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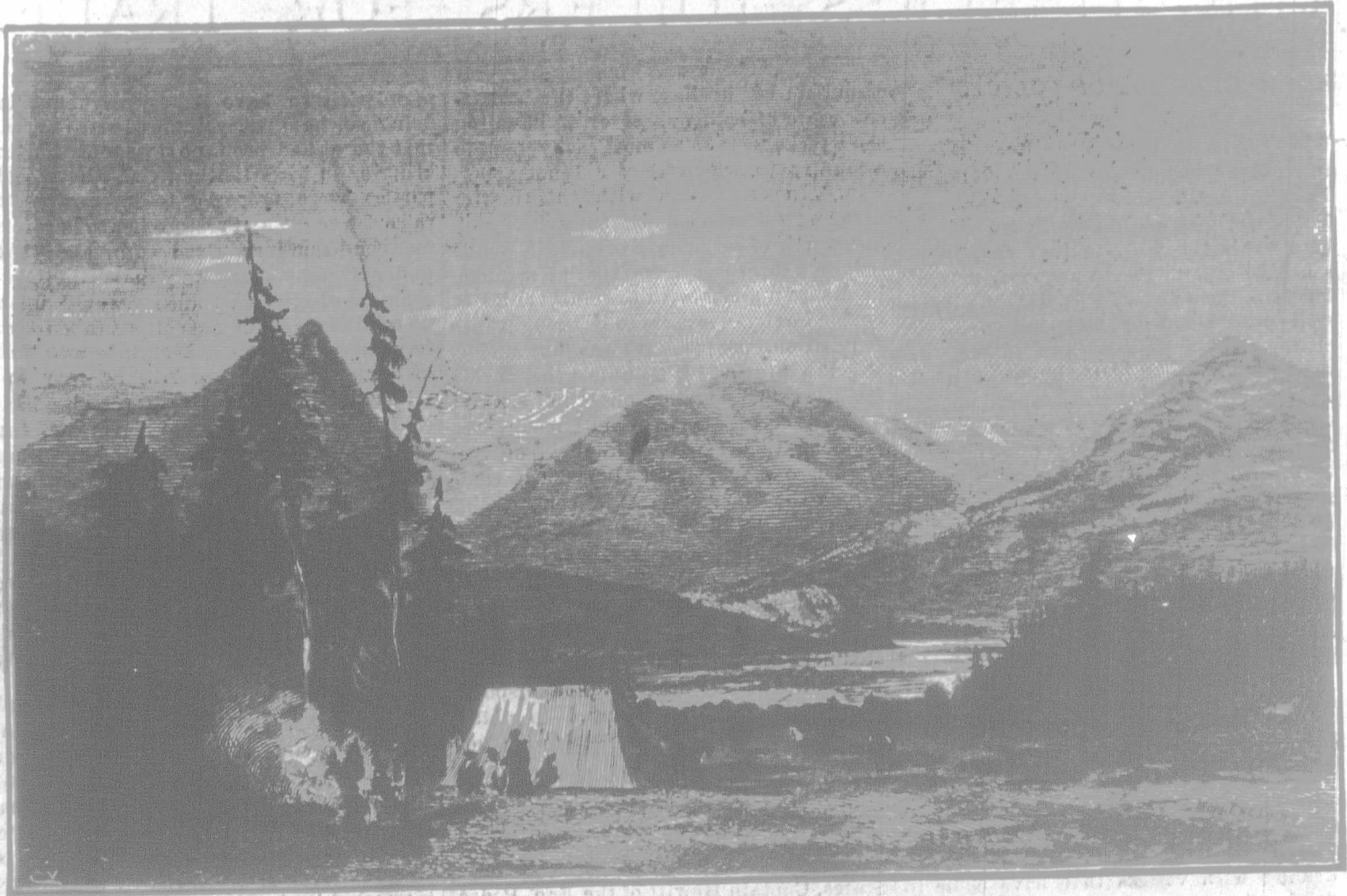
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A QUESTION OF POLICY.

In spite of what the Vancouver *World* and other journals locally interested in depreciating Victoria may have said, the fact of the steamship San Pedro having been wrecked so near to port can, in no sense, be regarded as in any way detracting from the safety of this harbor. As is well understood by seagoing men, the channel and approaches are so well defined that it can only be by utter ignorance or errors of judgment that, outside of what may be termed an utterly unforeseeable casualty, dangers can exist. As to the whys and the wherefores of the present accident the official inquiry will, no doubt, bring out the facts and if, as has been hinted, a short cut was taken for the purpose of saving time, it will be for those concerned to explain and make out the best case possible. Meantime it will be well for those who have a fancy for and are interested in running down Victoria to refrain from passing their strictures until they are in possession of all the facts.

Not unnaturally this disaster has brought prominently to the front the question of the relations between ourselves and the United States on the subject of dealing with vessels that have come to grief not in waters whose ownership is

disputed; but in those where the best facilities for affording relief or of handling the wrecks were to be most easily had in a country to which they did not appertain. In connection with this matter many a good vessel and thousands of dollars worth of cargo have been lost, while only in a few cases have special arrangements been made with the authorities to enable foreign wreckers to be brought into requisition. Because it was not understood that in British Columbia there were facilities for carrying out this kind of business certain enterprising Americans—among them Capt. Whitelaw, of San Francisco—have, upon occasions come across the line, and made considerable money out of the salvages which were effected, but this was only by special acts of grace and favor on the part of the Federal authorities.

However, it is now known that in the steamer *Mascotte*, owned in Victoria, with all the facilities at her disposal, there is little, if any, need to obtain American help in order to deal with vessels which have become disabled and have foundered in our waters. Nevertheless, possibly because of his ignorance in this matter, or perhaps, because he commanded a vessel owned in the United States, Captain Hewitt of the *San Pedro*, has used his utmost endeavors to obtain

permission to have American help. In doing so, he utterly ignored two facts, that there had been no loss of time in bringing to his attention, viz., that local parties were prepared to guarantee to raise the vessel and restore her to her former condition for a fixed sum, and that under circumstances like these the Government of his own country would upon no conditions make exceptions in favor of foreigners; and was, in fact, informed that he might hire and use free of duty appliances to raise the sunken vessel which cannot be obtained here. Meantime, the *San Pedro* lies under water, and anything that is perishable on board her is incurring additional damage. For all this, no doubt, there are those who will be disposed to hold the port of Victoria responsible. But it must be remembered that the *Pedro* was not coming here; that this was not her port of destination, and the responsibility, if any, of her going out of her course lay with the captain and pilot.

There are no lives in jeopardy on board the *San Pedro*, so that there is not this incentive to any extraordinary action or concession, and now if for the sake of sentiment or of reducing expense—which we do not believe—the owners are ready to risk the entire loss of their vessel, it is their own look-out. Foreigners are largely interested in the Union Mines, because of the money there is in them; they use their

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FASHION NOTES.

American glove manufacturers have been well employed during the past year. The demand has been best for light weight gloves, for men's wear as well as for women's. Americans now seem to go in more for appearance than for comfort, and it is to be feared that the same weakness affects the present generation on this side of the line.

