
about her age, so that I could not reabout her age, so that silling her stockings as I used to do with Maud's. It is three years since my wife and only child were killed in railway accident at Chapleau, at
Christmas, and it may be a morbid fancy of mine, but every Christmas I take this journey from Montreal to Qu'Appelle, although I know full well shall not meet them on the way., stinct, offered her sympathy, saying her husband died two years ago, leaving little Ethel and her alone to make
their way in the world. During their way in the worra. During in the Old Country, but could hardly make a living so she decided to come to
Canada. She had nothing definite to Canada. She had nothing definite tini-
come to, but was going as far as Winnipeg, where she would ask either the Immigration Officer or the SalvationArmy
to try and find her a situation as houseto try and find her a situation as housekeeper or something of that sort.
pause, "I don't think you need trouble either of them. Since my wife's death I have had to have a housekeeper, and the one I now have is leaving me. She
is going to be married some time in is going to be married some time in
January, and I shall want somebody to take her place. Why not you? Then you need not stay in Winnipeg, unless you want, but can go straight on with
me to Qu'Apppelle." and thus it was arme to Q
It is some years since this occurred. Ethel is grown a big girl now, but she still keeps and treasures that doll. She
says its proper name is Winnifred Marsays its proper name is Winnifred Mar-
garet, but, for short, she calls it Winnie Peg, for at the city of that name sle
found a Father Christmas, who is now found a Father Christmas, who is now
a real father to her, and has given her
both a brother and a sister.

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## Five Little Brothers.

Five little brothers set out together To journey the livelong day, They hurried away, away! And one wee fellow, no size at all. The carriage was dark and none to And they could not move about. The five little brothers grew ver And the wee one began to pout, Till the biggest one whispered, "What Let's leave the carriage and run away? So out they, scampered, the five toAnd off and away they sped
When somebody' found that carriage of Oh my, how she shook her head! Twas her little boy's shoe, as every on
And the five little brothers were five Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

Little Alf and Susan Mary.
"Now, sir, I shall make a squirt-gun" Granpa Tabor said, "so run, Wun and get a piece of elder
We are apt to have some fun.'
"Mary, skip and ask your mother For a piece of cotton rag. Find it in the carpet bag." "Alf, you get "the water handy; Ralph, you skip and get a string;
Gee! We're apt to have a squirt-g That's about the proper thing." Well, sir, Gran'pa took the elder, Poked the pith out with a stck-
Trimmed the ends off with his jack Gran'pa makes things mighty slick.

Then he poked it in the water,
Made believe it wouldn't work; Fooled and fussed around a minute Then he gave the thing a jerk. "Guess the pin-hole's got to chokin Peek an' see if you can see
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Remember that the wholesomest meat beef and mutton are most easily' digest ed and wholesome when boiled roasted r stewed-not fried
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spices, fried foods, sweets, strong gravies, and foods which form adherent pear in mind that sugar, and all
Bear sugared, syrupy substances, unless sparingly used, are the most injurious of the foods in ordinary use. Positively avoid a habitual diet com-
posed too exclusively of posed too exclusively of one kind of
food, such as meats or cereals. Such diet leads inevitably to disease Avoid cold drinks at mealtime, except in hot weather. Never overrule your appetite which is the index of the
amount of food you need.

## Common Salt and its Uses.

The following selection is so pertinent that we pass it along. Everybody has salt in the pantry, and nobody keeps
house without it. But few of us realiza how very useful just common salt may be in an emergency. Many and various are the remedial uses to which it may be put, and the free use of salt goes f
to preserving health in the home. o preserving health in the home. relied on. By its judicious use the teeth are kept white, the gums hard, and the breath sweet. When the gums are
spongy, the mouth should be washed spongy, the mouth should be washed
out twice a day with salt and water. Warm salt water, held in the mouth, will sometimes banish toothache, and, at least, make the affliction lighter, Again, equal parts of alum and salt, or even salt alone placed on a piece of cotton wool and inserted in the hollow of an aching tooth, will often give re-
lief when other means have failed. To lief when other means have failed. To face, take a small bag of flannel, fill with salt, heat thoroughly and apply to the affected part.
A bag of salt placed hot to the feet, or any portion of the body, is better for
giving warmth than is the conventional brick or hot-water bottle. Salt placed on the gum when a tooth has been extracted will prevent profuse bleeding at such a time. An excellent gargle
for the throat is simple salt and water. Many serious cases of throat affection might be cured by the use of this alone, if only taken in time, gargle every hour
or half-hour, as the need warrants. A or half-hour, as the need warrants. A
flannel cloth, wrung out of salt waflannel cloth, wrung out of saty wa-
ter, is also an excellent remedy for sore throat. Salt in tepid water is a handy emetic; as an antidote for the poison, silver nitrate or lunar caustic, give salt and water freely.

## Fun as a Healer.

Fun has its place in home economy. When everyone is good-humoured, and a ripple of laughter breaks out in the
kitchen, or echoes merrily through the house, you need not fear that very nuch is wrong. Fun is wholesome. It shuns ness. Fun has no sharp" "weapon to stab or dull one to wound a brother's head. When people are full of fun, they
are full of kindliness, full of gentleness, full of unselfish love. The villain who steals your purse; the assassin who thrusts at you in the dark; the ruffian who attacks you on the highway, has no fun about him; he fot
horrible and deadly earnest horrible and deadly earn be blue, if you
If you are disposed to be are not quite well, if anything is a wee bit wrong, try what fun will do to ease

## Sunshine at Meals.

"My. husband is a perfect wet blanket at the table, said a wife despairingly is she rose from a silent and depressing but I am disturbed about the effect of lis moodiness on the children. They cannot understand that their father is
tired that his business vexes him, and tired, that his business vexes him, and
that he dreads the morrow, not knowing that he dreads the morrow, not knowing
what it may bring forth," A great deal is said and written about the wife's duty to meet her husband vith a smile, no matter what her trials
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but thought for repetition there.
"Re not anxious for the morrow," the present message of the Master every disciple. This does not mean that
we are to be idle, that we are to be im1 we are to be inte, that we a
provident, or to lack thrift.

## Tooth-Destroying.

The foundation of bad teeth is gene rally laid in early childhood, for numberless mothers and nurses very care-
fully soften the food or remove th fully soften the food or remove the
crust from the bread before giving it to the little folk, beause it may otherwise "hurt their teeth," and so the child grows up with a set of unused orrans of
its mouth. When we have finally su ceeded, by the creation of artificial con-
con whe hat find ditions, in producing weak organs, then we wonder why the poor child is so often
suffering from. toothach Wie


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olliged to admit that if we ever became a toothless race it will be our own

## Fruits as Medicine.

Nature has been lavish in providing
remedies for many of the common ail. ments: Fruits often relieve disisased
conditions of the body by encouraving conditions on processes. Taken early in the
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morning, an orange acts decidelly as a laxative, sometimes amounting to a pur-
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rindes, mulberies, datee, nectagative. Other laxatives are figs, tama-
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## of a le teeth.

The oil of cocoanut has been recom nend is a substitute for cod-liver oi and is much used in Germany for
phthisis. Barberries, after being made into 2 drink, are used for fever patients. Ap.
ples are useful in nausea, and even in casickness. Bitter almonds are useful in a cough.

