



# News of the World Condensed For the Busy Reader

**Toronto's Solicitor Resigns**  
TORONTO, Sept. 9.—City Solicitor Chisholm resigned today to enter private business.

**Irishmen Vanquish Ontarians**  
TORONTO, Sept. 9.—The cricket match between the gentlemen of Ireland and Ontario ended today in a victory for the former by 90 runs.

**Made Bishop of Philippines**  
SCRANTON, Pa., Sept. 9.—Rev. F. A. Ward, of this city, a member of the Pastors' Order, is reported to have been appointed Bishop of the United States.

**Spanish War Veterans**  
TACOMA, Sept. 9.—Delegates from all parts of the United States and even from far-off Alaska, are here to attend the annual convention of the United States Spanish War Veterans, which opens this morning.

**Ended Peaceably**  
PROSSER, Sept. 9.—The land opening at White Bluffs ended in a peaceable and satisfactory manner. Sheriff A. C. McNeil gave the signal for the start and at exactly 11 midnight, they say that a large reward will be given to any one submitting information of an attempt by General Sully to land at Porto Rico or the adjacent islands.

**Still Watching Castro**  
SAN JUAN, Sept. 9.—The representatives sent here by President Gomez of Venezuela are watching for the possible landing of ex-President Sully at Porto Rico or the adjacent islands.

**Klondiker Crosses Divide**  
BERKELEY, Sept. 9.—Jack McQueen is dead. To thousands of persons scattered over the world, his message will awaken memories of the greatest stampede for gold in history—a feat which was accomplished by a party of men who crossed the divide between the Yukon and the Klondike.

**Chicago Tramway Trouble**  
CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—The wage scale offered by the Chicago street railway company to its employees was rejected by an overwhelming vote in a referendum which closed yesterday.

**Kansas Wheat Via Canada**  
MONTREAL, Sept. 9.—During the past three weeks, 19 lake steamers with upwards of two million bushels of American wheat have reached Britain, and it is expected the figures will be trebled.

**Suspect Arrested**  
DETROIT, Sept. 9.—Dr. George A. Reith, a well known practitioner of this city, 42 years of age, was placed under arrest tonight at police headquarters on suspicion of connection with the death of Miss Maybelle Whittman of Ann Arbor, whose dismembered body was found on Monday and Tuesday in two sacks sunk in Secore Creek in the western suburbs of this city.

**Fireman at the Fair**  
SEATTLE, Sept. 9.—Fire chiefs of the Pacific coast are in session in Seattle, and meetings will be held each day until September 15, when the convention will be brought to a close with the election of officers.

**Latest News of Mars**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 9.—According to a statement made by Prof. Campbell, director of Lick Observatory, the recent astronomical expedition which has just returned from Mount Whitney, brought back proof that water vapor exists on Mars.

**No Retaliation**  
MONTREAL, Sept. 9.—While it is true that there is resentment in this country over the recent tariff on pulp and paper, it is felt, both at Ottawa and in Montreal, that no retaliation will be taken against the United States in this direction, and any legislation it may pass will be met with a spirit of amicable settlement rather than an aggravation of the differences.

**Sings Their Wings**  
BRESCIA, Italy, Sept. 9.—The aviation meeting in which many noted aeronauts will take part opened today under not altogether auspicious circumstances. With the exception of the American aviator, all the attempts of other aviators to fly were failures.

**Montreal's Water Problem**  
MONTREAL, Sept. 9.—The Royal Commission, which will investigate the situation into Montreal's civic administration on Monday next, heard the evidence yesterday of Dr. Barber and Mr. Milton Heryes, expert analysts, respecting the city's water supply.

**Weavers Strike**  
ABERDEEN, Sept. 9.—The strike order of the millweavers against those shingle mills of the harbor that declined to pay the wage increase demanded by the packers, and grant the scale demanded by the knot sawyers, was ended yesterday.

**Go to Brandon**  
Belleville, Ont., Sept. 9.—Rev. R. L. Laidlaw of this city, has accepted a call to the pastorate of St. Andrew's church, Brandon, Man.

**Prominent Odd-fellow Dies**  
HAMILTON, Ont., Sept. 9.—Oliver Beatty, past grandmaster of the I. O. O. F. and well known in Odd-fellow circles throughout Ontario, died today.

**No Cholera From Rotterdam**  
BALTIMORE, Sept. 9.—The steamer Snadyk from Rotterdam, August 25th, suspected of having cholera aboard, arrived before noon and was promptly passed as absolutely clean by the local quarantine officers.

**Ottawa Police Inefficient**  
OTTAWA, Sept. 9.—The police commission will on Wednesday next open the trial of the efficiency of the local police. The matter arises out of considerable criticism of the methods of the department, particularly over the recent big diamond robbery on Sparks street.

**Suicide by Hanging**  
ATLANTA, Sept. 9.—James Scott committed suicide by hanging from an apple tree on the farm of his brother-in-law, Thomas Barthelmeier, at the residence of the latter, who is in poor health for some time.

**Convicts Escape**  
ANACONDA, Sept. 9.—Two convicts, Conway and Jones, escaped yesterday from Fidalgo Island at Deception Pass. Following the shore line of the island, it is supposed that a friend of the convicts may have taken them off in a launch.

**Strike is Over**  
PITTSBURGH, Sept. 9.—The strike of the employees of the Pressed Steel Car Company's plant, at McKee's Rocks, is over. The workers have won a complete victory.

**Buy School Books in Scotland**  
WINNIPEG, Sept. 9.—At a meeting of the ministers of the local government yesterday it was decided to accept the tender of Thos. Nelson & Sons, of Edinburgh, Scotland, for supplying a primer, and first and second reader to be distributed free to all school children.

**Sunday Funerals**  
SPOKANE, Sept. 9.—Small Sunday funerals are discouraged or abolished in Spokane. This question was put before the ministers of the city at a meeting held this morning.

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Earl Grey has told us that the youth of Canada are not being sufficiently educated in citizenship...

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Unquestionably one of the most beautiful books ever issued in reference to British Columbia is that by Mr. M. B. Cotsworth...

namely, the atmosphere over the Olympic Mountains, which falls over them in a cascade...

WHO FOUND THE POLE?

The statement of Lieut. Peary that he was at the North Pole on April 6th of this year...

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The annual exhibition of the province on the 20th of September and its opening on the 20th is destined to mark an epoch in the history of British Columbia...

During the recent visit to Victoria of the Hon. Mr. Fisher, Minister of Agriculture in the Federal Government...

It is to be held from the 20th to the 25th inst. and the reason for this is that it will be held in the best of weather...

The features of the exhibit will be several days' racing, show, the social function of exhibition, and an event which is largely patronized and never creates deep interest among the fanciers and the general public...

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Victoria's Annual Show, Which Opens on the 20th Inst., Promises to Be Exceptional in Many Respects

The annual exhibition of this city opens on the 20th inst. and it is not too much to say that it is destined to mark an epoch in the history of the British Columbia Agricultural Association, under whose auspices it has been held for the last forty-nine years. Nearly half a century ago the foundation of the organization was laid, the initial event being held in a small building set in grounds which stretched for miles and the principal adornment of which was a primitive mile racing track. It was started and for many years maintained through the enterprise of the pioneers of the Pacific Coast, the men who took up their abode on Vancouver Island when it was a Crown colony wholly distinct from what is now known as the British Columbia Mainland in the service of the Hudson's Bay Co. Gradually it developed, not fast sometimes it is true but never standing still, until now the exhibition ranks among the principal affairs of its kind in the Canadian West.