Regarding new dress materials in Paris, the correspondent of the *Draper's Record* says: Horsecloth is worn very thick and soft, with very wide raised stripes; and there is a new make of it called *pelisse cote de cheval*, which is as light in the hand as it is rough in appearance. Amazon cloth is used to make dressy woolen toilettes; these are to be seen at the Bon Marche and Louvre, the skirts trimmed with velvet or fur bands. I have seen a dark beige cloth dress, with a band of brown velvet round, scalloped out, and between each scallop a *motif of passementerie* with steel drops, and silk beige and brown olives fall on a second band of moquette cloth worked at the edges in fine silk embroidery. Fancy velvets and plush corduroys are used in combination with woolen materials. Scroll patterns are a marked feature in the fancy velvets; the pattern is nearly always black on a light

ground. Many of the black grounds are shot with the color employed in the brocades. Stripes are now introduced into plain silk or wool; these are generally used for *panneaux* to form an under or side skirt, and as a trimming for the bodice.

MR. JAMES PUNCH, M. P. P., and M. F. G. Strickland, of New Westminster, are, it is understood, considering the prospects of a woollen mill, which they contemplate establishing in Victoria. The products of the Westminster mill have always commanded a market, and so it is certain would those of one established in Victoria, the majority of whose people would rather support a native industry than send their money out of the country, provided other things are fairly equal.

It would appear that at length the Dominion Government has deliberately determined to make the Atlantic postal service equal to the requirements of the times. It has, it is announced, decided to invite tenders for a fast line of steamers to England. The service is to average 19 to 20 knots an hour from port to port. Southampton will be the place of call in England; Quebec in winter and Halifax in winter on this side. The vessels will not be of less size than 6,500 tons, with modern equipments.

own vessels for the transport of their product; but they must remember that where what are termed the laws of nations do not prevail the law of the country is paramount. The San Pedro was wrecked in British Columbia (Canadian) waters. As is the case in the United States, the fiscal policy of the Dominion is that of protection, and, as far as it is possible for us to see, there is not the slightest ground for making any exception to the operation of the law in this case. The McKinley tariff and all the special enactments regulating transportation both by land and water were specially designed to place foreigners at the greatest disadvantage, and as far as Canada is concerned, some have said to drive us into the American Union. In this particular our policy is their own—though we are not looking to Washington—let them abide by its consequences. As the point has been expressed, "we'll hae oor ain fish guts for oor ain sea maws." Ours is "a national policy." While it is on the statute book, let us live up to it or have it repealed. Some of its features American unfriendliness, if not hostility, forced us to adopt.—*British Columbia Commercial Journal*.

Muir & Boyd, manufacturers' agents, have opened a branch office on Hastings street, Vancouver, with Mr. Muir in charge.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[THE HOME JOURNAL would be pleased to receive the dates of parties and the names of persons attending social gatherings. To insure publication, this information would have to reach this office not later than Thursday noon.]

THE social events of the past week were not particularly noteworthy. With the approaching holidays a great revival is expected, and many parties will be held during the week between Christmas and New Years. Several marriages will be consummated during the holidays, if Dame Rumor is to be credited.

Chas. A. Rattray, who lately paid a visit to his home here, has decided to return to this city from Portland, and go into business here.

W. J. Macaulay, vice-president of the Victoria Lumber and Manufacturing Company, has arrived safely at Lima, Peru.

The Young Ladies' Institute will hold their second "At home" Thursday evening, 10th inst., at 7.30, in the Harmony Hall, View Street. There will be a social concert and refreshments in the early part of the evening, to finish with a hop.

Wednesday evening, the members' quarterly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held in the Association parlors. There were reports from committees, interspersed with a musical programme, under the direction of Rev. Archdeacon Scriven. A number of lady friends of members helped to make the evening pass pleasantly.

A confirmation service will be held in St. Barnabas' Church by his Lordship Bishop Hills on the evening of the Sunday following Christmas, which happens this year to be St. John the Evangelist's day.

The choir of Christ Church Cathedral, who are now practising the oratorio of "Christ and His Soldiers," will render this delightful composition early in the new year.

Over a hundred gentlemen sat down to an excellent repast at the Delmonico last Monday evening, the occasion being the annual dinner of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society. The chair was occupied by the president of the society, Mr. John Robertson. At his right sat Hon. John Robson, premier of the province, and on his left was Mayor Grant. Among those present were noticed Messrs. Redfern, Leach, Austin, Lorimer, McKay, H. A. Munn, Dr. Milne, Lovell, Rev. M. C. Browne, Bishop, Tolmie, Flewin and Belyea. The tables were beautifully

decorated, and fully bore out the reputation of the Delmonico for entertainments of this description. While the band discoursed airs dear to the heart of every Scotchman, an excellent menu was served. After the eatables had been disposed of, letters were read by Mr. Lorimer from the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. Dr. Helmcken, Commander Turner, of H. M. S. Nympe; Mr. Innes, Lieut.-Commander, of H. M. S. Champion; T. J. Burnes, and the Society in Vancouver, wishing the local society all prosperity and success. After the usual toasts had been proposed and appropriately responded to, Mayor Grant replied to the toast of the "Mayor and Council." He said that the Mayor and Council of every community had very great anxieties and troubles. It was no easy office, and he could assure his friends that in no one single instance had it occurred that gentlemen occupying seats at the council board had committed dishonest actions or done anything to cast a slur on that body. There was no member of the present council, or any council that ever governed Victoria, that had been guilty of a wrongful act. The Mayor then entered into municipal matters very fully, and explained the whole internal working of the council. He was continually interrupted by the plaudits of his listeners. Aldermen Holland, Munn and Robertson responded on behalf of the Aldermen. The banquet came to a close at an early hour, every one feeling that they had paid the homage due to Scotland's patron saint.

Monday evening there will be a conversation in Christ Church Cathedral school room. There will be a concert programme, with intervals between the different numbers, so that a pleasant evening is sure to be spent. Refreshments, consisting of tea, coffee, cake, etc., will be served by the young ladies during the evening. As this will be the initial entertainment of the winter series a good time is assured, for the good people of the Cathedral never do anything by halves. There will be an admission fee of 25 cents.

Mr. John H. Freeman and Miss Annie C. Anderson were married by the Rev. P. McF. Macleod Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother. They have gone on a trip to California.

It is stated that the Comos Club will not have another reception till the new year.

Mr. Harry Evans was married on Thursday last to Miss Lizzie Randolph by Rev. Bishop Cridge.

The young ladies of the Reformed Episcopal Church will hold a sale of

fancy work suitable for Christmas gifts in the schoolroom on Thursday, December 10. There will also be an afternoon tea from 4 to 6, and an entertainment in the evening, consisting of vocal and instrumental music. Tableaux, picture puzzles and Christmas tree.

Mr. Daniel Campbell and Miss Margaret McDonnell, of Alexandria, Ont., were married on Tuesday last by Rev. Father Nicolay.

Services are held every Friday night at Temple Emanuel. An excellent choir assists in these services, and is composed of some of the best voices in the city.

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It is a noticeable fact that Johnson street below Government is the best lighted street in the city. The colored lights in the windows of C. H. Bowes & Co's West End Pharmacy, 27 Johnson, are particularly noticeable.