Eggs as a Shampoo.
So better shampoo for the hair has been devised than that with eggs.
Break lalf a dozen eggs into a smali bowl, use half of the quantity, rubbing scalp with the fingers. Use plenty of warm water to rinse out the hair, then
repeat the process with the rest of the eggss rubbing the scalp vigorously. kinse again thoroughly and do not at-
dempt to conb the hair until it is dry This will give the much desired fluffines to the hair, and can be used twice a month. It is not advisable in most
cases to wash the head oftener.

## The Care of the Skin.

It has long been a fancy that steaming and washing the face in hot water
is excellent for the skin, but a skin is excellent for the skin, but a skin
specialist says that frequent treatment specialist says that frequent treatment
of this sort produces a flabby skin and early wrinkles. Hò water and good soap are necessary for perfect cleanli,
ness, but after washing the face in hot ness, but after washing the face in hot water it should be well
rinsed with very cold water.
A bag made of cheese cloth and filled with oatmeal or corn meal, a little powder and some shavings of the best soap is a wonderful aid in making the skin
soft and white.
Buttermilk is also good for the skin;
and so is a face bath composed of soft and so is a face bath composed of soft
water and a few drops of lemon juice.

Care of the Feet
Feet which are developed normally,
and which consequently may rightly be called beautiful, are scarcely, to be found except in ancient sculpture or in
infants. The modern foot clothing made of leather does not lend itself easily to the free play of the muscles
and to the full development, of the and to the full deyelopinent, of the
istructure of .the foot.. Nevertheless, istructure of .the foot. Nevertheless,
feet may develop to a fairly normal shape if from infancy care is used in the
selection of shoes.

Most deformities of the feet are d veloped during childhood, while the bones are soft, the ligaments less re-
sistant, and the muscles, together with the other foot structures, are undergo ing rapid changes in development.
The plan most likely to result in the selection of a natural-shaped shoe is to
pencil the outline of the child's bare as it is held on a sheet of paper, to cut it out and use it as a model, to which a shoe-sole, when it is laid on it, is found to conform. Every reasonable shoe dealer is sure to approve of such
method, and with the definite model at hand will seek to furnish what is called for. After a short experience one will
observe that the personal study of footcovering will yield valuable results in insuring comfort and natural developFl of the growing foot.
Flat foot is frequently seen in chil-
dren, as a result of effort made to have ren, as a result of effort made to have
them toe out gracefuliy. Toeing in is often due to the unconscious effort to
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What to Drink.
The best time to drink water or othThe best time to drink water in quantity is on rising, an
hour and a half before luncheon and dinner, and half an hour before retiring. Generally speaking, people do not
drink water enough, or if they do, it is at the wrong time. Water may be taken at the close of a meal, but if many glasses are drunk with meals, disorders of digestion may follow. In fact, the
desire to drink water copiously at mealdesire to drink water copious indigestion. Not more than two glasses of water or other liquid should be taken at meal-
time, and practically no water should time, and practically no water should
be drunk when soup is served. be drunk when soup is served.
Pure water washes waste from the system, but impure water, alfrom the system, but impure water, al-
though it may be rendered safe by boiling, is of little use in removing
waste from the system. The protracted use of hot water internally is de-
bilitating, as is also its too free use externally. Ice-water, unless sipped slowly, retards digestion. Water that is refreshingly cool is best at all times when there is no good
for the use of hot water.
Milk may be taken with fish, fruit, eggs, and cereals, but not with meat; and it should not be used as a beverage
when vegetables are eaten. It should when vegetables are eaten. It should swallowed. Coffee goes with meat, as do also cereal coffees and water. Tea may be taken with eggs and fish, tannin of the tea hardens the meat fibre. Water goes with everything, but is best taken in quantity on an empty stomach. Dypepsia often begins in childhood, and
is due to allowing chlldren to drink too
freely with their meals, especiall chil dren who are recovering from diseases which affect the mucous membranes, ia, and whooping carlet fever, diphtheria, and whooping-cough.

## Stuttering.

Stuttering consists of a rushing together Stuttering consists of a rushing together
of consonants, and a knowledge of the relative significance of the vowel and consonant sounds will often cure it. The patient should be made to speak sentences with prolonged vowels and
short consonants so that at the first losson many sentences will be spoken easily and fluently. The effect will soon be apparent as the patient regains con-
fidence in his ability to speak plainly. fidence in his ability to speak plainly. young children. Stuttering may be caused by an infectious disease, injury to the head, imitation of other children, or by heredity. Its more frequent occurrence in males than in females is to
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emergency, municipal and health authorities may, under the direction of a sanitary engineer, improvise the means
for the application of the hypochlorite for the application of the hypochlorite
and thus prevent outbreaks of typhoid fever when the water is sewage polluted; but for the proper and scientific installation, as well as for the oversight and management, expert services give
the best results, and where a municipality will pay for the services of an expert, the expenditure is more than compensated for by the results obtained. These facts are clearly shown by the
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First, as to the class of water. Bub350,000 people-about the population of the city of Montreal, and a larger popu-
lation than the city of Toronto. The lation than the city of Toronto. The normal size of the creek is not given but the bacterial results for a period of
twelve months show the maximum to have been $2,350,000$ bacteria per cubic centimeter (about 18 drops), while the minimum was 30,000 -the average being 354,000 per cubic centimeter. may be said that the plant consists of pumps, a canal, now part of the sedimentation system, 3 pairs of settling
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cantly adds, "There has never been a
single case of sickness or intestinal dissingle case of sickness or intestinal dis order caused by doing so."
Undoubtedly, municiplitiee having Undoubtedly, municipalitiee having
water supplies liable to contamination by sewage have much to learn from this interesting work and they certainly can
have no excuse hereafter for serving out to the public a sewage-polluted
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to the vicissitudes of a changeable climate
As a remedy for an obstinate corn,
bind a piece of lemon upon it, renewing
every morning for three or four days every morning for three or four days
Then the oorn will be easily removed.
Bread crumbs soaked with lemon juic may be used for the same purpose. Rub-
bing with pieces of lemon will reliev bing with pieces of lemon will relieve
gore and tender feet. Chilbains can be cured by rubbing with a sliced lemon
that has been sprinkled with salt.

Teaching Cleanliness to Children. Teach them not to spit. To spit on a
late, floor, or pavement is an abomination. Not to put the fingers in the mouth. Not to pick the nose. Not to the leaves of books. Not to put pen-
cils into the mouth or moisten them with the lips: Not to put money into mouth. Not to put anything into the mouth except food or drink. Not to ex change apple cores, candy, whistles or mouth. Teach them to wash the hands and face often. Teach them to turn the
ing.

## A Beauty Secret

The beauty of freshness, though not of feature, may be secured by an healthy woman, and it is certainly worth
striving after. To secure a nice, clear complexion, bathe night and morning, using warm water and a good soap,
which must be thoroughly rinsed off be fore drying. Eat in moderation, avoid-
ing all indigestible foods, strong tea, cof fee and alcohol., Keep as cheery and
amiable as possible, for nothing causes
uglier lines in the face than depression and ill-temper. When washing the
hands, rub them over with a bit of
lemon, for the juice has a cleansing and
softening effect on the skin. Lemon juice, diluted with an equal quantity of rater, is sometimes used to remove reckles, but for many people this reme-
dy would be too drastic, and would cause a rash all over the face.