During the recent visit to Victoria of the Hon. Mr. Fisher, minister of agriculture in the Federal government, an effort was made to obtain his promise that the British Columbia Agricultural Association should be given the honor of conducting the Dominion exposition of 1910, it being claimed that it was its right, inasmuch as the fair had been successfully upheld for fifty years, that the government should aid in the fitting celebration of the anniversary. But the Hon. Mr. Fisher, a suave politician, in honeyed terms, explained that arrangements already had been made to give Regina, Sask., the \$50,000 grant that goes with the Dominion exposition, and that it was impossible to grant Victoria's request, although, he politely admitted, it was reasonable. The turn of the extreme west, however, would come.

To come back to the show proper. It is to be held from the 20th to the 25th inst. and the reason that it is expected to be epoch making does not lie altogether in the fact of the association's approach to its fiftieth birthday. There is going to be a larger and better display of pure bred stock than has ever been gathered together on Vancouver Island; the industrial exhibits are to be more numerous and of a higher class than in the past; and the entertainment promises to eclipse that of previous years.

It is not necessary to dwell on the two former points in anything but the briefest manner. This summer there was a sixty-day race meet held on the fair grounds and to accommodate the five hundred or more thoroughbreds participating many more stalls had to be erected. The stock entries being received for the exhibition indicate that these will be filled and that probably it will be necessary to introduce other means of caring for them. They are coming from all over British Columbia, from points throughout the Middle West, and in some instances from districts in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. As for the industrial displays it need only be remarked that the spacious new buildings, erected after the destruction by fire of the old structures, are insufficient to meet the demands.

The features of the entertainment will be several days' racing; a horse show, the social function of the exhibition, and an event which is always largely patronized and never fails to create deep interest among the sportsmen and the general public; balloon ascensions daily, fireworks more than usually elaborate, the bombardment of Alexandra being illustrated on a realistic scale, and band concerts afternoon and evening.

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natural charm of scenery and climate have been attracting thousands daily, the majority of whom are tourists who have come West to visit the great A.-Y.-P. exposition and do not care to return to their Eastern homes without seeing everything worth seeing on the Coast. This being the case, and more especially in view of the fact that arrangements are being made for the introduction of cheap transportation rates from all nearby points over all the principal railway and steamship lines during the exhibition, it is thought that the daily attendance will be record breaking. At any rate preparations are being made to welcome unusually large crowds. British Columbia's fair capital will keep "open house." During the fair a special effort will be made to make the "stranger within her gates" feel perfectly at home, spend a pleasant sojourn, and leave with a kindly sentiment towards the city and its citizens.

COMMISSION AGAIN RESUMES

Kamloops, B. C., Sept. 8.—The timber and forestry commission resumed its sittings in the court house here yesterday. H. Latremouille, one of the fire wardens for this district, said the present system of fire protection is a good one and he has found the new provision requiring settlers to secure a permit to set out fires prevented a repetition of the abuses in former years. The debris after logging, he thought, very dangerous, and it should be burned in the winter or spring. There is much good timber left lying in the woods, Mr. Latremouille said. At least half the timber land in this district he considered excellent farming land.

THROWN UNDER CAR MEETS TRAGIC DEATH

Frank Williams, of Victoria, Killed at Port Renfrew.

Hurled on the tracks by the projecting pin of a logging car of the Michigan Pacific Lumber company at Port Renfrew and being run over by the car, Frank Williams, a brakeman, well known in Victoria, met a horrible death yesterday morning. While engaged in shunting operations deceased was sitting on a bumper waiting for a car to come down the grade, when the intended coupling it to two others that had just passed over a switch. The pin of the third car used for tightening the connections was projecting and in some manner struck him on the hip, mangled it, and he was killed. The accident was not noticed until blood and a piece of flesh on the pin of the car caught the attention of a workman. A search was made and the body discovered lying on the track. The news was at once forwarded to his brother, J. W. Williams, who is employed as a logger at Port Renfrew, and by him sent to Victoria, where deceased has a wife and two children living on Pembroke street. The tug Seattle, which is employed by the lumber company, was despatched to Victoria with the remains, which have been removed to the Victoria Undertaking parlors, Yates street.

Deceased was about 28 years of age, and was well known here, where he was a fish business, for some time in a store on Douglas street opposite the city hall. This is the first accident of a serious nature which has occurred at the works of the Michigan Pacific Lumber company, which have been in operation for the past three years.

COOK DISCREDITED UPON HIS RECORD

Professor Herschell Parker, Tells of How the Pole Pursuer Arranged to Scold Mount McKinley.

New York, N. Y., Sept. 8.—"It is with great reluctance that I can only say that Dr. Frederick Cook has not made a satisfactory explanation of his spoiled, corroborative evidence that he has made the ascent of Mount McKinley." This spoke Prof. Herschell Parker, adjunct professor of physics of Columbia university and leader of mountain heights, today on his return from explorations in the Selkirk mountains in British Columbia. Dr. Cook and his party were the leaders of the expedition which sought in 1906 to ascend Mount McKinley, and it was only after the return of Prof. Parker to the east and the other members of the expedition had scattered, that Dr. Cook made the dash up the mountain.

"Our first line of march was on the southwest side of Mount McKinley," said Dr. Parker, "but it died in an impassable canyon. We crossed through but there we were confronted by towering cliffs. Dr. Cook said that the east side was impossible of ascent as the cliffs rose at least 5,000 feet above a broad, then we all agreed to give up the attempt for the season and try next summer on the north side." "I returned east and later was surprised to hear that Dr. Cook had ascended Mount McKinley," I learned later that Dr. Cook had sent Belmont Brown, the artist member of the party, on a hunting expedition; that Mr. Porter, the topographer, was engaged in making topographical observations and knew nothing of Dr. Cook's final attempt, and that Dr. Cook despatched his head guide, Fred Printz, and photographer Miller, on another hunting expedition.

"Dr. Cook told Mr. Brown that he was going to make an exploration of some glaciers eastward, while at this time Mr. Bridgman, secretary of the Arctic club in Brooklyn, received a message from Dr. Cook stating that he was going to make the final dash for the top of the mountain." "Dr. Cook states that he reached the summit of the mountain by the east side, and was accompanied by the assistant, Boston, Edward Burrill. Two weeks later he returned to the coast and made his reports."

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INSURANCE AGENTS OPPOSE LEGISLATION

Toronto, Sept. 8.—A special meeting of Ontario fire insurance local agents was held yesterday afternoon for the purpose of meeting representative fire insurance interests of the maritime

PRINCE RUPERT BOOSTERS ARE FETTERED

Seattle, Sept. 8.—The members of the Prince Rupert Publicity Club, who celebrated Prince Rupert Day at the Exposition, were the guests of Mrs. James Anderson at a luncheon, given in the New York State building at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Toasts were proposed and responded to by exposition officials and the members of the club, and a hearty spirit of co-operation between the Northern city and Seattle was exhibited.