The Victoria Parliamentary Debating Society held their second meeting last evening in the City Hall, when reports of committees were received, and the organization completed. The Sir William Wallace Hall has been secured and the regular weekly meetings will be held there.

Russell McDonald & Co's annual drawing, which takes place on Dec. 26, will be a huge affair. There will be fifty prizes, valued at five thousand dollars; five of the prizes will be in cash. Those fortunate enough to purchase their Xmas goods there will receive a ticket for every dollar's worth they buy.

Messrs. F. Pierce Watson & William B. Hall are going to open a first-class grocery store on Monday, 7th inst., at 55 Yates street, the stand formerly occupied by Davidson Bros. They will make a specialty of carrying the finest lines of staple and fancy groceries, teas, coffees and table delicacies, from the leading Canadian, American and English houses. Both of the partners of the new firm have had considerable experience in the first-class grocery trade in this city, as they have been in the employ of the well-known firm of Dixie H. Ross & Co. for some years, Mr. Watson eight years, during the last three of which he held the position of head clerk, and Mr. Hall for six

years. Mr. Watson has lived in Victoria for sixteen years, while Mr. Hall is a native British Columbian. Both of the gentlemen being thoroughly conversant with their business and possessing those sterling qualities of energy and integrity, besides being courteous and obliging, are sure to win for themselves a fair share of patronage. Mr. Hall will have the pleasure in a few days of calling on their numerous friends for such orders as they may wish to have filled.

DOTS AND DASHES.

The Earl of Lytton had many admirers in this country, where his poetry was appreciated, not because he was the son of one of England's greatest novelists and most brilliant essayists, but because he had the true instincts of a poet. "Lucile" will always be a favorite poem with Canadian readers. Yet Lord Lytton was very prominent in the diplomatic service of his country and has shown remarkable ability in that direction, especially in connection with Indian affairs.

We have received a poem, "A Romance of Death," which possesses considerable merit, but which cannot be published, as we are not in possession of the name of the author. All communications must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

"ENTRE NOUS."

A meeting of the Hebrews of this city was held at the residence of Rabbi Philo, last Wednesday evening, when it was decided to change the name of the society recently organized and named the Hebrew Literary Circle to something suggesting more of a social character. The following officers were elected: President, I. E. Philo; vice-president, Miss Bertha Frank; secretary, D. Eckstein; treasurer, Miss Kate Davis. The constitution and bylaws are in course of preparation, and will be ready next week. The organization starts out under favorable auspices and will be known hereafter as "Entre Nous."

THE RAINBOW BAZAAR.

The Rainbow bazaar at St. John's Church concluded in a concert

under the direction of Mr. Cleinent Rowlands, last Thursday evening. The programme was an extensive one and carefully prepared. To particulate would be invidious, and it is enough to say that every number on the programme was well rendered. The bazaar throughout was successful.

The Earl of Erroll died in London, Eng., to-day.

A claim for \$5,000 damages has been made against the Northern Pacific Railway by Mr. C. E. Munro, who was ejected from a train between Tacoma and Spokane without cause.

HAPPY.

The druggist's face a bright look wore
When I entered his place to-day,
As he was arranging a goodly store
Of plaster and arnica.

So smiling and cheerful he seemed to be
That I asked him to tell the reason
He was so, and, winking, he answered me,
"We're entering the football season."

ART MAXIMA.

Often ornateness
Goes with greatness;
Oftener felicity
Comes with simplicity.

Talent that's cheapest
Affects singularity.
Thoughts that live deepest
Rise radiant in charity.

Life is rough:
Sing smoothly, O Bard.
Enough, enough
To have found life hard.

No record Art keeps
Of her travail and throes.
There is toil on the steeps—
On the summits, repose.

CANADIAN EXPORTS.

The following is the export of goods from the Dominion for the month of October:

Produce of the mine	\$ 609,474
Produce of the fisheries	920,193
Produce of the forest	2,245,414
Animals and their produce	4,035,184
Agricultural products	4,256,458
Manufactures	711,840
Miscellaneous articles	45,652
Bullion	26,620
Coin	14,362
Total	\$12,865,200

M's. Capt. R. Collister, of Rock Bay is slightly better. The lady has been very ill for some days with bronchitis.

Miss Katie White, who has been finishing her education at St. Ann's convent, will leave for San Francisco tomorrow by the steamer City of Puebla.

The Chinese viceroy, Li Hung Chang, considers the rebellion as the result of local causes and that the dynasty is secure.

The French Government threatens to break off relations with the Vatican unless the Pope rebukes the French prelates.

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ARE THE JEWS AN IMMORTAL RACE

THE wonderful preservation of the Jewish race is a marvel which has no parallel in history of the races of mankind, says a writer in a British review. Philosophers and scientists have in vain exhausted their learning and ingenuity in finding adequate reasons to account for the existence of that remarkable people. There is no other instance in history where a people has survived the disintegrating influences to which they have been exposed. All other nations, ancient and modern, pass through a uniform process of growth, expansion, decay and absorption. They live their appointed course, fulfil their appointed destiny, and then pass away, melting their likeness and individuality into other races, and producing new types and forms. The Jews alone have defied this universal experience. Their appearance on the world's stage dates back to the earliest dawn of history, and it is curious to observe how strangely similar are the terms in which their characteristics are described, both by ancient historians and by modern writers. They are a people "who dwell alone, and are not reckoned among the nations;" "a people scattered abroad, and dispersed among the nations, whose laws are diverse from all other people." Manetho, Apion and Tacitus speak of them with the same hatred and contempt as do Rohling, Drumont and Goldwin Smith. Amid all things that change, the Jews remain unchanged. They witnessed the building of Pyramids at Egypt, and they were in Nineveh when the star-gazers held their sacred court. They were in active collision with all the ancient empires. Rome, Greece and Persia knew them. They look down upon us from the sculptured frescoes of Egypt and Assyria with the same inscrutable features as we observe in them in the Ghettos of Europe—pale, sallow, dark-eyed, and olive-complexioned, betraying everywhere that peculiar and unrestful mental and physical activity with which we are so familiar. Gifted with many excellent virtues and mental endowments, loyal, charitable, moral, homely, affectionate and hospitable in their domestic relations, they have not only failed to gain the goodwill of the nations among whom they have lived, but have almost invariably incurred their hostility. More than any other people they have been proscribed and expatriated, persecuted, oppressed and massacred. Yet they are more numerous to-day than they were in the plenitude of their power in the days of David and Solomon, and with a nervous virile force possessed by no other people. Without a national centre or political organization, they