## A Cook's Crest.

A quaint story from Persia is given in missed from his saddle the brass plate inscribed with the maker's name, Souter, and was wroth at his loss, since the name w
"One day," he says, "I was sitting in my favorite teashop with my friend Hassan Ali, discussing, as usual, En-
land's perfidy in abandoning North gland's perfidy in abandoning North
Persia to Russian machinations, when ersia to Russian machinations, when auberge. He was preceded by a well groomed boy carrying his dust-coat. The Persian bowed to me with great civility and passed into an inner apartment. As
both man and boy bore burnished gilt both man and boy bore burnished gilt
crests upon their tall astrachan hats took them to be puble functionaries of no small importance. 'Who was that,
Hassan Alis? I asked. 'I do not remem Hassan Alis' I asked. 'I do not remem
ber having seen him before, yet, evidently, he recognized me.' 'That,' said my friend, with his small beady eyes twinkling, 'is your cook-yes!' 'My
cook!' I answered in astonishment. 'it ook him to be at least the Governor' of-staff, which, to him, seems a higher degree-yes!' And Hassan Ali smiled
his inimitable smile. 'But what in the name of a good conscience, is the imper That must be your crest. It it a badge of yours!' 'On my honor, Hassan Ali, ou must not make fun of me! I have never set eyes on him before!' 'T have never set eyes on him before! 'T have
seen the badge!' Hassan Ali continued.
It is undoubtedly your own. It has the It is undoubtedly your own. It has the motto-Souter-which is doubtless the
old heraldic contraction for the word souteneur-and also the sub-title, "B oyal appointment"-yes.'"
It was, of course, the missing saddleplate, which the ingenious cook had

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## About the Farm.

The Hen.
By Edmund Vonce Cooke.
We got a hen, we have, en he lays eggs. He's lame bicause he only has two legs,
His front legs are just feathers, en he His front
flies
If you chase him. Anyhow, he trie En Hlops en flops away up in the air, En falls up on the back fence, or anywhere

We got a claw-cat, en he's got four legs, But he's so lazy he won't lay no eggs Ner nothin'. He call fly right up the
bark Of trees, en nights, when
He stays outdoors en hollers like he's En 1 cryin', ${ }^{\text {t'tend }}$ to suster he's a lion A-snoopin' round to eat us in our bed, Our chicky-hen has got two tooths that sticks O.t of the front end of his face en picks tp worms en bugs en ever'thing. En He swallers 'em. I'm glad I ain't a hen
En eat old, nasty worms. En I bet En eat old, nasty worms. En I bet
I'm glad I ain't a worm, too, to be et! poultry instructor in Wisconsin for
twelve years and don't know you can't
poison a fowl q" Well, if I had been tappoison a fowl ?" Well, if I had been tap.
ped on the head with a policeman's ped on the head with a policeman's
club I would not have been much worse club I would not have been my questions stunned. I asked hatter, to all of which he emphatically replied that, owing to the slow process of digestion it had to
go through before reaching the vitals, go through before reaching the vitals, the strength of the poison was ex
hausted, it being absorbed through the system with but little detriment to the bird. This, indeed, was a revelation to me. I asked him how much for the in iormation and he again smiled. At any
rate I thought I had learned something but about how much the reader will see by the following experiment:
I abandoned my trip to the labora tory, but instead 1 resolved to satisfy right. However, I would like to say that in the meantime I ran across another learned veterinarian and after re lating to him what I intended to do and of my resolution to experiment, he gave
it as his opinion that one could poison with arsenic or all arsenical poisons, such as Paris Green, etc., but that he doubted whether we could poison with strychnine. Thus the reader will see
that I had to subject the lives of three


In Healthy Pasture.
Our claw-cat he can't rilly fly, because birds to the experiment in order to be $^{\text {to }}$ He's got to have some place to puths But if he was a robin bird he'd fly
(liear to the novon, 'way upstairs, in the sky.

A rooster ain't a hen. He just p'tends To be. He's got a feather-duster where En proaps it gits made over when he's
done With it, worn-out one!

Poisoning Poultry
The past season I had reasons for suspecting that some of my young stock had been poisoned, as quite a number
died in a very peculiar manner and, died in a very peculiar manner and, from two of my colones, my suspicions were aroused. As has always been my practice through life, I resolved to be
certain of the peculiar deaths, so heid a cost-mortem with but little satisfaction. Howerer, I took out the whole digestive and intestinal tract and with the food I found boxed them up and started for a laboratory, but while waiting for an friend who was a veterinarian, to whom I related my little story and the cause of my suspicious trip. He listened at-
tentively until I had finished, then simptentively until I had finished, then simp.
certain about the matter, and although ject these chicks to such a torture for mere experimental work, yet I could see no other way out.
right on this master, especially when doctors disagree as these had. Furthermore, I must say that I slightly doubted the correctness of both, for I could not believe for a moment that such a power-
ful poison as strychine could be administered without a heavy mortality. I captured three of my most worthless young birds, placed them in separate boxes with screen on the top, kept
them there until quite hungry so they them there until quite hungry a relish, having a dish of water only, and the poison was administered with moistened
bread crumbs and rolled oats. The dose bread crumbs and rolled oats. The dose
was what would lay nicely on the point of a penknife, mixed dry into the feed and moistened slightly before giving. Each took their medicine to a finish, and just how long it took to kill the one the strychnine was given to I am unable
to say, for it was dead when $I$ first visited it, which was in about half an hour after the poison was given. With the other two, given arsenic and Paris
Green, respectively they died in about Green, respectively, they died in about
three hours, thie Paris Green taking a little longer than the arsenic. They both died in great agony. . Thus it will be seen that both veterinarians were wrong, especially my old
friend who said fowls were absolutely immune from all poison. This I hope
will throw some light on this matte and at an earlier date in the poultry life handled poultry all my ife and believed always, as I do now, that poultry of all descriptions could be poisoned, but not medicine I had no reason for doubting only at a slight cost that I obtained the correct information.

## The Grain Ration.

It is a little too late in the year to compel the cows to live on pasture alone, and it is too warm to feed much whether principally grain or some of the by-products, should contain protein enough to maintain the usual flow of
milk, but should not contain an excesmilk, but should not contain an exces succulent grass remaining in the pasture in making the bowels of the animals to loose. Bran usually makes an excel
lent feed if given dry, but on pastures where there is a great deal of clover it owels too free. In some instances it is the means of causing scours, which will greatly retard the flow of milk. Where there is white clover in the pasbran and corn grain. It is best to crack the corn or feed it in the form of meal. The animal's teeth, because of eating so many weeds, are sometimes on edge, and


Fecding the Geese.
pring I give a thorough cultivation with a spring-tooth cultivator, then one seed drill at the rate of with the pecks to the acre. I put the seed down not less than two inches deep. Then I ive another thorough harrowing, for it is essential to have a fine smooth seed bed.