Chairman Anderson of the Publicity Club, in a short speech, thanked the directors of the exposition for the courtesy shown the club. He said that Prince Rupert would develop with the same spirit of progress that Seattle had, that its future would be assured for a long time by the presence of General Nadeau, of the exposition, thanked the Prince Rupert delegation for its presence and the hearty spirit of co-operation between the Northern city and Seattle was exhibited. Mr. Anderson went on to say, for all the Canadian cities developing the resources of the Northwest. He said that Seattle is ready not only to welcome but to work hand in hand with them, drawing no division lines and without jealousy or heartburnings will give them a helping hand and greeting. Mr. Nadeau then proposed the health of the boosters, Mrs. Anderson, which was replied to by Mrs. L. Brown for Mrs. Anderson. Mr. Thomas Harling, of Montreal, said he spoke as a stranger to the West, that it was his first trip here, but that he had been so impressed that he declared, on his return home he would tell the shipping interests of the Atlantic seaboard, with which he is connected, to "look to their laurels."

CUSTOMS OFFICIALS ACTUALLY OVERWORKED

Toronto Government Employees Put Up a Kick at Ottawa Because Minister Makes Them Hurry.

Toronto, Ont., Sept. 8.—The Hon. Minister of Finance is said to have been appealed to by the customs house employees here to investigate certain conditions of labor in department employees of the examining warehouse and kitchen warehouse, during political campaigns. The gaugers and express department claim that the energetic authority of Mr. Hamilton, who is in charge of the department, is causing them to be greatly overworked and that they are being rushed from one department to another to suit Mr. Hamilton's convenience and mostly because of his being unacquainted with the working of the departments.

BEAUTIFUL SOUVENIR ON BRITISH COLUMBIA

M. B. Cotsworth, F. G. S., Responsible For Latest Illustration of Province.

The latest souvenir booklet on British Columbia, its supreme advantages in climate, resources and life, issued by the provincial government is a triumph. It reflects the highest credit on all who have had to do with its compilation and its production. This being the case the bulk of the praise must go to M. B. Cotsworth, F. G. S., who is responsible for the desirable matter accompanying the array of beautiful illustrations which he has collected by dint of painstaking effort. Very appropriate to the subject is a charming view of Victoria Harbor with the massive pile of the Parliament building in the foreground and the city in the background. Turning the first page there meets the eye a view of the George on Esquimaux day, the 24th of May. Then Mr. Cotsworth goes on to deal with Vancouver Island, touching first the districts adjacent to the city, then proceeds to Vancouver, into the interior, and so on towards the Rocky mountains.

A notable feature of Mr. Cotsworth's effort in this endeavor has been made to keep prominently before the eye of the reader the fact that British Columbia is a very important province. Apparently he has recognized that, in the past, those responsible for the production of such booklets have been carried away by the beauty of the province's mountain scenery and emphasized so strongly that it contains many ranges that consists have been confined to their impression that towards the Pacific seaboard there is nothing but "a sea of mountains." And so he has tried to bring into "what hands his souvenir will fall that British Columbia possesses unusual attractions to the farmer, the small fruit grower, the stock raiser, as well as to those inclined towards mining. And it would seem that he has succeeded. The reader of his interesting story of the Dominion's most westerly province will not be deceived.

Copies of the book were presented to members of the British scientists' party at the reception held last night at the Provincial Assembly hall. All who received them, after a hasty glance, commented favorably and expressed their appreciation in the heartiest terms.

Bank Statements Asked.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 8.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call on the National bank, a statement of their condition at the close of business September 1, 1909.

Drowning at Cumberland.

Nanaimo, Sept. 8.—News was received in town today of the drowning of Thos. McKel, a former Nanaimo man, at Cumberland. Deceased had gone out on the lake with four others when the boat capsized. Three companions were saved but McKel was drowned.

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# Halley's Comet

(By Dr. Alexander W. Roberts.)  
Already in the pages of this magazine, says the Scientific American, reference has been made to the approach of Halley's comet, the most important astronomical event of the years 1909 and 1910. Every seven-five or seventy-six years this remarkable body completes its far-stretching and extremely elliptical orbit round the sun.

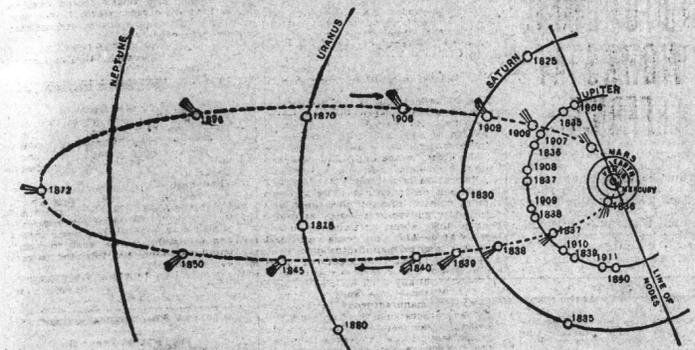
When the comet sweeps round the sun at its nearest approach, or perihelion, it passes within the earth's orbit; while at its farthest reach, or aphelion, it lies outside the confines of the solar system. Thus during the greater part of its long journey, for at least seventy-three years out of the seventy-five, or seventy-six it is invisible in even the most powerful telescopes. It is then describing that portion of its path which lies outside the orbit of Jupiter. When, however, it is within the orbit of this planet, it is near enough to our earth to be visible in our evening or morning skies.

At first, on its sunward flight, it is discernible only as a faint nebulous object, but each day witnesses its increase in brightness, till at length it is visible to the naked eye, is, in-

deed, conspicuous enough to compel the gaze of even the indifferent beholder. As a rule it is easily seen by the unaided eye for some months.

After passing its brightest phase—which it will do this cycle in the first week in June—it rapidly decreases in brightness and is soon lost to view in even the largest telescopes.

It was last seen at the Cape Observatory in May, 1836, passing after that date into the far distances from which it came. But although it vanished from the sight of men, its onward track through space was known with as great accuracy, relatively, as sailors know the way of a ship over the trackless deep. And thus every lap of its vast orbit, three thousand million miles distant, at its widest reach, from our earth, has been mapped out with the utmost care, and with assurance. Unseen for seventy-three years, it is yet as surely seen by those who make this branch of astronomy their care as if it shone brightly and continuously in our midnight sky. The invisible bonds of law have it in their inexorable hold, and from out the confines of that unbreakable leash it can never, never pass.



HALLEYS COMET DURING CYCLE 1835-1910  
Note.—The places given are for January 1 of the dates indicated.

In the accompanying figure are given positions of the comet at various dates along the 1835-1910 cycle.

We have already said that the comet was last seen in May, 1836. It was then moving swiftly away from the sun, midway between the orbit of Mars and Jupiter. In the early days of 1837 it crossed the orbit of Jupiter. Jupiter himself was not very far away when the comet passed under his line of march. Slowing now down considerably, the year 1838 saw it advanced before the region of Saturn's way is reached. In six more years Halley's comet is as far distant as Uranus, and in twenty more years it is out beyond the farthest planet. And now, like a great, stately ship wearing in midocean, the comet slowly sweeps round in its orbit. Its long outward flight is spent, and the conquering homeward pull draws it sunward again. The year 1872 marked the comet's farthest distance, its aphelion; after this date its return journey begins.

At the opening of this century it was again within the orbit of Uranus. By the end of 1907 it had reached Saturn's orbit; and early this year it swept within the orbit of Jupiter.

On the first of June this year it was five hundred million miles distant from us, but rushing in at an ever-increasing speed. In June its velocity of approach was a million miles a day.

It will come nearest to our earth the first week of June, 1910, being then only twenty million miles distant from us—a hand-breadth in astronomical reckoning.

After this date it will move swiftly away from the earth, becoming daily more faint, till in the early days of 1911 it will disappear into the night, not to emerge again till the year 1985, when the most of those who read this article will have ceased to care about comets.