have yet managed to acquire no small influence throughout the world. Their commercial supremacy is undisputed. They are the great distributing agents of the business world—money-lenders and middlemen, as they are scornfully termed, but nevertheless most necessary factors in the progress of civilization. In law, medicine, philosophy, politics, they are no less distinguished. They alone, together with the Arabs, kept the lamp of knowledge burning whilst all Europe in the Middle Ages was shrouded in an impenetrable veil of densest ignorance and superstition. What are the forces which have combined to produce so singular a phenomenon? There is only one way of accounting for the survival of the Jew. He must be considered as being a necessary factor in the economy of the human race, fulfilling a distinct and indispensable part in the moral and spiritual government of the world. In other words, he is specially watched over and protected by Providence for some mysterious and ulterior purpose of its own. Providence, however, achieves its ends by natural means, and the laws—religious, moral, sanitary, dietary—by which the Jews were environed were peculiarly adapted to endow them with a resisting force capable of successfully confronting and overcoming all the assaults of time and man. The strict observance of the Mosaic and Rabbinical laws in regard to food, health, cleanliness, by which all their habits of life and modes of thought have been determined—this has formed a special mental and moral fibre which, by its transmission through the ages, has acquired a hereditary character. They are, of all peoples in the world, the most cosmopolitan. No matter in what country they may settle, there they thrive, and adapt themselves to its physical and social surroundings. In India, China, or Peru—in arctic or torid zone—they everywhere pursue the same objects, with the same spirit and determination. They, however, never lose their identity or individuality. A recent interesting article in the Spectator, alluding to the same subject, says: "Speaking all languages, knowing all cultures, living amongst all races, imbibing all patriotic prejudices, and assimilating all peculiarities of any civilization, the Hebrews display a capacity for mental aloofness which, through all the varied temptations of all the ages, still keeps them rigidly apart." Only once did danger threaten their separateness with extinction. In the days of the second Temple, Hellenistic culture and influence proved too fascinating, and obtained a dangerously preponderating hold over the divided sections of the nation. There were many points of contact between the Jews and the Greeks, the two nations who in their ideals of religion and art exercised supreme sway over man-

kind. The genius and culture of each, softened and modified the other. It was only when, in a moment of frenzy, Antiochus Epiphanes attempted to graft the paganism of the heathen world on the institutions of Judaism, that the Jews threw off the bands that were fascinatingly woven around them, and thenceforth effectually severed the tie which since Alexander the Great had bound the two races together. This episode has an interest for modern times beyond that which attaches to it from a merely historical point of view. Under a wise and tolerant rule the Jews insensibly abate their external or physical characteristics. Their methods of action and modes of thought may be distinguished by breadth and clearness, but in all other respects they assimilate themselves completely to the social and national environment. In England they become like Englishmen, in France like Frenchmen. No country has ever afforded them any reasonable opportunity for throwing off their racial peculiarities. Their emancipation even in this country dates only from yesterday, and since their dispersion the most they have received was an insecure sufferance. What centuries of equality and enlightened treatment may do is a problem which the future alone can answer. Their spiritual instinct must, nevertheless, remain forever a line of division between them and other people, which their hereditary culture and civilization must necessarily intensify. But there can be little doubt that with altered conditions the position of the Jews with the rest of the nations will be materially changed.

A TELL-TALE SIGN.

Scene—A railroad train.

A man in a certain seat is deeply absorbed in a newspaper. Although the train stops at a station he does not look up or cast a glance through the window. But he has that queer self-consciousness of what is going on about him that people sometimes have in the midst of the most serious reading. He was half-conscious of a great shout and much laughter outside on the platform. The laughter was largely feminine, and the melodious din was punctuated by a series of slight reports that a person who gave full instead of half his attention might have recognized as kisses. Then the man dimly felt rather than saw the seat in front of him receive two occupants, and recalled afterwards an impression of the two occupants having shouted and laughed a good deal through their window.

Then the train started. As it moved away, the man with the newspaper finished the interesting thing he was reading and looked up reflectively. He saw in front of him a young man and a young woman, still without associating

anything with them. He was thinking of what he had read.

The young man wore a light derby hat. He pushed it on the back of his head to mop his heated forehead. As he did so, there was a little patter on the newspaper that lay in the lap of the man who was ruminating. The man who was ruminating looked down and saw that this patter had been caused by some tiny grains or rice. This discovery broke the chain of his reverie. He looked up again with a highly interested expression. He saw the young man half turn his head as if he had heard the patter on the paper. The girl was very pretty. She exchanged a glance with the young man that made the middle-aged observer have a warm feeling under the left-hand upper side of his vest front. Then she leaned over and whispered to the young man:

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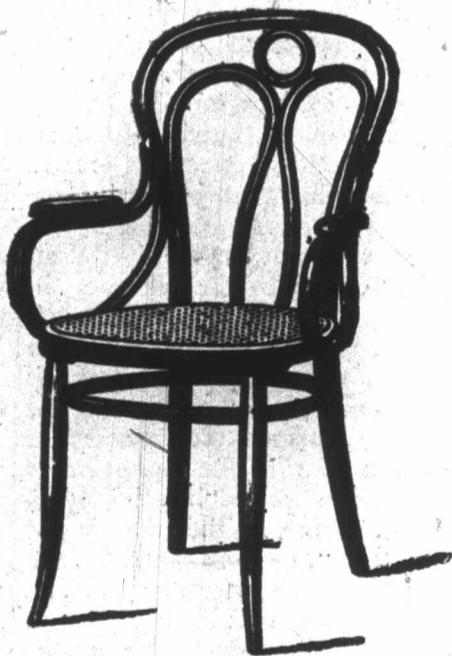
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RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

ANOTHER injustice of our system of taxation in Canada is that of levying taxes upon persons. This injustice is carried to a greater length in British Columbia than in any other Province of the Dominion. A tax of three dollars per annum is collected by the Provincial Government, presumably for the purpose of building roads and for the administration of justice. In this city the municipal authorities collect another tax of two dollars for street improvements, etc.

Of this class of taxes it can be truthfully said that they never have, and never can be, fairly and impartially levied or collected. It is a truth that does not require much investigation to substantiate, that a great many who according to the intention of the law should pay them, manage to evade them, that they fall with unerring certainty upon working men of small income who earn their living by the day, while they are scarcely or never paid by others enjoying a much larger income, but who do not receive it from any regular employer. The difficulties in the way of collections under this law is recognized by the law itself when it places upon employers the unpleasant duties of collection and subjects them to penalties intended to secure the enforcement of a law from which their fellow-citizens, who are not employers are exempt, and by which employers are not by any means the greatest beneficiaries. But the great injustice in connection with personal taxes is that they are a contribution to public funds from the expenditure of which those who pay them do not reap anything like an equal advantage with another class of their fellow-citizens, and in this way the law becomes the instrument of the most pernicious kind of class legislation.

That we may arrive at correct conclusions in reasoning out this matter, let us begin with first principles. The use of land is the first requisite of human existence—whatever man's occupation, whatever his

condition in life—he must have access to the use of some portion of the earth. Our social system to which our laws give effect regards land as property, to which the right of use must be obtained by purchase in fee simple or the payment of such sum as the owner and user may agree upon. Good roads and other public improvements of a like character—the efficient administration of law affording security to person and property—good schools, streets and sidewalks in close proximity are agencies of the first importance in communicating value to land whether it be adapted for development as agricultural or mineral in the country, or for business, manufacturing or residence in the city. (The importance attached to these agencies in communicating value by holders and practical speculators may easily be ascertained by a visit to any of Victoria's numerous real estate offices.)