Clean Water for Horses.
In foods the horse is very particular It sniffs and rejects deceptions very equally so in drinks. It would almost wather die of thirst than drink unclean water. It only does so as a last re-
source, and those who insist on being careless and putting impure water beore it subject it to a great hardship. The horse is a hearty drinker; water is
enjoyed as much as food, and is just as necessary to its well being, and it is quite as satisfactory to study its waer supply as careruly as foods. If giv n a variety of foods, some valuable and thers cheap, the former tainted and the
latter sweet, the sound will be aceepted rather than the tainted. It has often a choice of this sort, but in water it has none. This may be in the brook, pond, satisfied, well and good. If it refuses or indulges sparingly, it has no further op portunity and is bound to suffer. If a
horse is given impure water, and drinks


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The most essential point in raising good oats or any grain is to sow goou-
seed. I have been in the habit of sowing only the large grain for some years. clean my seed twice and screen out tor is to keep the land clean and free from noxious weeds. It is necessary, if
one would have the best results to sow a variety of oats that have proved to be a good yielder and that has good stiff straw of medium length. For seed before cutting; ripe oats will germinate Pure seed alone will not solve the problem of betcer crops unless due attention be given to the cultivation of the soil and the maintenance of soil fer-
tilty. It requires the judicious use of tilty. It requires the judicious use of
selected seed along with thorough cultivation of the soil. By suitable rotation of crops and the use of farm yard manure the farmer can materially improve the yield and quality of his crops.
I try to follow as near as possible to a four year rotation. The first year a four year rotation. The first year
after sod I grow corn or peas; while second
which it supplies and for for that which it
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liberates from the soil is sometimes al$\begin{array}{cll}\text { year wheat or oats; third vear. oats } & \begin{array}{l}\text { liberates from the soil is sometimes al- } \\ \text { most ignored. }\end{array}\end{array}$ | seeded to clover and a little timothy. |
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| always do all my plowing in the fall. | \(\begin{gathered}most ignored. <br>

There is no good excuse for erroneous <br>
teaching regarding these different val.\end{gathered}\)

Value of Carm Manure. It is one thing to say that farm manto say what that value is or to what it is due. The positive or intrinsic value cf farm manure lies in the amounts o It also possesses an important indirect value as a soil stimulant, due to its power as it ferments and decays, in con act with the soil, to liberate from th soil plant foor that would not other is still another distinct value in farm manure, due to the fact that it makes hus increases the power of the soil to absorb and retain moisture and to re ist surface washing. In other words,
this third imird value of farm manure is du The value of farm manurentition hysical improvement of the soil is commonly fully appreciated, and frequently monly fully appreciated, and frequently
pure and fresh placed before it, its en joyment cannot only be seen but almost
felt by all who observe it. Surely this principally blue grass, bran alone make almost the ideal feed to balance th should be fed dry wanted, and that the greatest efforts should be made to supply it.


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of positive information both from prac tical experience and from exact scienti fic investigations.
Thus, organic matter from peat beds hauled out and spread on the land and
incorporated with the soil produces no incorporated with the soil produces no
such effects on crop yields as are produced by good farm manure. Why? Be cause the peat does not decay readily so
as to furnish plant food, either by its as to furnish plant food, either by it own decomposition of by liberating it
from the soil and yet the peat has a from the soil; and yet the peat has as
great power as farm manure for physical improvement of the soil.
Manure made from clover hay and heavy grain rations has much greater
value than manure made from wheat straw. Why It is becuse they af fect
in different ways? No; the greater dif frences in value is due to the difference in plant food and in rapidity of decay At the famous agricultural experi-
ment station at Rothamsted, England, ment station at Rothamsted, England, on a field to which no manure and no
plant food have been applied, the aver age yield of wheat has been 12.9 bushels per acse for more than half a century Land treated with a heavy annual ap plication of farm manure has produce
25.5 bushels of wheat per acre as an average of fifty-five years. Another field, treated with commerial plan food without organic matter, has pro-
duced 37.1 bushels of wheat per acre as
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food than was furnished in the manure, thus furnishing ample proof of the value of plant food supppied, and showing
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nure was by no means so important. Nevertheless, the physical effect Nevertheless, the physical efteet
should not be overlooked. Under cer
tain seasonal conditions this physical showid not be ovechooks this physical
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vilue may be very important. Thus, in value may be very important. Thus, in
the very dry scason of 1893 at Rathamsted the land fertilized with commercial plant food produced only the farm-mal nure plot produced 34:2 bushels the same year. In semi:arid regions the physical con dition of the soil and its phower to at
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or thirty seven inches (iss in lllinuis), with a fairly winiform distribution dur-
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der nornal wonditions the controlling



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stood and always borne in mind that the great value of farm manare, espec ially in profitable systems of permanent
agriculture, is due to the plant food it agriculiture, is due the greatest problem
contains, and that the in the handling of farm manure is to prevent the loss of plant food. The value of average fresh farm man ure is about $\$ 2.25$ a ton, either when de
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basis of present market values for the plant food contained in the manure or
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increased crop yields produced when the

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manure is applied to the fields in ordinary crop rotations. freshl farmens manure a containing of average 100 tons
is worth is worthe $\$ 2.25$. If exposed to leaching
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three months in the spring the value mill be reduced, as a rule, from $\$ 225$ to
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Too easy led asideWith spirits gay and winsome like, Who walks where roads are wide; Someone your heart aches ov
For whom you often pray For whom you often pray A saner, safer way.
Reach out for any victim
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Grim Death may mock your tardy soul, Beside a quiet bier.

Testimonies Against Beer Drinking.
The professor of physiological chemis The professor of in the University of Basle, Switzer land, says:-"Beer is the most injurious of alcoholic drinks because no other is so seductive. One can accustom him-
self more readily to the drinking of self more readily to the drinking of
beer than any other intoxicant, and no other so readily destroys the appetite for normal food and nourishment. It is not only the concentrated alcoholic
liquors that cause heart and kidney liquors that cause heart and kidney
trouble, but pre-eminently the contintrouble, but pre-eminently the continAn American scientist says:-"The use of beer has been found to produce a
species of degeneration of all organs. In species of degeneration of all organs. In
appearance the beer drinker may be the appearance the beer drinker reality he picture of hate of resisting disease." The late professor of physiology in the University of Wurzburg, Germany,
said:-"It is quite beyond doubt that every dose of alcohol, even the most moderate, diminishes the strength." Dr. August Forel, of Zurich, says:I, there any alcoholic drink which taken moderately either as a supposed
tonic or as a means of nutriment, is tonic or as a means of nutriment, is
beneficial to human health? I answer the question with a decided 'No.'".
Dr. Alfred Wolff, in a remarkable Dr. Alfred Wolff, in a remarkable
article on the increase of cancer in Great article on the increase of cancer in Great
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ber of the "Nineteenth Century,"
figures to show that the deaths from figures to show that the deaths from
cancer have risen in England from 67.6 per 100,000 in 1890 to 82.8 in 1900; and that in Prussia, Ho increase of over 30 per cent. It is equally noteworthy, how
ever, that the districts in which the cancer death-rate is a high one are just
those where beer is largely consumed. "The evidence is extremely convinc ing. The amount consumed in the Unit ad Kingdom, which was twenty-seven gallons per head in 1885, was thirty-one
and a half gallons in 1900, and in
German Empire the consumption rose from ninety to $12 \overline{5}$ litres per head. In
countries such as Italy and Hungary, countries such as Italy and Hungary
in which the consumption, of beer is
small. the mortality from such diseases

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> Remarkable Progress.