No small emulation is being witnessed between those observatories endowed with large telescopes, as to which one will be the first to pick up the returning voyager from far-distant shores. It is expected that this will be done in August or September of this year.

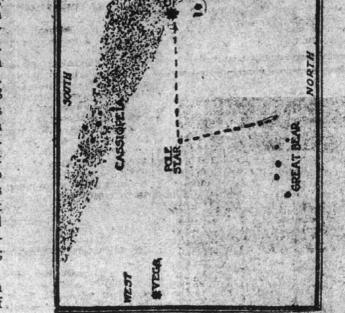
There are few more interesting chapters in the history of astronomical research than that which tells the tale of the tracing back through the long centuries of this remarkable comet. Chiefly through the devoted labors of a group of classical and Oriental scholars, we can trace back appearances of Halley's comet through twenty centuries, surely a long enough period to give it a distinction among comets.

Some of these appearances are of unique interest. On the Bayeux tapestry there is a famous picture of the comet, which appeared in 1066 and which William the Conqueror regarded as a herald of victory for his arms. Hind proved that this fateful star was none other than Halley's comet.

Then, again, there are many references in classical literature to the appearance of various "fearful stars," some of which can be claimed as returns of Halley's comet.

It is a marvel that the deductive minds of many of the ancient philosophers did not see a connection—as they did in eclipses—between regularly recurring phenomena. Possibly the fear which these supposed messengers of doom raised in the hearts of all, learned or unlearned, may have led the ancients to leave comets alone.

It is to Edmund Halley, the contemporary and friend of Newton, that we are indebted for



HOW TO FIND HALLEY'S COMET

lifting comets from the region of superstition to the calmer sphere of pure geometry. At Newton's request he undertook a thorough investigation of their movements, and into the laws which controlled these movements. The 1682 comet especially held his attention. His keen mind soon traced a connection between similar appearances separated by seventy-six years, and on working out the orbit of the comet, which will now forever be inseparably connected with his name, he boldly declared that it would again appear in 1758. It was seen for the first time on December 25, of that year by an amateur astronomer in Saxony.

Thus for ever the mystery which had gathered round comets was dispelled.

There are one or two very interesting questions connected with the return of this comet. Of these one is the constitution of these bodies. The usually accepted view is, they are composed of myriads of meteors at a very high temperature. But this does not explain their appearance thoroughly. It is indeed rather an imperfect explanation of the tail.

Then, do comets grow fainter each return? The belief prevails that they do. A comparison of the forthcoming appearance of Halley's comet in 1910 with the magnificent drawings made by Sir John Herschel of the 1835 appearance should do much to settle this question.

It is said that there are planets exterior to Neptune. Dr. See, of Mare Island Observatory, has even given them a local habitation and a name. If there are extra-Neptunian planets, then they should make their presence felt by perturbations of such comets as pass out beyond the orbit of Neptune. We have already referred to the near approach of Jupiter to Halley's comet in 1838. This approach would have the effect of pulling the comet back in its orbit, and thus by decreasing its centrifugal force bring it back more quickly again to the sun. Every planet circling round the sun tugs at the comet more or less, now hastening, now retarding its journey. Because of such "interferences" its path round the sun is a sinuous curve; and sometimes because of hindrances by the way, it takes seventy-seven years to return, while at other times it is incontinently pushed onward and its round is seventy-five years.

Thus if there are planets beyond Neptune they will make their presence felt in disturbing the comet as it passes its aphelion goal.

Enough has been said to indicate how much interest attaches to the appearance of this comet in 1910, and how eagerly its coming is being watched and waited for.

# Ideas of Hades

(Washington Post.)

The question of future punishment has interested mankind from the earliest ages. Darwin found many races without any idea of a God, but none without a devil.

The ancient Egyptian conception of hell is found in Per-m-hru, or Book of the Dead, probably the oldest book in the world. Herein is described the journeys of the damned man to perdition. Snakes, horrid ghosts and nameless terrors beset his path, and he found considerably more when he got there. To these discomforts were added fire and sandy desert.

In the old Assyrian hell the spirits of the dead flitted about in the darkness of the underworld and ate dust; those who broke through the guarding dragons came back to earth as vampires.

The penal hell of the Hindus is one of the oldest known. Over it presided Yama the Tamer, with large teeth and monsters, insects and other infernal machinery. Red hot charcoal figures largely with boiling oil as an incidental torture.

Early Buddhism, with its 450,000,000 followers, had a hell wherein the wicked soul was spread prone upon a bed of blazing embers, with bedclothes of the same kind. When it was hungry it was regaled with balls of red-hot iron.

The Buddhists of China and Ceylon were content with no less than a multiplicity of hells, six or which were preserved for the peculiarly evil.

In the Zoroastrian religion accursed spirits sat forever in a cold, dark lane, surrounded by scorpions.

Future punishment as viewed in the classic ages was vague, and neither Greek nor Roman, it would seem, had any fixed ideas upon the subject. There was another place, Tartarus, equally as vague, except as to locality, which Hesiod, oldest of Greek poets, placed at two-thirds of a mile below the earth. One had to cross a river to get there. It is noticeable that all hells, except the Christian have a river in front of them. Tartarus seems to have been a penitentiary reserved for those who had offended the gods, and ordinary sinners had no place there.

The hell of the old Hebrews was somewhat extensive. "The land of Egypt," says Cadallah, "is 400 miles square; that is 1-60 of the size of Ethiopia which is 1-60 of the size of the earth. The earth is 1-60 of the Garden of Eden, and the Garden of Eden but 1-60 of Gehenna," or hell. The Cabalists held that this large tract lay far to the north, and here lodged devils and the souls of departed sinners, together with earthquakes and thunderstorms. There were five varieties of fire in Gehenna, according to the Talmud. A hard lot was in store for the soul that was less affected by the sinner while on earth.

As the hell of the torrid countries is hot so that of the northern latitudes is old and damp. The old Scandinavians looked upon it as a place of ice and darkness, abounding in venomous reptiles and wild beasts, especially ravenous wolves.

Our Anglo-Saxon forbears, compromising between the two had a "Hellewite" (whence our English word "hell") which consisted of a pit in which the unfortunate sinner suffered alternately a melting heat and a nipping frost. A hard lot was in store for the soul that was condemned to this Anglo-Saxon hell, for it combined all the horrors of all the others. Besides fire and ice were serpents with fiery tusks gnawing the flesh from the bones of their victims, while pale adders, bloody eagles and foul beasts with horns of iron lent variety to the torments.

Descriptions of hell in the Koran of the Mohammedan do not leave much consolation for the wicked Mussulman. "Flameless smoke" envelop them and "smokeless flame," says one chapter. Another informs the evildoers that "They shall be dragged into hell by their forelocks and their feet, and there shall be cut out for them garments of fire."

Among barbarians and savages the devil is the chief deity. As was aptly put to a missionary by a Maori chief of New Zealand: "Why should we strive to please your God, who is all good, by prayers and sacrifices? He will do us no harm. It is the Evil One who is forever seeking our hurt that we must endeavor to appease. Therefore we offer sacrifices to him."

The negroes of Guinea have little belief in the state of future punishment. Some of them, who live by the sea coast, however, believe that the unconsciously wicked suffer a continual state of drowning. If they are still more wicked they are "turned into white men and go beyond the seas."