While all men must use land, the owners of land are in a minority, even in this new province, and the contributions of the majority being expended on public improvements—the enforcement of law, the perfecting of educational institutions—the furnishing of the conveniences of suburban life, enables the minority to collect from the majority in increased prices should they wish to buy, or in higher rents for use, payment to them for their private benefit on account of values which the majority largely assisted to create. We thus see that from personal taxes accrue an important proportion of the public revenue that should justly fall upon land: and to the influence in legislation of those who profited by its speculative holding may be traced the adoption of this kind of law-making. And the solicitude of certain citizens who are so anxious that the acts of those entrusted with the management of civic affairs should be officially investigated, fearing, as they naively put it, that the "taxes on persons and property" may be increased, is beginning to be understood in this connection. The solicitude of the landed aristocrat who fights against the taxation of his property for a fair share of the values conferred upon it by public improvements lest the taxation of landless persons be increased, is the solicitude of greed for simplicity, which meekly bears the burden, from the carrying of which wily greed hopes to reap the lion's share of the profit.

The writer of this has not one word to say against investigation. By all means let us have the fullest and freest ventilation of all matters pertaining to the administration of public affairs; and where the trust reposed in a public servant has been found to be abused, let proper punishment be meted out. But let it be understood that the tax-

paying persons of this country are sufficiently well informed to place a proper value on the unsolicited solicitude expressed in this connection on their behalf.

TALES OF THE TOWN.

SINCE the death of William Florence many curious incidents in the life of this actor have been brought to the surface. I doubt if any is much more humorous than the one an old-time actor told me the other night. "There have been many stories related of 'Billy' Florence," said he, "but none much funnier than this: It was back in the '70's, at the time the Florence company was playing 'The Mighty Dollar' in St Louis. The night was very warm and between the acts 'Billy' removed his wig. After the curtain had again risen he went on, but in an instant was made aware that something unusual had happened by the unexpected applause that he received. He also noticed that his wife was very much amused, and scratched his head unconsciously, as people are wont to do, in order to solve the joke. His fingers touched the made-up scalp, and in an instant he recognized that he was as destitute of hair as a new-born babe. He had neglected to properly gum his hair, and it had parted from his scalp while he was in the wings. 'Lend me your wig, Veenie,' addressing his wife, at the same time grasping it from her head and leaving her in almost the same condition as himself. The audience by this time was almost convulsed with laughter, and the curtain had to be rung down temporarily."

There is a class of people who are continually saying that the Salvation Army is "no good at all." Here is an incident which has come under my notice, which goes to show that they are of some good, and that even to people who are not particularly friendly to them. Mr. Moffat, of 121 Fort street (and who, by the way, is one of the staff of THE HOME JOURNAL) took it into his head to endeavor to find out a lost relative, who left Scotland 32 years ago and went to Australia. This relative never once wrote either to his parents or any of his brothers or sisters. They anxiously waited for several years in the hope of hearing from or learning something concerning him; so, a quarter of a century ago, gave him up as dead. About eighteen months ago Mr. Moffat got a notice put in the Canadian War Cry, in the "Missing" column, inquiring whether any one knew what had become of the lost relative, accompanied with a request for the Australian War Cry to copy the notice. Mr. Moffat waited for over fifteen months, expecting to receive a reply to his inquiry, but no answer was

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forthcoming. It had well nigh vanished from his memory, when, to his surprise, he received this week the following communication from Commissioner Coombs, Salvation Army, Melbourne, Australia:

THE SALVATION ARMY,
HEADQUARTERS 185 LITTLE COL-
LINS ST,
MELBOURNE, Oct. 13, 1891.
Mr. John Moffat, 121 Fort street, Vic-
toria, B. C.

DEAR SIR—After a great deal of enquiry and trouble, we are glad to be able to report to you that we have found Mr. John Wetherspoon, and hereby forward to you his address, which is 109 Pelham street, Carlton, Victoria, and leave it open for you to communicate with him at your own pleasure. Praying that God may bless you, I remain yours, for God and Souls,

THOS. B. COOMBS,
Commissioner.

Mr. Moffat considers the above a very good piece of business, seeing it did not cost him a cent, and thinks great credit is due the Salvation Army for their endeavors to restore communication between relatives, especially after a blank of 32 years!

Speaking of advertising, I am getting to be more and more a crank on this subject. Now some men will crowd a single square into a crowded paper and sit down and wait for results which never come. Then they get up and deliver an oration against advertising. Others spread themselves in a single issue and drop out, forgetting that the people may not want their goods to-day, but might to-morrow or the next day. The perfect advertiser so writes his copy for the space he has contracted for, not by the day or the month, but by the year, that the readers cannot help but detect its perfume as soon as the page is reached on which it appears.

I am a Scotchman, proud of the traditions of my native land and loyal to the land of my adoption. I never let an opportunity escape me of declaring my love for old Scotland. It was a feeling of this nature that inspired me to attend the banquet given in honor of Scotland's Patron Saint. I believed, and so did many others present, that the banquet would be a social, convivial affair. I never expected that it would be turned into a political meeting, but such, I am sorry to say, was the case. There are many features of the present municipal administration that I rather admire, but the modesty of our city "dads" is not one of them. When the time comes to cast my vote, I shall not restrict myself to voting for a man because his great-grandfather dined 365 days every year on haggis;

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I shall exercise my franchise in favor of the best man.

This leads me to the subject of municipal politics. I am told that never in the history of Victoria has such interest been taken by those duly qualified to vote to have their names placed on the voters' list. This is ominous. It is quite certain that a desperate effort will be "made to make a change in business all around." Among the candidates for the mayoralty the name of a highly honored Wharf street merchant is mentioned. Should he be elected, there is no doubt he would bring to the chair dignity and business ability. And if there is anything that Victoria requires at the present time it is a business administration.

I am informed that Manager Rice, of the Imperial Stock Company, has instructed his attorney to begin an action against the editor of the Dramatic Star for libel. The complaint is based on the ground that the editor of that paper has persistently and maliciously libelled Mr. Rice, and certain it is that the articles in question bear strong proofs of malice. A prominent lawyer of this city says that even if any of the charges made against Mr. Rice were true, there would still be grounds for libel. Of course, the editor of the Dramatic Star lives on the American side, and the paper is also published in the United States; but Mr. Rice, even if matters of this kind are not provided for by international law, could certainly secure the desired satisfaction in Uncle Sam's courts. The Dramatic Star should be more careful in dealing with a man's reputation.

The failure of the "Nip and Tuck" Company to draw in Victoria should not surprise our American cousins. The day when hash-slingers, chair-warmers, etc., could impose upon Victoria people has long since gone by. Victorians are critical, and must have the best in the market or nothing at all.

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

She reclined in the shade,
And my heart thrilled with pride
As I saw that my poems
Were close by her side.

Then I glanced once again,
And I almost could weep!
My poems lay near her,
But—she was asleep.

"What Kind of Women Do Men Prefer for Wives," is a subject that has been troubling the London Spectator, and after much correspondence and parleying back and forth, it concludes that they prefer "plain and clever girls," thus showing the great and stupendous pig-headedness of man when he tries to reason in cold blood about his ideas of women. Mr. Labouchere of the London Truth knows his sex much better.

Mr. Labouchere throws his ideas into petticoat form in the following way: "If I were a girl on the lookout for a husband I should play the game by adroitly flattering my contemplated victim; listening with rapt attention when he spoke, and generally seeking to create the impression on him that I thought him in wisdom and in charm, not inferior to the angels. At the same

time I should endeavor indirectly to bring home the fact that in me he would find a person with a heavenly temper, brimming over with domestic affection. I should take care to be becomingly dressed, but my 'get up' would look as if it cost nothing. I should eschew slang and manly games, and I should be severely proper in my general behavior. My likes and dislikes would be those of my victim."