Interesting summaries of some of the addresses delivered at the great Inter don have been sent out by the Associat ed Prohibition Press. The following ar some
Vice Admiral G. King-Hall, in an address on the topic, "Alcohol and Ef ficiency of Navy Service," declared:
"My experience after forty-four "My " experience atter forty-fou
years' service, is that about 80 pe years' service, is that about per
cent. of the crime against discipline such as leave-breanng and insubordina tion, is owing to excess in taking spiritu
ous liquor. ous liquor. "During the last thirty years great and growing advance has been made by temperance in the navy.
"There are now about 25,000 tota "There are now about 25,00 totay
abstainers belonging to the Royal Navy
Temperance Society. The Lords of the Admirality, and most of our admirals and captains are patrons, and there ar branches in nearly all ships. "Small substitutes, such as tea and
cocoa are given in the service to men cocoa are given in the service to me
who stop their grog, and many mor who stop their grog, and many more
would stop it if given a ld day in lieu of their grog
"Admiral Lord Charles Beresfor writes that The marked decrease of
crime in the service is due to decrease drinking habits, and marked improve ment in temperance sentiments in the fleet, and to the support given to it by
officers and men. Temperance habits officers and men. To the happiness, cheeriness, and
add to manliness of the men and directly to the manliness of the men a
"Admiral Von Muller, chief of the German
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'Alcohol is the greatest cause writes: 'Alcohol is the greatest cause
of disobedience to discipline, and of all the puishment given to sailors in our navy, and it would be a great blessing
to our naval forces if we could get rid of the use of alcohol.'
Alcoholism Responsible For Inefficiency In Postoffice Service
F. J. Brown, M. A. Sc., in his paper on office Service," noted the fact that during the years of 1907 and 1908, the num
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stainers, and in some depots sixty-six
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Alcoholism is the implacable enemy of all that belongs to the ethical ad "For the reasons here briefly referred to, we of the Salvation Army say that strong drink ougnt to be banished from the home, from the church-which is th arthly home of the family of Christdine Hospitals.
No paper was listened to with greater Holitscher, of Carlsbad (Bohemia). Doc tor Holitscher gave the results of an investigation which he conducted through inquiries addressed to a thousand insti-
tutions of Europe, as to the amount of tutions of Europe, as to the amount of
wine, beer, spirits, milk and seltzer water consumed in the years 1895, 1900, 1905, 1906 and 1907, respectively. More than a hundred sheets came completely, states Doctor Holitscher, "The result, twelve years. The diminution of the consumption of wine in the three countries taken together amounts to 57.2 per ent. per head in asylums, and 46.3 per
cent. in hospitals. In the case of beer the corresponding figures are 53.3 per cent. and 28.8 per cent.
"The consumption of milk, on th other hand, has risen by 12.7 per cent. in Very considerable is the rise in the consumption of seltzer water and lemonade of which from 20 to 30 fold the amoun in 1895 .
"Very large sums were saved throug this diminution. Thus the hospitals paid £1,426 (\$6,987.40) loss for alcoholic drinks in 1907, although the number of patients had risen 9 per cent. In Ger--
man asylums the yearly saving amounts to \(£ 6,984\) ( \(\$ 34,221.60\) ), although the increase of patients here also was 79.6 per cent. "In general, the average consumption these twelve years, both in asylums and hospitals. From the communications of many doctors who have replied, we may conclude that this decrease will continue, iurther reduced."
Extraordinary Decline in Use of Alcohol
In European Medical Circles.
No truer keynote of the whole world struck at the London congress than that uttered by Doctor Legrain, Ville Errar Paris, in his intensely interesting pre sentation of the subject of "Alcoholis July 21. Noting the terrible ravage which the alcohol poison is everywher making in the h
grain declared:
"Brain capital
y higher value in the eyes of the a vastthan financial capital has. Every nation ought to strive to protect this capital
from every harm. It is most fitting that from every harm. It is most fitting that
social poisons, such as alcohol and opium should be regarded with disquietude by all good citizens; and it is most reasonable that a movement shall be organized
to bring about their gradual prohibito bring about their gradual prohibithat even temporary intoxication was in reality a brief attack of lunacy, and that
after repeated doses of alcoholic drint after repeated doses of alcoholic drimk,
the brain changes have a tendency to be "The transmission of the alcoholic evil,"" declared Doctor Legrain, "which
sends out into the world dwarfed, de generated, fallen beings for several generations lufure it is extinguished, is the
most deadly blow against the mental capital of a nation." Analyzing the un-
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wide deva-tation made by alcohol, Dow-
tor Legrain concluded.

Greed of wealth, demoralization, poli tical indifference, and the weakening the social conscience, have today allowe alcoholism to spread terribly. This why the number of the alcoholic insan persons soaked to the very marrow wit alcohol, either pure or adulterated. Alohol intermingles with the public and rivate life of most persons. Such habi of the clearest vision
"There seems no more hopeful cure than the voluntary giving up of this brain poison. There is no means of gen ribition. United efforts than prodirected against such poisons as lead phosphorous, substances far less danger us, with a view to their prohibition. With far more reason should similar e orts be put forth against alcohol.
refrain from doing this would be a di tunct sign that we mean to bow befor the modern deity, Mammon.

\section*{Once Too Often, Alas}

Here is a sad story from a physician notebook. Give earnest heed, as th 'Ten years ago,' he said, 'he got so Wad that I had a job to get him through. Then he was able to listen I told him for a certainty. He told me ther wasn't going to be another one.
'He lasted for six straight years, sub jecting himself to a veritable torture of day when he went back to work in hi shop after that last spree he got a qua bottle of fine old Kentucky Bourbon whisky with a rich boquet.
This, after loosening the cork, he his workbench. with that boule of whisky right befor his eyes. Every once in a while he reach up, take the bottle from the shelf, remove the cork and take long, gloat ing "You're never poing again, blast you!" he'd say to the me tle as he smelled of the whisky. "I'v got you beat-see! I can just fool with you, make a blooming toy of you, and
still you can't nail me!" And then, with a final smell at the bottle, he'd cork up again, put it back on the shelf, and resume his work.
'This sort of thing he kept up for six \({ }^{\text {sip }}\) i told the man frequently that he wa torturing himself unnecessarily, that he was racking his nerves without any rea-
son, and that eventually he'd become the victim of an irresistible impulse to drink '، stuff made a f.ool of me for a good many years, and now I'm getting hunk."
'It was a sort of obsession, of cour but it was phenomenal that the man could have been able to carry it along for six years. I should have liked my
prediction in his case to break against me, but it didn't 'One forenoon in the seventh year of
abstention he was going through his abstention he was going through his shelf bottle into his nostrils and gloating in his triumph over it, when the He put the bottle to his lips and never stopped drinking until he had finished the whole quart.'
Actions are endowed with a kind of in mate motion; once started, their prog therefore, to commence those action which form character, and they will continue of themselves. This, unfortunate \(\stackrel{r}{\text {, is true of evil actions also, and their }}\) Tife is an infinite succession of greatest fear tak whatever direction these action to pursue for ever. It is as difficult to divert the course of a river that has
been flowing for ages as to divert the course of actions that have been per
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Leola is Welcome.
Ena, Alta., Sept. 30, 1910. Sir,-Have you your correspondence other girl entering your correspondence
column? I hope not. I live on a ranch in Western Alberta, and like it fine. I used to live in the city, but like the country best. I am a fairly good
cook, and can drive a team, ride horseback and milk cows, and am very fond of danting. I can play the organ and sing. I am learning to pla the accordion, and can play a few tunes on the
violin. I prefer the violin to any other violin. I prest. Well, I will close, hoping
instrument the paper has every success. "Leola."