The Formosans believe the wicked are cast into pits of mire, bottomless, with devils all the way down. Strange to say, they have no fire in them. The old Hawaiians believed that the souls of the departed sunk into an underworld, presided over by two potentates, Wakea and Milu.

The wicked went to the domain of Milu, where they were ever prevented from sleeping by the wild and lawless games of Milu's subjects, the devils. Their only food was lizards. To one who knows the Kanakan love for sheep and eating, the torture of Milu's realm is apparent.

In most of the islands of the Pacific hell is not reserved for the wicked in our sense of the word; that is, the thief, the murderer, the slanderer, and the selfish man. All these

finally reach a state of happiness. But a most unmistakable hell is reserved for those guilty of the only sin known to them, timidity and cowardice.

According to the best authorities, the aboriginal Indian of America is generally without any belief in a state of future punishment. The happy hunting grounds are reserved for the good; that is, the brave. As to where the wicked go they are silent. The Ojibwas, however, believe that the souls of the wicked follow a wide path to the west and enter a long lodge after crossing a deep and rapid river on a huge snake. Here they are forever haunted by the ghosts of those persons or things, animate or inanimate, which they have injured.

The old Laplanders believed in a hell of cold and ice. Laplanders of the extreme north, while denying themselves any future life, believed that the souls of bears went to a sort of bear hell, where they were forever tortured.

The Hottentots are wholly without belief in any hereafter, though their lives on earth are made miserable by the interference of many devils.

The Basutos believe that the souls of the wicked flutter forever blindly through the jungles of the earth, knocking their heads against trees and walls, swirling into dank marshes and suffering such other casualties and hardships as would naturally befall a sightless flying creature.

The hell of the New Guinea native is a womanless region wherein the unfortunate soul wanders forever in search of a mate.

An unique idea of the future state was that of the ancient Peruvians. As the disembodied soul winged its way to eternity it encountered two rocks, upon one of which it must needs rest. The choice was determined by the morality of the life in the flesh. If it rested upon the left-hand rock it was instantly translated to 'Po' or oblivion, a state analogous to the Nirvana of the Orient. If, through early misdeeds, however, the unhappy spirit was guided to the right-hand rock, it entered into a purgatorial hell where fiends grated away the flesh from all the bones in succession, after which the skeleton was reclothed and sent back to earth for another try. There was no haste about this grating process; it took something over 10,000 years.

There were many forms of hell in early and medieval Christianity, each according to the character and superstition of the various peoples of Europe. But, while varying in detail, the essential form was the same throughout. It was a nethermost pit filled with fire of an inconceivable heat wherein subordinate devils, under supervision of the arch fiend himself, roasted and turned upon white-hot griddles the souls of the damned, torturing them in many minor ways. It is in these latter methods that the authorities of the middle ages differ. Descriptions of hell abound in the oratory of the time. Accounts of "personal visits" to the infernal regions were common.

## MOTOR HOODS OF CREPE DE CHINE

For ordinary motoring a chiffon or chiffon cloth veil large enough to completely cover the hat and tie comfortably under the chin is all the protection necessary against dust and wind; but for any extended touring a real hood of silk, pongee or crepe de Chine is obligatory.

Without a proper hood and wrap a long automobile tour will be anything but a pleasure trip, and even more important than the coat itself is the veil or hood, which holds the hat firmly in place and protects both hat and hair from the dust which a touring car will raise on even the most perfectly oiled roadway.

The newest motor hoods, are of crepe de Chine lined with a thin, soft silk. The hood part is sufficiently wide to cover the largest hat, the material tapering down to two points on each side, one, in front, short to tie in a knot under the chin in a large bow knot. A great advantage in this hood is that it protects the collar of the dress as well as the hat. Naturally the crepe de Chine must be of a fairly light weight quality so as not to be either thick or clumsy to manage.

The chiffon and chiffon cloth motor veils this year are about twice as large as any worn hitherto. (Three yards long by two wide is but a conservative measurement and, indeed, with the present sized hats no smaller veil is of the slightest use. For a regulation motor hat which is considerably smaller than the average wide brimmed mushroom or sailor of today a yard square veil is generally worn, being so fastened over the hat that straw and trimming are well protected, with an end left to be drawn over the face if desired.)

They are not cheap, these new three yard veils, but unless economy is practiced in the quality of the material it is not often possible to make one for any less cost. Light crepe and coffee color make the best shades if there can not be a number of these veils provided, for the soft tones can be worn with any costume. A light taupe is also good for a generally serviceable veil. Chiffon cloth is now preferred altogether to chiffon, save for a veil that is only to be worn over the face.

For short runs when it is desired merely to keep the hat firmly on the head short veils of heavy brussels net or dotted fish net are extremely pretty either in white or of the same shade as the hat; these have also the advantage of being considerably cooler than even the thinnest chiffon.



# MILLSTONE RIVER VALLEY

By  
J. LeRoy Laidley

The Immigrants' Mecca  
The Settlers' Paradise

There lies a vale in Ida, lovelier  
Than all the valleys of Ionian hills;  
The swimming vapour slopes athwart the  
glen,  
Puts forth an arm, and creeps from pine to  
pine,  
And loiters slowly drawn. On either hand

greatest profusion. Oats often attain the  
height of 6½ feet, while all varieties of hay  
have the same heavy growth. Wheat has not  
been raised to any extent but it is thought  
that its cultivation would meet with equal  
success. The following figures show what  
crops can be raised in almost any part of the

totally disregarded but circumstances indi-  
cate that this phase of agriculture is now com-  
ing into its own in this district. Those who  
have now undertaken this especial work, have  
met with great success and they can exhibit  
fruit which is second to none in British Col-  
umbia. Inspector Wilson in comparing the  
land here with the famous Okanagan, stated  
that "equally good if not better fruit can be  
grown in the district around Nanaimo."

For fruit raising, as well as other classes of  
agriculture, the climate is par excellence. Here  
one enjoys the most equable climate on Van-  
couver Island, the rainfall being 33 inches per  
annum, just half that of Vancouver. Snow is  
the exception rather than the rule, and then  
falling but to disappear rapidly. The mercury  
rarely drops below freezing point. In sum-  
mer the heat is never excessive although the  
land is bathed in sunshine from the first of  
April to the middle of October. Cradled in  
such a balmy air, it is little surprising that the  
most tender fruits such as strawberries, pears,  
peaches, apricots, grapes, melons and tomatoes  
can be raised in profusion.

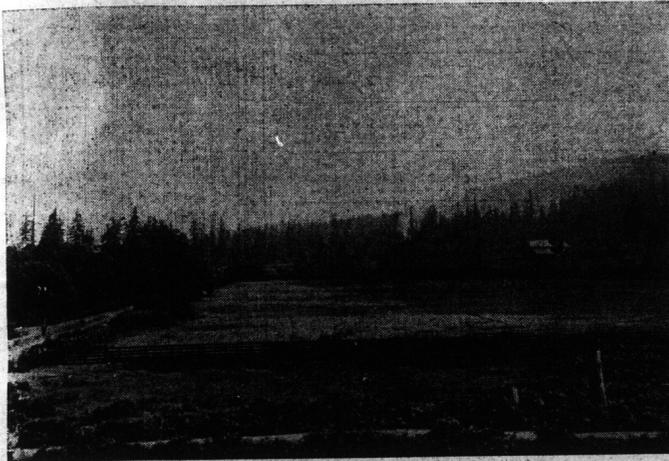
The other avenues for profitable industry  
lie open in dairying and poultry-raising. In  
Nanaimo a poultry society exists which holds  
a high class show every year and there are  
several prize-stocked ranches in the valley.  
For dairying there are all the advantages  
which could be desired. There is an unlimited  
range, while in Nanaimo is situated the Na-  
naimo Creamery which is controlled by the  
Farmers' Association. Despite its consider-  
able output, it cannot nearly supply the local  
demand; the price of butter ranging from 35  
to 45 cents per pound.