Mr. Labouchere recognizes the fact that man in the present day rarely deliberately contemplates marriage. He likes toying with the hook, but he does not intend to swallow it. The fly has, therefore, to be very adroitly thrown to catch him. The mistake girls make is not to distinguish between flirting and fishing. "One hears a great deal about the vanity of women," continues the Truthful editor; "men are just as vain, and it is by keeping this fact well in mind that a girl gets a husband. I take the world as it is, and I would back the girl who follows my advice in the matrimonial stakes against the girl who acts on the recommendations of the Spectator."

Somebody has said that while

any man cannot marry any woman he wishes, any woman can marry any man she deliberately sets about to enmesh. While this may not be absolutely true, it comes dangerously near being true. "Dangerously" to the man, I mean. He may nibble tentatively at the bait, but if it is made savory enough, ten to one he will bite. Then comes the process of landing him. To be sure, it often takes a skillful angler, but women are great fishermen, and the struggles of the victim only add to the sport.

Parents with marriageable daughters are wondering why it is that their Angelina and Seraphina are wasting their sweetness on the desert air, when those horrid Scroggins girls (and such a crowd as there is of them) have all been happily mated. Ah, sharp old Scroggins; he knows why it is. He has made it a point all his life to live in a house where the chimneys and fireplaces worked in harmony, and the consequence is that the available young man who dropped in for the evening found the fire so cheerful that he called again and again, until at last he concluded he must have a fire of his own just like it, and of course must have Miss

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Scroggins to share it with him. But poor Angelina though she has had beaux without number, she has also had a smoky fireplace to contend with, and the invariable result has been to scare the young man off after one evening's experience. Let anxious parents examine the fireplaces, and the chances are ten to one that there will be found the secret of their daughter's dangerous proximity to spinsterdom.

A new feature of winter wraps is their length—to be curtailed is to be behind the age, says the Toronto Saturday Night.

Fur and lace seems a strange combination in trimming, but is far from unlovely. I saw a dainty velvet gown of a rich green trimmed with vest and cuffs of Persian lamb fur, and finished at neck and wrists by a deep frill of antique lace. The bonnet to go with this gown was of green, bordered scantily with fur, and on top had an Alsatian bow of the rich old lace. The muff, a tiny round affair, was also trimmed with bands of fur, and had a full ruffie of lace on each opening. The costume was of singular elegance.

Another theatre waist caught my eye a few evenings ago, partly because of its novelty and partly because of its peculiarity. It was a long loose blouse of soft peach silk, with a deep yoke of open work applique and wide cuffs of the same. The applique was in gilt cord and braid, and was very handsome, though the loose and negligé appearance of the garment is not to my taste. Its handsome garniture could not impart that look of trimness and smartness so indispensable for a theatre gown. The girl who wore it was tall, slender, and a perfect brunette, with a languid grace and indifference which well suited her costume.

The "love spoon" is the latest development in the souvenir spoon fad, and is chosen for an engagement token. A silver arrow with enamelled forget-me-nots twined round the shaft, and its barbed point piercing the golden bowl of the spoon, which is in heart shape, is the appropriate design of this trifle, and the intertwined initials of the donor and recipient are engraved on the inner surface of the bowl.

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Quotations are per pound, or for such quantities as are usually ordered by families. Goods in larger quantities are obtainable at lower prices:

Apples, evaporated.....	\$ 12½
" sun dried.....	10
Apricots, evaporated.....	16
Asparagus, tin.....	40
Barley, Pearl.....	10
Bacon, breakfast.....	18
" spiced roll.....	16
Beef, corned, tin.....	35
Bloaters.....	12½
Blacklead, best..... 3 for	25
" French Polish.....	25
Bricks, bath.....	12½
Butter, creamery..... 35c or 3 for	1 00
" dairy.....	25
" fresh Island.....	50
Catsup, tomato..... 25 to	40
" mushroom, pt.....	40
" walnut, pt.....	40
Capers.....	25
Candles, Belmont.....	25
" Ozokerit.....	50
Caviar.....	50
Celery, salt.....	25
Chocolate, Eagle.....	50
Cocoa, Fry.....	50
" Epps.....	50
" Van Houton's.....	1 50
Chutney..... 25 to	1 50
Cheese, Canadian.....	20
" Roquefort.....	1 00
" Swiss.....	50
" English Stilton.....	50
" Limburg.....	50
" Brick Cream.....	50
" Mellors Cream, pots.....	1 25
" Parmasam.....	1 00
" Pineapple.....	50
" Edom.....	50
Clams..... 3 for	50
Cocoanut.....	50
Coffee, Costa Rica, green.....	25
" Java.....	40
" Mocha.....	50
" ground.....	40
Cream Tartar.....	50
Currants, Patras.....	12½
" Vostizi.....	16
Corn, Ontario..... 3 for	50
Devilled meat.....	40
Eggs, fresh.....	60
" packed.....	25
Extracts, flavoring, 2 oz..... 25 to	35
Farina..... 10 lb. sack	1 25
Figs..... per lb	25
"..... 10 lbs	2 00
Fish, cod, Pacific.....	12½
" Eastern.....	16
" black.....	12½
" mackerel bloater.....	35
" tins.....	1 00
Flour, Hungarian.....	6 75
" Snowflake.....	6 50
" Enderby.....	6 25
Fruits, assorted table, 3-lb. tins....	40
" 2-lb. tins....	25
" pie, gallon.....	75
" in Brandy.....	1 50
" crystallized..... 25 to	75
Gelatine, Nelson's.....	25
Hams.....	20
Hops.....	40
Honey, gallon.....	1 75
" 1 lbs, comb, in jars.....	1 00
" 2 lbs,.....	75
Jams, assorted C & B..... 3 for	1 00
Knife Polish.....	25
Lard, pure, 10 lbs.....	1 75
" 5 lbs.....	1 00
Lentils.....	16
Lemons, Sicily.....	50
" California.....	35
Lobster, Clover Leaf.....	35
Marmalade, pots.....	35
Maccaroni.....	25
Milk, Reindeer, tins.....	25
" Eagle, tins.....	35
" Highland Cream.....	25