From the Old Country. Leicester, England, Sept. 20, 1910. onsiderable time. At first I took no
interest in the correspondence columns, but after reading a few of the letters i began to look forward every month to could arrive, and now I month's issue
che the the the correspondence in your paper before reading any other part of it. I note he majority of the correspondents give short description of themselves, and in his respect I may say I am nearly 19
years of age, and am 5 feet 10 inche hi h , of and as and am 5 feet 10 inche;
for looks I think I would pass in a crowd without anyone observing my curiosity. I would be muck obliged if you would kindly for
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tive addresses.-
"Ted" Wants to Get Loved. High Bluff, Man., Sept. 13, 1910 .
Sir,-I am very much interested in


May I help you?
read several numbers of your magazine, |your correspondence pages and would and I have been greatly interested in like to join. Of course, it is only for the correspondence column. I am an fun, but might become serious. Here is English girl and live in a very busy
town, so I cannot get lonely; but I my description. I am eighteen, very feel sorry for the poor lonely bachelors eyes, fair complexion, and am five feet in the West. This being my first letter five inches tall. I play and sing a little, I must not make it too long, but before skate a lot, play tennis, etc. I have draw to a close I must wish your
paper every success; also all the readers.
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favorite books being Carey's and Holmes I would. be pleased to hear from any who care to write, and will answer promptly. My address is with the
Editor.- \(M o\) Bird." Four of a Kind.
Arden, Man., Sept. 5, 1910. Sir,-Hello, here we are at last, but it took a lot of cheek, as we are dreadfully
shy. We all came from Ontario when we were kiddies, that was years and years and there is no place like it. We don't andject to milking a few cows, or feeding pigs, or to a man smoking (liquor

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strictly prohibited). We are very fond \(\mid\) to pass the lonesome hours away. of music and fun, and our singing is
simply magnificent. We will try and
Please send the enclosed card to "Snow.
drop."-I remain, "Cheyenne B:ll." simply magnificent. We will try and
describe ourselves. I am 5 ft . 5 in . tall, and weigh 140 lbs . 1 have brown hair and blue eyes. Second-
Shoo Fly-I am 5 ft . 4in. high and weigh 105 lbs. I have black hair and blue eyes. Third-Little, but \(\mathrm{Oh} \mathrm{My}-\mathrm{I}\) am 5 ft . 2 in . high, and weigh 108 lbs . Brown hair and brown cyes. As for our ages, we are all on the sunny side of twenty. We
have no notion of matrimony; we wish to correspond for pastime. We would like to correspond with "Laughing Joe," "A Shy Guy" and "A Yankee Boy" in Nuly number if they will lee so kind a
to write first. Our address is with the Editor. Hustle up. boys. if you are lonely. Wishing the W.H.M. much suecess. We remain-"The Triplets,""
"Daisy Dell," "Shoo Fly," "Little, but Mike and Dick Wan Correspondents Victoria B.C. Sept. 21 19n. Sir.- We have been very interested in your contecpondence columin, and wish to
maidens. We are not in the matrimonial
line, but would like to correspond with line, but would like to correspond with
lady writers. We are known in Victoria as "Mike", and "Dick." "Mike" has dark hair and blue eyes, is five feet eight curly hair, and is about five feet six inches tall. We are considered goodlooking, and are very fond of sports and jokes. "Mike" would like to correspond with "Victoria Kid." Would you kindly Western Home Monthly success.-We are "Mike" and "Dick."
"Cheyenne Bill" Is Shy.
Taber, Alta., Sept. 9, 1911 Sir,-I have been an interested reador past two years and like to read it very much, especially the correspondence, I am a little shy, so you know the reason have not written before. I will fall bachelors and describe myself. I am 21 years of age, dark complexion, 5 ft . 7in., and weigh 160 pounds. I would like to correspond with any of the fair sex just

A Chance for the Bachelors. Sir,-I have been a reader of your
correspondence columns for some time arrespondence columns found some very amusing, but interesting letters. I will describe my elit as being 5 ft . 6in. in height, weight 135 ibs. Thave brown hair and brown to judge whether I am good looking or writers. I am a farmer's daughter, hough for the a fast three years I have been an out and out pedagogue. This will had failing. as many of the boys ranks.; but I find I'm not as cranky as many who never entered a school "Peaches and Cream" were
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ern bachelors would care to write, my \(\begin{aligned} & \text { and does it not appear to you to look } \\ & \text { out of place to see a man do women's } \\ & \text { work? }\end{aligned}\) \begin{tabular}{l|l|l} 
ern \\
address is with the Editor. Hoper
\end{tabular} see my letter in print, I will not sign \(\begin{aligned} & \text { awfully trying to these men of grit } \\ & \text { Numerous, unforeseen misfortunes have }\end{aligned}\) cropped up, viz., losing horses, prairie fire and hail, in fact, we very nearly got
cleaned out by fire early this year The cleaned out by fire early this year. The
whole settlement turned out willingly and put it out after many hours o and put it out after many hours o
hard and trying work. In spite of all, you see those men plodding along as
though nothing had happened. I think though nothing had happened. I think
you will agree that these men of grit and muscle are deserving of a good honest woman to share their misfor unes all through life. I may say in young woman between 25 and 30 would write I would be pleased to correspond with her. Hoping your paper will al

Brief But to the Point Winnipeg Man, July 14th, 1910 .
Sir.-I have been a subscriber to

Three fowers among the Fern
includes two years at sea, but I your valuable paper for nearly a year like your Canadian life and farming
better than them all. So wishing your jolly paper every suceess, and hoping to
see this in your next in see this in your next issue, I remain-
Roaming Along.

Trials of Homesteaders
Sir,-Having read a number of your valuate ane tospass on your kindness it you would insert my letter in your
youms. Having been in the Northwest columns. Having bete time and lattery up a home time and, might inform you that hiomestead, is the place for good domesticated women. I might say that arounc where I am located there are a good
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These men (I) cat
tion) are deserving of a good worthy tion) are deserving of a good worthy
partner in life. As am antenng these lines I am in a ahack, watching a onely
homesteader
patching his homesteaders, is it natural for these
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cherful men to do this sort of work,
now, and \(I\) thought I would like to cor respond with some of the readers of
this paper. \(I\) am seventeen years of this paper. I am seventeen years of
age, 5 ft .8 in. tall, blue eyes, auburn hair, etc. I would be very pleased to correspond with "Unknown" and "Canadian Lassie." You will find my address with the edico. . erery
myself
"Jim Jeffreys."
Another Recent Arrival.
Parkfield, Sask., July 14th, 1910.
have been reading the letters your valuable paper for some time and enjoy them very much, so 1 resolved \(t\) "butt in" myself. I have only been out in the West since January, so I gues or, as they are called in this locality a "'Tight-skin." I like the country fine however, more especially as I am fond of outdoor sport. There is certainly all
kinds of room for a fellow to expand kinds of room for a fellow to expansic
himself out here. I am fond of music and sometimes attempt to sing (having

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previously locked the doors to keep the audience in). Not being on the matribut I will leave it to your imagination. If any of the nice girls would like to correspond with me for pastime I would
be pleased to write. My address is with he pleased to write. My address is with
the editor. I have no objection to red hair or fiery temper in a correspondent. Please send the enclosed letter to "A Spurty Lass," Mr. Editor. I will
now close with wishes for your success, now close with wishes for your success,
from "A tight-skin from the East."

Alone \(\Lambda\) mongst the Indians.
Sir-MacLeod, Alta, May 26, 1910. Sir.-I have been an interested reader
of your paper for many months but have not had nerve enough to write. 1 complexion, and as to whether \(I\) am good-looking or not it will have to be decided by the public. I am especially fond of dancing and skating but can
take a good quantity of anything in the amusemen quantity of anything in town a short way from MaaLeod, where there are no white people but myself, ony rndians; so you see I am pretty
lonesome. I would be very, pleased to
hear from "A hear from "A Farmer's Giry" or "Snow-
drop." if they will only write first. Wishing the paper every success, I will siga myself \({ }^{\text {"Diago." }}\)

> Stub is Lonely.