This district partakes as fairly of commer-  
cial as of natural advantages. At the distance  
of a few miles, ready markets lie open for all  
the farm produce which is available. In Na-  
naimo, only two and one-half miles distant,  
the demand is much greater than the local supply.  
Farm produce is shipped in from mainland  
points nearly all the year round. Hay, oats

via the E. & N. railway which passes only a  
mile from the valley, while daily connection  
can be made via Nanaimo with the extensive  
markets in Vancouver where the highest prices  
prevail.

Millstone River Valley, however, can boast  
of more than one industry. At the valley set-

finest coal has been struck and actual ship-  
ments have been made by means of a road en-  
gine for a considerable length of time. In this  
mine places are now working, all in 6-ft. of  
solid coal. The company have also put in a  
switch to connect their mine with the Lady-  
smith Lumber company's railroad which



Scene Looking South—East Wellington, Millstone River Valley

The lawns and meadow ledges midway down  
Hang rich in flowers, and far below them  
runs  
The long brook falling through the clov'n  
ravine  
In cataract after cataract to the sea.  
Behind the valley topmost Gargarus  
Stands up and takes the morning."

valley: Potatoes, 8 to 10 tons per acre; hay, 3  
tons per acre; turnips and mangles, 35 tons  
per acre; oats, 70 bushels per acre; oat hay,  
2½ tons per acre.

Furthermore, all agriculture is carried on  
without the aid or trouble of irrigation, though  
if that were desired, ample supply could be

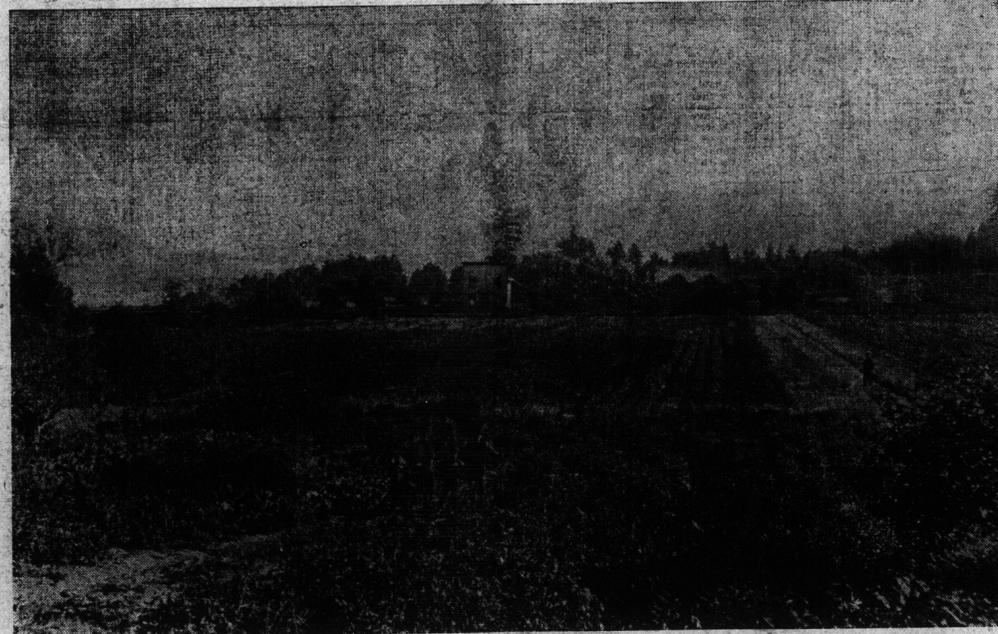
To one who traces, from the outlet where  
the Millstone River flows into the placid  
waters of Nanaimo Bay, the meandering course  
of this boisterous stream and emerges by  
many a winding way into the broad reaches  
of the valley, the mind's eye finds in the beau-  
tiful vistas beyond a counterpart of the  
fabled vale of Ida which is pictured so beau-  
tifully in the appended lines. Two and a half  
miles from Nanaimo opens out this Millstone  
River Valley which in ever widening expanse  
extends thirteen miles in length from the out-  
skirts of Nanaimo to the head of Nanose  
Bay. Although within such a short distance  
of Nanaimo, a city of 8,000 inhabitants, it has  
been practically undeveloped, except at its  
southern extremity. Here through the bot-  
tom land, the stream winds its way through  
fields heaving with plenty. On the eastern  
side, a low-lying ridge of hills throw up their  
verdure clad crest against the chilly blasts of  
the Gulf of Georgia. To the west, the bottom  
lands are crowned with up-land dales where  
fields of grain and orchards lie embosomed in  
groves of fir and pine. Higher and further  
back, the bench-lands, forest-clad, extend and  
erect themselves as bulwarks about the but-  
tresses of Mt. Benson, which lifts its twin  
peaks to the golden portals of the setting sun.

There is no more stable foundation for the  
prosperity of a country than that found in  
the resources of its arable land and it is in such  
valleys as the above described Millstone River  
Valley that is hidden the wealth that will  
make the future of Vancouver Island great.  
For many years, owing to the absence of an  
agricultural class and lack of progressive  
development and enterprise, the wealth of such  
rich land has lain dormant although possessing  
such great commercial and natural advantages.  
Having long passed through the rugged days  
of pioneer life, there has yet hung about it  
the vague, enticing glamour of antiquity and  
an indescribable touch of the Arcadian. For  
many years it has lain in a condition such as  
some poet has called

"\* \* \* Two worlds, one dead,  
The other powerless to be born."

However it has now emerged from that  
peaceful condition which heralds the dawn of  
rapid development and enterprise. It is as  
one writer has put it, rapidly entering into the  
throes of being "discovered." The general in-  
dustrial expansion which is being felt through-  
out Vancouver Island, has in no small degree  
attracted attention to the farming possibilities  
of the Island in general and this district in  
particular. Taking into consideration the fact  
that a 50-acre Vancouver Island farm is the  
equal of a 200-acre farm in the middle west,  
price and productivity considered, and the fact  
that thousands of acres of land in this valley  
are still available, it can easily be seen that a  
marvellous future awaits this district.

Heretofore, mixed farming has been the  
chief agricultural pursuit, but considerable at-  
tention is now being directed to dairying, and  
fruit and poultry raising. The soil of the  
valley is suitable for nearly all phases of agri-  
cultural life. In the bottom-lands, a deep,  
rich loam prevails, which produces grains and  
roots, it is believed, unsurpassed in any part  
of the world. In the higher reaches of the val-  
ley, which sweeps upward to the more heavily  
wooded bench lands, the soil becomes some-  
what lighter and loses its heavy nature—a  
condition better adapted for fruit raising, al-  
though producing grain and all roots in the



Truck Garden Scene—East Wellington, Millstone River Valley

obtained. Through the district settlement at  
East Wellington, above the valley, runs a  
stream which by means of a dam, could easily  
supply all the farming land around. For this  
work the energetic Development League of  
this district are about to petition the provin-  
cial government's assistance, and if such work  
were undertaken, the town of East Welling-  
ton might easily install their own water works  
system.