Mince meat, jars.....	1 50
" condensed.....	25
Mustard, Colman's, ½ lb.....	35
" 1 lb.....	65
Mushrooms.....	35
Nuts, assorted.....	25
Oil, Coal, tin.....	1 85
" case.....	3 50
Olives, qt bottle.....	75
" pt bottle.....	50
" ½ pt bottle.....	25
Oysters, fresh, tin.....	75
" Blue Point, 2-lb. tins.....	35
" 1-lb. tins.....	25
Onions.....	4
Pate de foie gras..... 1 25 to	1 75
Peel, mixed.....	40
Pearline.....	25
Pepper, ground.....	50
" whole.....	35
Pickles, C & B, qt.....	65
" pt.....	35
Potatoes.....	1 25
Prunes.....	12½
Plum pudding.....	75
Raisins, Dehesa.....	50
" layers.....	25
" Valencias off stalk.....	12½
" layers.....	16
" Sultanas.....	20
Rice, Japan.....	8
" Sandwich Island.....	10
" China.....	5
Sauce, Lea & Perrins, large.....	65
" small.....	35
" Yorkshire Relish.....	25
Spices, tins.....	25
Sugar, granulated, Vancouver, 14lbs	1 00
" San Frisco, 13..	1 00
" cube, San Francisco, 10 lbs	1 00
" Vancouver, 12 lbs	1 00
" Extra C..... 15 lbs	1 00
Syrup, 1-gal. tin.....	1 00
" 2-lb tin.....	25
" Maple, gal.....	1 50
Tapioca.....	10
Tongue, Lunch, 2.....	75
" 1.....	50
" Ox 3.....	1 00
Tea, S & B..... 50 to	75
" Japanese..... 25 to	75
Tobacco, T & B.....	75
Vinegar, English Malt.....	1 00
" White Wine.....	1 00

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Mushroom Catsup, pints.....	35
Quince Cider, per quart.....	25
Apple Cider.....	25
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THE DRAMA.

THE theatrical event of the week was the opening of the Imperial Theatre by the Imperial Stock Company. In a previous issue of THE HOME JOURNAL, the improvements which have taken place in the theatre were described at length, and we will now speak of the company. The most exacting critics will admit that the material of which the Imperial company is composed is more than ordinarily good. For instance, it is rarely that a more finished and creditable piece of work has been seen in this city than the Pauline of Miss Kate Dalglish in the "Lady of Lyons." Not one particle of the beautiful sentiment permeating Lord Lytton's sublime creation was lost. In fact, her acting throughout the piece was a revelation. Mr. Frank Armstrong played the part of Claude Melnotte with Forrestian precision, and, although a trifle nervous on the first night, it is seldom a more acceptable piece of work is seen in this city. Mr. Gray, as usual, was on the best of terms with the audience, and his appearance on the stage was the signal for an outburst of laughter. Mr. Belmour made the best of his part, as did also Miss Belmour. Miss Ada Wheeler's acting is always good. No matter in what role she appears, it can always be depended upon that Miss Wheeler has studied her part well, and desires to get as near the conception of the author as possible. The Colori Damas of Mr. Summerfield was also good. The part is one which requires careful handling, but Mr. Summerfield proved himself fully equal to the task. Miss Damaris had little to do but she did it well. Taking the performance as a whole, there was

very little that could call forth unfavorable criticism. All the members of the organization were anxious to please, and they succeeded wonderfully well. As for the music, it may be said that it was appropriate and artistic. Of course, the audiences expected a great deal from Mr. Cross, and they were not dissatisfied. The result of constant rehearsals was apparent throughout.

On Thursday night, the Imperial company presented, for the first time in this city, that mirth provoking farce "Confusion." The play will receive its last representation to-night. Every part in it is carefully prepared. Mr. Gray, as Christopher Blizzard, made the walls ring with laughter. Any person who desires a good laugh should see "Confusion."

Monday and Tuesday night, will be produced "Fanchon the Cricket." Wednesday and Thursday, "Hazel Kirke;" Friday and Saturday, "Ten Nights in a Bar-room."

A word about the additional improvements which Manager Ward has made in the house. The proscenium boxes have been elegantly furnished, and it might be said of the boxes as well as the seats, that a splendid view of the stage can be obtained from every location in the house. During the day time, when the building is unoccupied, Mr. Ward has his men at work fixing up, and every evening something is noticed that was not there the previous evening. The artistic skill of Mr. Mallandaine is apparent everywhere. This theatre is now a recognized family resort, and it has become quite fashionable to organize "Imperial theatrical parties."

FOOTLIGHT FLASHES.

"You and I" at the Victoria Dec. 8.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was at the Victoria, last night.

Goodyear, Elitch & Schilling's minstrels report good business from California.

A Turkish Bath was played to large houses on the 13th and 14th Nov. at Helena, Montana.

Sol. Smith Russell played at the Grand Opera House, St. Louis, Missouri, last week, to large houses.

Sarah Bernhardt revived Camille at the Standard Theatre, New York, on Nov. 23, to a fair sized house.

The Sea King closed a successful season Nov. 21, at Louisville, Ky. This company is going to South America.

AT THE VICTORIA.

You and I—Dec. 8.
 McKee Rankin—16 and 17.
 Carleton Opera Company—22 and 23.
 Midnight Alarm—Jan. 8 and 9.
 Kate Claxton—22 and 23.
 Devil's Auction—25 and 26.
 Katie Putnam—29 and 30.

AT THE VANCOUVER OPERA HOUSE.

Skipped by the Light of the Moon—Dec 14
 Mendelssohn Quintette—19.
 Carleton Opera—21.
 Kate Claxton—20 and 21.
 Katie Putnam—25 and 26.
 Herman—Jan. 6 and 7
 Garrick Dramatic Club (local)—13
 John L. Sullivan—19.
 Nanaimo Amateurs—Feb. 10.
 Sport McAllister—29.
 Hanlon's Superba—April 4 and 5.
 Frederick Warde—11, 12 and 13.
 Ole Olsen—15.
 Spider and Fly—18 and 19.
 Corinne Opera Company—20 and 21.
 Marie Wainwright—May 9 and 10.
 Fred Daniels—11 and 14.
 Cora Tanner—27 and 28.
 Lillian Lewis—June 1 and 2.
 Thatcher's Minstrels—10 and 11.
 Rhea—16 and 17.
 Two Johns—22 and 23.
 Natural Gas—July 20 and 21.
 The Cruisheen Lawn—29 and 30.
 Sol Smith Russell—Sept. 21 and 22.

MUSIC.

THE TEACHER who presumes all children are alike is sure to fail. No two leaves on the same tree, no two flowers on the same bush, no two children of the same family are alike. Recognize this fact. Be not too severe on the slow one, on the one with little talent. We have known such to come out way ahead of those endowed with higher gifts. As in plants, so in the human mind, there is sometimes a sudden growth. Always do your work, aiming at the best.

Temperament is an exhibition of mental habit and of character. You cannot judge of the mind except through those roads that lead to it. Watch everything about your pupils. A music lesson may be made a worry and a torment, or it may be made a pleasure. All depends upon teachers and parents. Are your lessons a worry or a pleasure? What makes them one or the other? Answer this question for yourself.

Put an apprentice at a bench with poor, dull tools, place over him a crusty master, and then tell him to do good work. He can't do it, say you. Of course not. Neither can your child, when you place it at an old box of a piano, putting by the side of it a man that is not fit to teach. He can't do good work.

The instruction book may become the means of good teaching, if the teacher knows how to use it. To merely go through it will do very little good.

The violin presented to Herr Joachim by his English admirer is a genuine Stradivarius, and was obtained of Lady Lindsay, in whose possession it had been for many years. It had been played upon by many noted violinists, including the great Viotti, Paganini, Dr. Spohr, and many others of lesser note. It is in a most excellent state of preservation, and is as beautiful in form, color and finish as it is magnificent in tone. The price paid for it was £1,000 (\$5,000). I would respectfully suggest that he come to Victoria, and let us hear such an instrument in the hands of such a master of his art as he is.