Sir.-I have been a reader of your valuable paper for five months while out


Sailing at Kenora.
on my uncle's ranch, and since coming to town have subscribed for it. I am 20 years of age, have brown eyes, dark
brown hair, and stand 5 ft .5 in , weight 130 lbs ., and have only been here for \(51 / 2\) months from Winnipeg. I would
like to write to some sensible girl about my own age, who is a farmer's or rancher's daughter, who can play piano as 1 am fond of music. I am a good singer.
I have not any bad habits but smoking I have not any bad habits but smoking,
which I do a little. I am a protestant and belong to the Presbyterian church.
Anyone wishing to write will find my Anyone wishing to write will find my
address with the editor, and will answer address with the editor, and will answer
all letters. I remain all letters. I remain


A Pinewood Lassie Who Feels Lonely Sir-I have taken a England. Sir.-I have taken a great interest in
your correspondence column Would you spare me a lttle space? have been referring to my book of April last and I feel as though I should so "Maph like to know, or rather, hear from ready correspond. I am an English girl of eighteen and very fair. I have been taking the duties of housekeeper to my ther for two years. Am considered a ood pianist and singer. I should, sit his is all for the present. With my best wishes to yourself and dear book, which cheers me so, may "I sign myself

\section*{A Woodland Maiden}

Sir.-Having been a reader England magazine for over a year now I feel as in your correspondence column, space an English girl of twenty-one. I have fe, tife, although I am not a farmer's danghreading the bachelors' letters, and I feel ter which appeared in the July number liked his idea about a pipe, although 1 do not indulge in smoking myself. I suppose I must tell you my chief pleasures; first, 1 am morely ing, but, unfortunately, I am no pianist
Secondly, the gymnasium hall has a great attraction, and lastly, but not
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items are gone over. Mr. Editor, are not these pages to be considered rather in a general, friendly way, might we all contribute something of interest, which might tend to make the columns genu question of note has been given rath: a one-sided discussion, viz., habit, ar.d
the usual abhorrence of any addicted to
the minor habits. even the minor. habits. unencumbere by habits, and after all, even our daily existence isward to the W.H.M's a looking monthly, to our daily routine of
rival work or pleasure, it's a case of having or three girls looking for a perfect man Ah, me! Game out of season. Three they will not find. Should one turn up, what a bore he would be-poor, misel able creature. Soon, very soon, ohld
thought of the taint around would drive him to some, with our own faulty natures would tact with a "Great Scott!" occasionally
extract Gould anybody tolerate a faultless, ha itiess creature? A specimen who sto continually with accusing eyes fixed on
the world's shortcomings? Well, the worlds such a one exists, though feel doubtful. What matters about the outward garb- tis but the worldy co ering up of Gods creath the axterio fror the ideal. Ask not do you smoke chew, play cards, etc.; rather, are yo a man, upright and clean, for such will not violate the gifts God has trustrd them to keep are men of abilit and undaunted courage, and only oy their perseverance and sticktoativeness are they winning out. Not a list of "should nots" for them, girls, but cheer the day wholesome. A bit of encouragement, easy to bestow, yet valueless, 'Tis half the battle to know we are ap preciated, and a helpful hand works mar for your long-suffering patience and space. May continued success be yours. It's just a girl who's speaking; a very human girl of 19, and should any on feel in need of a cheery word or jolly
chat, conie to "Only a Mere Girl."

The Other Side of the Question.
Sir 1 Chinook, Alta fifation of perusing your magazine the last few months at the shack of a neigh-
boring settler, and I note its marked improvement in substance and appearance as each number "materializes"your arm! You ask your readers' sug gestions. You are the doctor and put the greatest care about those love let fers, as we have been ordered to not only "avoid, evil, but the very appear-
ance of evil," and there are noses twist ed to scent foul air in every breath
jinst as a tin tinker sees only the holes inst as a tine tinker seess only the hom the proof-reader only notes the mis-prints. One thing more:
for any additional "features" I shsuld say, gradually increase the quality the stories and give more practical
ence and adranced philosophy to th other articles. Recause your reades, are largely rural is no reason the
should not be good reasoners. Nilik should hot be good reasoners. is all right for babies, but and not rice brous. Many of our farmers and mechanics and even laborers an
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year's bem to-day's sunight, not las year's bottled moonshine. Yours, for the
West, the Home and the Monthly

\section*{Here's a Chance, Bachelors.}

Russell, Man.
Sir.-Being very much impressed by corresponding columns, we take grea pleasure in anticipating a small space therein. As we read these correspon dence pages, we wonder why it is that
a young man in Vancouver will write to a young man in Vancouver will write there no girls in Vancouver? or are they just like us, who want to correspond merely to help pass the time away. But we when neither parties have seen each when neither parties have seen each
other. We sincerely hope that this will
not keep the boys from writing to us,
ear, as one foot is a Methodist and the other a Presbyterian. We three girls are all sweet eighteen and would
like if some of you boys and girls would answer this so as not to discourage us at the beginning.
"Cinderella," "Rosebud" and "Jolly Girl."

\section*{Times Are Changed.}

Meskanow, Sask., July 15, 1910 Sir.-We have taken the W. H. M for nearly ten years and like it very nuch. I enjoy reading the corresponence pages and find some of the letters
very interesting. I do not approve of ery interesting. I do not approve of
writing with a view to matrimony, but think it a pleasant pastime and a very good way of learning more about dif ferent parts of the globe. I am


A Typical German Settler's Wife
as we will certainly answer all farmer's daughter and think there is letters or post cards received, and and
photos too, if they like. Now
no place like the farm. I have lived
in different towns and cities, but prefer photos too, if they like. Now
look bright, you "western bachelook," and see if one of these don't
lors farm any day. When first we moved
snit your tastes. Cinderella comes first
on the farm we had no neighbors nearer suit your tastes. Cinderella comes first
sit she is a jolly good cook. Now, that's as she is a jolly good cook. Now, that's
what you boys are after. She has light brown hair, blue eyes, a good complexion, is 5 ft .6 ins. tall, and weighs 110 lbs . She can play the piano, sing, dance, play cards and skate. Rosebuy
comes second. She has dark hair, blue comes second. She has lark mairh you ever saw. She is 5 ft . 3 ins. tall, weighs 103 lbs . She plays the piano, sings, skates and dances. Jolly Girl is last but not least, and I certainly am jolly.
The man that I marry will certainly never die from lonesomeness. I have dark brown hair, dark eyes, fair complexion and rosy cheeks, not bad look-
ing, and would exchange photos with ing, and would exchange photos with all. 11 and lbs I can keep house, play cards,
and can always manage to have a good frome. My father came to the country the white people between Winnipeg and railroads in the Wefore there were any had to be done by stage in summer and either stage or dog train in winter, when the country was full of buffaloes and
Indians. If anybody would like to write I could tell them quite a lot about the country in the early days. My father was through the rebellion as he was a Hudson Bay Company man and had charge of different posts throughout
the West and in B.C. I will close now, the
with all good wishes for your paper.,
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But now in coffee, whole or ground, But now in coffee, whole or ground
Small trace of chicory is found. Have coffee-sellery changed their way In these uncertain latter days?
Alas, no! they are just the same;
But the chicory chaps are in the game
Which, being here translated, means That chicory s now half peas and beans. The coffee-dealers all complain
Pure chicory they can't obtain.
And now-it need not, cause surpriseThe bean men, too, are growing wise. Crushed peas and beans of late, we'r
told, Fifty per cent. of sawdust hold. The chicory-vendor's loudly cry ' 'ure beans and peas they cannot buy. When sawdust profits shall decline The sawdust men will get in line;