Hitherto, fruit-raising has been almost

rough and dressed lumber throughout the dis-  
trict, at Nanaimo and Ladysmith, while their  
export trade reaches the entire breadth of the  
continent.

Another industry, which though in its in-  
ception, means much to this valley, is the coal  
mining trade. At the southern extremity of  
the valley is located the Little Mountain coal  
mine on which the Vancouver-Nanaimo Coal  
company has been energetically pushing work  
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"Could you lend me a sharp knife?" asked  
a customer, in the cafe of a big hotel near the  
Grand Central Station, as he sipped "some-  
thing long and cool." The knife being forth-  
coming, the customer took a new two-dollar  
bill from his pocket, folded it carefully in the  
middle, and cut it neatly in two, placing the  
halves in his wallet.

"You want to know why I did that, don't  
you?" he remarked to the mysterious bar-  
tender. "Well, that's part of a little scheme  
of mine. I'm going over pretty soon to put  
my wife on a train for Chicago. One-half of  
that bill I'll give to my wife and the other  
half to the porter. If the colored man is at-  
tentive, and courteous throughout the trip my  
wife will give him her half of the bill in Chi-  
cago. If he's slow and grumpy he gets only  
the piece I gave him. Of course I lose my  
\$2 either way."

Give Grimes Jim's great gilt gilt  
whip.  
"A special sale of selected showman  
satin slippers."  
"Strict, strong, Stephen Stringer  
snared sickly six sickly silly snakes."

An Exciting Subject.  
By Felix Leigh.  
"Let us go and study Nature!"  
Said the Doctor to the school.  
(He is awfully impulsive,  
Is the Doctor, as a rule.)  
So we trooped along beside him,  
Wearing looks, no doubt, of gloom,  
Since we guessed that Nature study,  
With the Head, would be a spree.

Said the worthy Doctor, kneeling,  
"Here's a hombus' nest. You know  
That's the 'bumble'—Tut! it's stung  
me  
On the nose—we'd better go!"  
Whereupon we hurried after,  
As he strode across the plain.  
All felt sure that some amusement  
(With instruction) we should gain.

"There are blind-worms in this hedge-  
row."  
We must find one if we can."  
Quoth the Doctor, "They are harm-  
less."  
Here the Nature students ran.  
Yes, we ran as if for dinner.  
We believe we should be late:  
And the bull which chased us hotly  
Helped the Doctor o'er a gate.

"Have you ever heard of sundews?"  
Later on, the Doctor cried.  
"Though they're plants, they're insect-  
eaters."  
In a bog they're apt to hide.  
Ah, see yonder! Thus exclaiming  
He stepped out on what seemed  
grass.  
And next moment he was sinking  
In a miniature morass.

"I will sit down on this hillock,  
For a rest my limbs demand."  
Said the Doctor, when we'd dragged  
him  
From the quagmire to dry land.  
But he rose up rather briskly,  
Which was natural, you'll grant,  
When I mention that the "hillock"  
Owed existence to the ant.

We would like to study Nature,  
With the Doctor twice a week,  
For instruction (with amusement)  
Is the very thing we seek.  
But of late such studies are not,  
It would seem, the Doctor's whim;  
And our chaps believe that Nature  
Is a bit too rough for him!

The Two Little Flocks.  
Five little sheep on a hillside grazed  
Where the raggedest daisies grew,  
And just overhead in a sunny spot,  
Were five little clouds in the blue,  
And the five little clouds in the sky  
Looked down.

On the five little sheep below,  
And called out to them in a friendly  
way,  
"O little white flock, hello!  
We look alike—we must be alike;  
Now isn't that plain to you?"  
Come up with us to the pasture-sky—  
"O little white flock, please do!"  
But the five little sheep on the hill  
Looked sad.

And nibbled the grass instead;  
And each one smothered a sorrowful  
sigh,  
Shaking his wise little head.  
And they called to the flock in the sky,  
"Oh, no!  
Such union would never do;  
We must be fed on the greenest grass,  
While your meadow-grass is blue,  
And how would we look, when trying  
to fly.

With hard little feet for wings?  
Sheep of the earth and sheep of the  
sky  
Were made for different things!"  
And the little white flock in the sky  
looked down.  
On the little white flock below,  
And they said to themselves, "How  
quester, when we  
resemble each other so!"  
—Miriam S. Clark.

The Dress of a Bluejacket.  
Many readers will be spending some  
part of their holidays at the sea-side  
and may see something of the ships  
and men of the Royal navy. There  
are many little points about the  
bluejackets' uniform which they may  
be glad to know.

The blue linen collar, which Jack  
wears is said to be a relic of the days  
when British sailors had long and  
greasy pigtails. The backs of their  
white jackets used to get very dirty,  
so they were ordered to adopt a collar  
which could be easily removed and  
washed.

The three white lines round his col-  
lar are said to be in memory of Nelson's  
three great victories. The black  
silk scarf worn under the collar is a  
token of mourning for Nelson. After  
reached England this black scarf was  
ordered and the custom has never  
been discontinued.

Jack's arm is often very interesting.  
It carries barges mysterious to the  
land-lubber but denoting some special  
qualification and duty.

On one you will see in gold a little  
naval gun and torpedo crossed with  
a star above. The man who wears  
this is a leading torpedo man.

On another arm you will see a gun  
placed horizontally and a star above it.  
This belongs to a first-class sea-  
man gunner.

On a third you will see a little gold  
screw propeller, which is the badge of  
a stoker.

These badges are worn on the right  
arm half-way between the shoulder  
and the elbow.

The World's Most Powerful Magnets.  
Every boy is familiar with the mag-  
net. After a pocket knife, a magnet  
is the next best thing.

Of recent years the magnet has come  
to the fore in the workshop and the  
factory, and now the world's biggest  
magnets will lift a weight of 50,000 lbs.  
These magnets are much in evi-  
dence in iron and steel works where  
they are used not only for lifting bars  
of metal, but for holding in position  
large sheets of iron or steel while being  
riveted, removing huge metal weights  
from blast furnaces, transferring  
of rails from one part of the works to  
another, and in picking off metal scraps  
from heaps of rubbish.

The magnets are manipulated by  
electric overhead travelling cranes. A  
current is sent through the coils of the  
magnet by means of a switch. When  
the current is switched off the magnet  
drops its burden.

## A COLLEGE FOR DOGS

The most unique "college" in the United  
States is the training school at Ridgely for  
hunting dogs. This "dog college," as the wags  
have it, it known over the greater portion of  
the United States, and its principal is recog-  
nized as the most successful trainer in the  
country. The principal is rather a remark-  
able man, possessing those rare qualities which  
give a human being power over the brute kind-  
dom. Just as the college professor teaches the  
"young idea to shoot," so the principal of  
this training school for dogs teaches his setters  
to "set" and his pointers to "point." The  
course of instruction extends from four to six  
months.

## AMBUSHED

The motor car had reached a nice level  
stretch of road, and the man in the goggles  
was preparing for a scorch when an honest  
eyed old farmer stepped from the hillside and  
held up his hand. "Reckon you was jes' goin'  
to slip along tidy fast!" he observed when the  
car came to a standstill.

The motorist gave no denial to the state-  
ment.  
"What made you ask?" he inquired.  
The farmer produced a pair of battered  
field-glasses. "Clap your eyes to these 'ere,"  
he remarked, "and look up that there tree along  
the road. Happen you'll change your mind."