Rubenstein made his debut as a pianist at a charity concert, in Mos-

cow, when he was but nine years of age.

Scudo, you know, had the most fantastic ideas. He once compared Liszt's touch to "pearls falling on red hot velvet." How touching! Gum boots falling on a coal scuttle is the average pianist's touch, and one, I know, who always will attempt Carl Heyman's poetic etude, "Elfenspeil," which should only be whispered, always reminds me, in his performance of this particular piece, of chinaware falling off the top shelf—tinkle, twinkle, crash, smash, bang! F. B.

The Mendelssohn Quintette Club will give one of their concerts in The Victoria on Friday the 18th December, under the direction of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association.

SHARPS AND FLATS.

The Juch opera company is in Washington, D. C.

The Carleton opera company was at Detroit, Mich., last night.

Miss Rubena Stephens, the popular organist of the First Presbyterian Church, has handed in her resignation, to take effect at the end of the year.

Prof. Fenwick, formerly organist and leader of the choir in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, in this city, has taken charge of the Episcopal Church choir at Calgary, Alta.

The beautiful waltzes, "Remembrance of Fort Vincennes," being rendered by the Imperial Theatre orchestra, this week, is the composition of Mr. Edward Pleiss, a Victoria musician.

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"No; what is it?"

"He was in a boat on the Arm. He fell overboard and was drowned. The water was too deep."

"Didn't he know how to swim?"

"Swim! Don't you know that all persons are forbidden by the police to swim on the Arm."

"I've got a new job," remarked Georgie Gazzam to his Sunday school teacher. "It's in a real estate office." "Is your employer a Christian, Georgie?" "He's a real estate agent, sir. I said that at first."

A man named Stratton, who tried to fast for forty days in a New York dime museum, did fast forty days, and then they buried him because he died. His fast will be continued indefinitely.

A shrewd old lady cautioned her daughter against worrying her husband too much, and concluded by saying: "My child, a man is like an egg. Keep him in hot water a little while, he may boil soft; but keep him there too long and he hardens."

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The members of the St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society and the Scotsmen generally, of Vancouver, celebrated the natal day of Scotland's patron saint by a grand ball and supper in the Market Hall. The building presented a beautiful appearance at the opening of the grand march, shortly after 9 o'clock in the evening. The walls were covered with streamers, bunting and mottoes befitting the occasion. In the centre piece, was an immense Japanese fan, from the points of which festoons of artificial flowers stretched to the angles of the ceiling. At the upper end of the hall was the Scottish shield, with the representation of the thistle surrounded by the motto, "Wha daur meddle wi' me."

A quadrille club has been formed at New Westminster. J. Wilson has been elected president; D. McLennan, secretary; managing committee, Messrs. McLennan, Wilson and Welsh. The first dance was held in St. Leonard's last Thursday evening. It is the sanguine hope of the club's promoters that it will soon have a large membership.

A dance was given in the Foresters' Hall, Nanaimo, last Wednesday evening by the Maple Leaf Dancing Club.

Miss Sarah Ann Bell, daughter of Mr. George Bell, engineer, Nanaimo, was married last Saturday night to Mr. William Paulkington, of the same city. The ceremony was performed at the Methodist church, the Rev. W. W. Baer officiating. Miss Mary Isabella (Polly) Yarrow acted as bridesmaid, and Mr. James Deming attended to the bridegroom. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. George Bell. After the wedding the guests sat down to a splendid supper. The presents were numerous. The Free Press gives the following list:—Mr. and Mrs. G. Bell (bride's parents), cheque; Mr. Ralph Bell (brother to bride), china tea set and silver pickle dish; Miss Carrie Bell (sister to bride), silver butter dish; Mr. James Deming, splendid hanging lamp; Mr. Albert Deming, large mirror and parlor lamp; Mr. Charles Deming, a pair of oil paintings; Mr. and Mrs. John Bell (cousins to bride), silver fruit dish; Mr. and Mrs. George Yarrow, silver cake basket; Miss Polly Yarrow, pair vases and basket; Mr. Geo. Churchill, silver cruet and fancy basket; Mr. and Mrs. McLay, bed linen and chenille table cover; Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood, chamber set; Mr. and Mrs. Dodds, Victoria, comb and brush case; Mr. and Mrs. Shepard, table cloth and mat; Mr. Richard Chilling, splendid wool mat; Mr. and Mrs. John Grey, bed linen.

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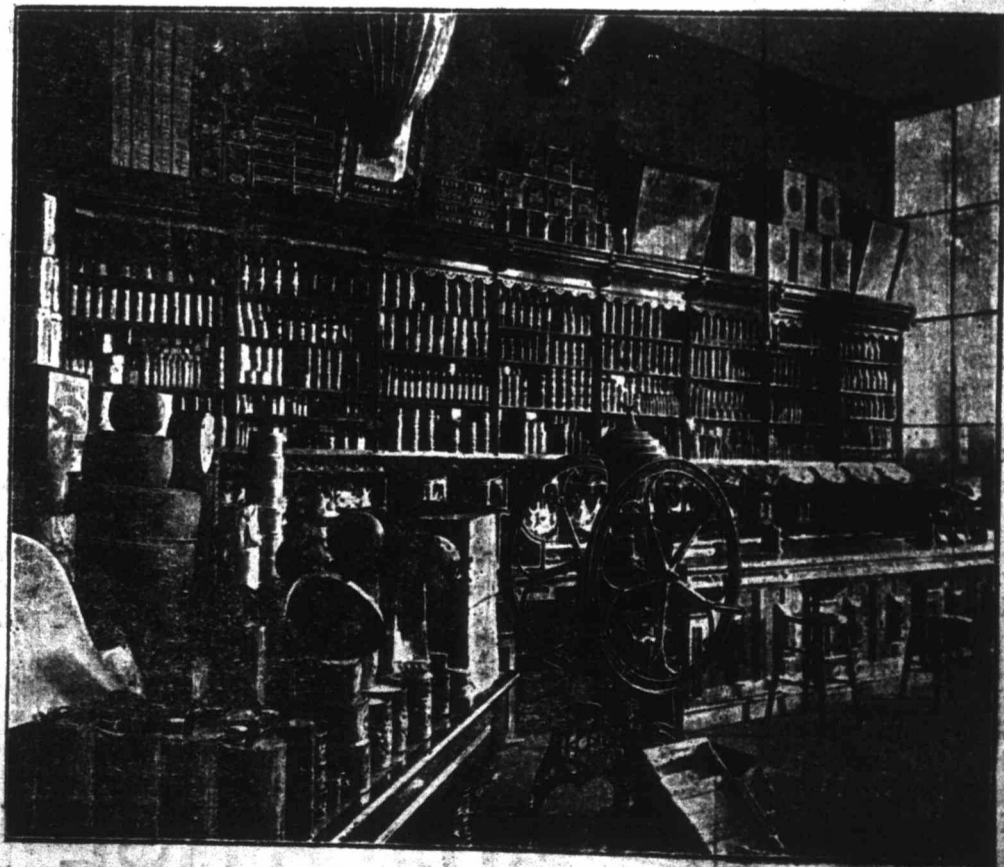
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