And we shall see the fact disclosed
Sawdust of clay is half composed.
The bean men then will sadly own Pure sawdust is no longer known.
Then will the clay men take a hand, And mix their wares, perhaps, with sand
Whereat the sawdust folks will say "Alack, there is no more pure clay!" Nor will the sand men lag behind-
Some cheaper stuff they'll surely find And so on back, ad infinitum; There isn't further space to cite 'em. At breakfast, then, let's not look Ilum; there's at least onexrumb If comfort there's at least onełr.
To wit: The worst is yet to come.
-Hayden Carruth.

\section*{Cutting}

A young student who took the service at a chapel one Sunday was approached at the end of the service by one of the deacons, who said: preached from the last time he was with us before his death." "Really," replied Mr. Jones. "Well, I "Really," replied Mr. Jones. "Well, I
am glad you did not have the same sermon." glad you "Oh, no; your father was a splendid preacher."

A Slight Mistake.
The tram-car conductor stopped at a
seat on which was a small boy, kneeling seat on which was a small boy, kneeling mud. A woman was seated next to him, and she handed the man the amount of
her own fare and then folded her har: Is as if her duty was dme. But the comulator was not satisfied. His oficia hack was turned to him, and who was staring at the landscape through greasy
finger-marks with which he had decor finger-marks with which he had decor-
ated the window? "I shall have to ask ated the window. "I shall have to ask
vou to pay or that loy, ma'am." "II
think not." "He"s too old to travel free." That's all right", "He occupies a whoe e noat, and the car is crowded." "That" tanding up." "Well, that's not my af-
air." "Well, ma'am, I haven't time to argue the matter." "It wouldn't do yon ny good to argue it with me." "You'll
mave to pay for that hoy !" "I never


An Awkward Headgear for the Wooda.
"Yes." "And a drop of treacle would be all the fly would want, wouldn't it?" it?", "Yes," "Well, father, couldn't a man keep a lion more than a year on a


\section*{Mixed Relationship}

\section*{A daily newspaper tells the story of a} client, a man bent upon recovering a sum of money advanced upon a note and not
repaid. "Who is the client "" asked the lawyer. "Oh, she"s a relative of mine!" "How nearly related ?" "Very nearly."
"But, my dear sir," persisted the law-
" Mat, "yy dear sir," persisted the law.
yer, "you must be more explicit." "Well, she may be my mother-in-law." "May be? Then, you are likely to marry her

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Bears Squaring Up with the Hunter
vant and irrelevant to Mr. Burns, was this one-"The British labor leader
reached for his boot with a brawny arm and a huge fist that might have felled Hercules. I went!"

What Amused Him.
dant is your mother-in-lawl" "Perhaps you'd better hear the whole fary," re we lived together, my son and I. In a
house across the way lived a widow, Mrs house across the way lived a widow, Mrs.
Foster, and her daughter, Mary. Well, Foster, and her daughter, Mary. Well, married Mary, and my son married the whether my son's wife is my mother-inlaw or my daughter-in-law." But the awyer could not.

\section*{How it is Done In America.}

Mr. John Burns tells the following story of his visit to the United States ber for Battersea went to bed at his hotel and was just falling asleep when the electric light was suddenly turned up and he heard the boots say-"Mr Burns, here's a reporter to see you."
The reporter, who had entered the room, explained-"My editor has laid me on to have a talk with you. The press is wait ing, and I'd like you to fire off two 'sticks' about your views of the "States
and the Union Hall meeting." "If you don't clear out," replied Mr. Burns angrily, "I'll fire my boots at your head!" and he looked over the side of the bed for those specimens of the shoemaker's art.
"That will do for me," exclaimed the ournalist-"a 'shirt-tail" interview Good night!"-and he went. The next day his paper published a column in


The attendant at a boys' club noticed that a small negro who was a regular visitor at the reading-room always asked
for the same book, and always turned to the same place, at which he would look eagerly and then laugh heartily. The attendant's curiosity was aroused by a performance so many times repeat-
ed, so he followed the little fellow one night, and, looking over his shoulder, saw that he had opened the book to a picture of a bull chasing a terrified negro
across a field across a field. He was just about to ask
what the joke was, for the laugh had what the joke was, for the laugh had boy looked around, grinning: .Golly, he ain't kotched him yit!"

\section*{She Won her Uncle.}

Uncle harry was a bachelor and not fond of babies. Even winsome four-yearold Helen failed to win his heart. Every
one made too much fuss over the youngster. Uncle Harry declared. One day Helen's mother was called downstairs and with fear and trembling
asked Uncle Harry, who was stretched asked Uncle Harry, who was stretched
out on a sofa. if he would keep his eye,
but never stirred from his position-in truth his eyes were tight shut
the sofa and leaning over Uncle Harry softly inquired:
"Feepy?"
"No," growled Uncle Harry.
"Tired?" ventured Hel
"Sick?" further inquired Helen, with eal sympathy in her voice.
"No," still insisted Uncle Harry. "No", still insisted Uncl,
"Dus' feel bum, hey?"

Couldn't Fool the Boy.
A physician was annoyed by a small newsboy, who would run into his office startle the patients. Thinking to break him of the habit the doctor stretched a wire across the room, arranging it so that a skeleton hanging in a
The next day, when the boy appeared in his usual noisy way, the skeleton bones in a most terrifying manner. The boy gave one yell and disappeared down
the stairs. Thinking that the trick the stairs. Thinking that the trick the doctor went down to the street to reassure the boy, whom he found hiding behind a tree. He called to him to come back, but the boy shook his head.
"No, you don't," he yelled. "I know
. "No, you don't," he yelled. "I kno
you if you have got your clothes on."

Navigable Soup.
Captain Charles Gerolomich, the millionaire skipper of the Martha Washing ton, said one night in the steamer's fragrant tertle soup:
"This soup reminds me of something that happened to my old friend, Capt.
Jeremiah Gotschalk, of the brig Scud. Jermiah. Gotschalk, of he bifirs mate
"Capt. Gotschalk and his first mate were doing London. On a fine summer morning tney walked in the Row and saw the fashionable horsebacking; they
strolled in Picadilly, where all the great strolled in Picadilly, where all the great mubs are: they looked over the guns astly they got hungry.
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somewhat salty taste before Capt. Gotschalk and his mate.
"The mate tasted it and coughed.
"'Put a name to this, Cap'n, will
"Capt. Gotschalk tried a spoonful, and then beckoned the waitress to him. "What might ye call this here, my lass?' says he, lifting up a spoonful, and etting it fall back into the plate.
"'Soup, sir,' said the waitress
"'Soup!' cried Capt. Gotschalk.
"'Yes, ignorance,' the waitress answered, flushing up.
"The captain turned to the mate. ust think o, that! Here's you and me been sailin' on soup all our lives and
never knowed it till now."-Washingnever knowed it till now.'"-Washing-
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