"Great Scott. A police trap," exclaimed  
the motorist, as he discerned a blue-trousered  
figure perched on a branch. "Thanks, old  
friend," and the clink of coins was heard.

A minute later a motor car was crawling  
past the tree at six-miles-an-hour pace, while  
the farmer was counting his wealth and smiling.  
"That idea of carting the scarecrow from the  
pea-field an' fixing it into the tree," he  
chuckled, "wasn't so bad."

## A NEW TIPPING IDEA

The New York Tribune tells the following  
story, which illustrates the usefulness of a  
small paper currency—to those who can af-

## THE FLY ON MR. GLADSTONE'S NOSE

I remember once, says Harry Furniss in  
the Strand Magazine, when I was giving a  
lecture on "Portraiture: Past and Present,"  
and illustrating the portraits on medals with  
the aid of a lantern, I came to some near the  
bottom of the screen. "Here," said I, "we  
have the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress  
of London, 1300 A.D." At that moment the  
Mayor and Mayoress of the town, who, for ef-  
fect, I suppose, had come in a quarter of an  
hour late to the seats reserved for them in  
the centre of the hall, walked past the rays of  
the lantern, and were, of course, shown on  
the screen, and, as can be supposed, caused  
an effect that had not been anticipated.

On another occasion a fly was an offender  
while I was giving a lecture with the aid of  
a lantern. I was showing some portraits of  
Mr. Gladstone in my entertainment. "The  
Humours of Parliament," I was telling my

ford tips on a liberal scale, and want to make  
sure of value for their money.

"Could you lend me a sharp knife?" asked  
a customer, in the cafe of a big hotel near the  
Grand Central Station, as he sipped "some-  
thing long and cool." The knife being forth-  
coming, the customer took a new two-dollar  
bill from his pocket, folded it carefully in the  
middle, and cut it neatly in two, placing the  
halves in his wallet.

"You want to know why I did that, don't  
you?" he remarked to the mysterious bar-  
tender. "Well, that's part of a little scheme  
of mine. I'm going over pretty soon to put  
my wife on a train for Chicago. One-half of  
that bill I'll give to my wife and the other  
half to the porter. If the colored man is at-  
tentive, and courteous throughout the trip my  
wife will give him her half of the bill in Chi-  
cago. If he's slow and grumpy he gets only  
the piece I gave him. Of course I lose my  
\$2 either way."

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# Snappy Styles in Autumn Footwear



A specially large portion of our New Fall Footwear is now on display while numberless lines arrive daily. Our fashions for this season are characterized by extreme grace and beauty of design, even surpassing our usual high standard in taste, elegance and variety. That exclusiveness and superiority of quality always found in Spencer footwear is fully maintained. Advance styles in great variety now await your inspection, and we anticipate your visit with pleasure.

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**LADIES' LACE BOOTS**, made of finest quality patent coltskin, with top of black suede leather. A genteel, dressy boot, for... **\$6.00**  
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**LADIES' LACE BOOTS**, tan, calfskin, leather lined, stout oak tanned soles... **\$4.00**  
**THE SURGEON'S ARCH PROP OR SUPPORT** is the best support made for broken arches, can be adjusted to fit the foot and to give the support just where needed. Price, per pair... **\$2.50**



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At this price, we are showing some splendid values. These duly emphasize the prevailing style tendencies, and are the highest expressions of good styles and workmanship, made of good quality French Venetian. Coat is semi-tight, 38 inches long, lined with satin, front and back have open slot seam finished with stitching. Skirt is eleven-gored, circular cut and trimmed with buttons. Price - - - - - **\$14.50**



### Women's New Fall Suits at \$16.75

These are made of extra good quality French Venetian, long coat (being thirty-nine inches), in the new semi-tight style, beautifully lined with satin, front and back have open slot seam, trimmed with buttons and braid, roll collar and cuffs, outside pockets finished with stitching and buttons. Skirt is eleven-gored, circular-cut and trimmed to match coat. Price - - - - - **\$16.75**

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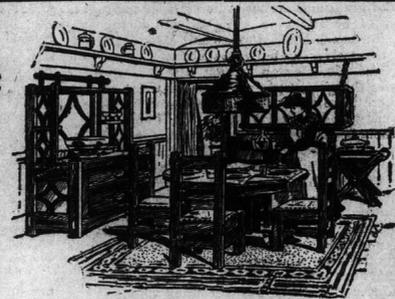
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NOW is your chance to select a genuine Golden Oak Extension Table of exclusive design and choicely grained, at a low figure. Call today and inspect this line—Price **\$19.50**

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## MILLENNIUM CLOSE AT HAND

Dominion Government Decided to Only Wait Victoria Wishes to Make an End Songhees Reserve

REQUIRE SURRENDER OF REVERSIONARY RIGHTS

Collingwood Schreiber Rem His Plea For Asiatic Labor More Time For Completion of Mountain Section

Ottawa, Sept. 13.—The Indian Department still awaits a reply from the city council of Victoria in reference to the Songhees Reserve. Mr. B. is quite willing to meet all the demands of the city, but claims that it is necessary for the department to secure reversionary rights of the city before any part of the land can be transferred for railway or other purposes. At present the city acts the government is ready to do its part.  
 Collingwood Schreiber arrived in Ottawa with the same will the used on the coast to the effect, "The mountain section of the G. will never be built, at least until we are grey-headed, unless the contractors are allowed to get in other white laborers. The interview for the lines of those given to Coast and has little new, though it is sent to the employment of Asiatic the mountain section of the G. Mackenzie King, Minister of Labor, prevails, and that there is no possibility of admitting Oriental labor. The policy of the government is to refuse admission to Asiatic labor as a punishment of that policy it is possible that a bill will be introduced at the coming session extending time for the completion of the mountain section.  
 The mayor of Cobalt has applied to the Dominion Government for assistance in meeting the losses sustained by that town last July and during the recent outbreak of typhoid fever. Nothing, however, is likely to be done by the federal authorities, cause the fire was not so serious as to be considered a national calamity, therefore there would be no prospect of action and the typhoid fever epidemic is for provincial not federal consideration.

### MANY GUESTS HAVE CLOSE CALL

Long Island Hotel Sacrificed to Cowardice of Unidentified Incendiary.  
 Edgemere, L.I., Sept. 13.—In which destroyed the Holmt Street here before daylight today, saw five guests and twenty employees narrow escapes. The fire which proprietor said was undoubtedly incendiary origin, started in the basement and worked up through the structure so rapidly that the floor was ablaze before the guests were given the alarm. While the guests were able to leave the stairways a half dozen, among two women, leaped from a second-story balcony but were not seriously hurt. The guests lost practically of their jewelry and clothing, were cared for in neighboring cottages and the cottages of bucket brigades to prevent the of the flames.

**A Phantom Promise.**  
 SAGO, Me., Sept. 13.—After weeks' idleness the 2,200 employes of the York mill thrown out of employment by the strike of 150 weavers turned to work today at the old of wages, the mill management promising to "do something for them as possible."

### THE NEWS OF TODAY

Peary reached the Pole with Eskimo companion.  
 Lord Strathcona believes in future Canadian West.  
 Mysterious murder of Italian in Utica, N.Y.  
 Paul Accorso will race Max Shrub here.  
 Dominion awaits Victoria and Songhees reserve question.  
 Time for construction of mountain section of G. T. F. likely to be extended.  
 Canada claims the Pole.  
 B. C. Electric Co. cannot consider national proposals.  
 Montreal's civic scandal producing startling developments.