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OUR GIFT FOR NEW YEARS

LIKELY TO BE IN THE FORM OF A NEW GOVERNOR.

The Men Who had a Chance of Being Appointed but who are not in the Field now—What one who knows Says About the Situation.

The governorship has again become a live question. Despite reports to the contrary, however, no appointment of a successor to Sir Leonard Tilley has yet been made, but unless something unexpected interferes the name of the new governor will be announced before the close of the present year.

PROGRESS is in a position to state that some months ago all arrangements were made at Ottawa for the appointment of Mr. Kennedy F. Burns, M. P., to the position, he to enter upon the duties of his high office about the first of the new year. His appointment was to be made because of his claims on the party, and of his general fitness; and because of the belief that he would be most acceptable to all classes, particularly to his co-religionists, the French, of course, included. About the time that Mr. Burns had reason to conclude that his appointment was merely a question of a few months, a strong protest was sent to Ottawa by Dr. Legere who then represented Kent in the commons, but who has since died. That protest represented Mr. Burns as the enemy of the French in New Brunswick and declared that his appointment as Lieutenant Governor would be most distasteful to them. It seems that when the last vacancy in the Supreme Court Bench occurred Mr. Burns and Mr. Adams favored the appointment of Mr. Lawlor of Chatham in preference to the promotion of Judge Landry. Neither Mr. Landry nor Mr. Lawlor was made supreme court judge, and it would not appear that had it not been for the fact that the friends of these gentlemen could not agree, a Roman Catholic had been appointed instead of Hon. Mr. Hanington when the latter was called to the bench. Opponents of Mr. Burns say that the protest from the French will make his appointment an impossibility; and that, besides, Sir John Thompson would not think of appointing a Catholic Governor for New Brunswick so soon after his own promotion to the premiership. On the other hand it is claimed by friends of Mr. Burns that the only thing that gave the so called French protest any weight was the fact that it had been sent by Dr. Legere and that he was then a supporter of the government in the Commons. Since Dr. Legere's death and the election of Mr. McInerney as his successor, they say Mr. Burns is a stronger candidate than ever for the governorship, as McInerney is a warm personal friend of the member for Gloucester and will join other friends of Mr. Burns in the Commons in support of the latter. Others again say that McInerney, fearing the influence of JUDGE Landry in Kent, will not dare to support Burns.

Regarding the suggestion that it would be impolitic for Sir John Thompson to appoint a co-religionist to the New Brunswick governorship in anything like the immediate present PROGRESS may say that as a rule the premier has very little to do with the appointments of judges or lieutenant governors. Under the methods that have prevailed at Ottawa ever since confederation such appointments are in the hands of the ministers from the particular province for which the appointment is to be made. For instance, the governorship of New Brunswick is really at the disposal of Messrs Costigan and Foster, subject of course to a satisfactory consultation by them with a majority of their supporters from this province. It is only when the ministers agree upon an appointment that the members of the government, as a government, trouble themselves even the question of patronage. Then the members of the government from that particular province and their supporters in the commons are heard from and the government make what they consider the best appointment under the circumstances. Although many persons who have been applicants for office under the dominion government have thought it desirable to "pull the wires" all over the dominion in order to secure the support of this or that minister they would have worked to better advantage by trying to unite the ministers from their province and the members supporting them in their favor.

It is known that Mr. Burns has a large number of supporters among the conservative members from New Brunswick than any other candidate. It is also known that Mr. Hazen and Mr. McLeod are divided on Senator Boyd and Dr. Bayard, and that Mr. Hazen is being supported in his choice by Mr. Wood. It is further known that Mr. Wilnot is strong for Chief Justice Allen. Those who laughed at the mention of Mr. Adams' name will be interested in knowing that, next to Mr. Burns, some months ago, his chances were the best of all the probable candidates. No doubt the

same objection that has been made to Burns would now be urged against Adams. If Messrs. Foster and Costigan decided that a Catholic must be appointed, and if the French object to Burns or Adams, perhaps Senator Dever might be induced to accept the governorship!

This week the name of Judge FRASER was mentioned in connection with the vacancy. Although His Honor has been but a short time on the bench the state of his health has been such for some few years that he might accept the position if it was offered to him. In any case it is believed there will soon be at least one vacancy on the supreme court bench. Judge Palmer or Judge King it is thought will be called to the supreme court of Canada and in case either Chief Justice Allen or Mr. Justice Fraser was made governor there would be two vacancies. In that event the Catholics will press their claims for a judgeship and Messrs. McLeod and Barker will again be in the field. It is said that the story why Dr. Barker has not already been made a judge would make most interesting reading.

There being considerable difference of opinion as to how long Sir Leonard Tilley has occupied the governor's chair, PROGRESS has looked up the record and found that he was first appointed in November, 1873, and held office until July, 1878, when he resigned at the request of his party and ran successfully for the commons. He was again sworn in as lieutenant governor on Nov. 11th 1885 and has been in office since then. It is not generally known, but it is a fact nevertheless, that Sir LEONARD discouraged an effort by his friends to have them appointed for a second continuous term in 1890. He did so because he had been a member of the government when it was decided that it was not advisable to give any man a second continuous term. Sir Adams Archibald is the only man who has been three times Lt. Governor since confederation. He first appointed Lt. Governor of Manitoba; and was next appointed to a similar position in Nova Scotia by the Macdonald government. Mr. Mackenzie's government giving him a second term there.

Sir Leonard will quit the office of Lieut. Governor in a short time unless difficulties now unforeseen present themselves to the federal authorities. He has served his country well, and whatever may be said of his politics, when he was in active harness, political friends and foes will unite in the statement that he has been a fearless and just chief ruler of his native province.

The Hampton School Question.

The excitement over the school question in Hampton is rapidly approaching fever heat and PROGRESS understands that unless the action of the trustees is reconsidered by them, the present school is not likely to be very well attended after the holidays. Mr. Harrington, the teacher who has been engaged, is now teaching in the village where he was requested by the trustees to hand in his resignation. His application for a position on the St. John staff has been on file for a number of terms, and while he may be a teacher of average ability, it is strange in the light of this circumstance, that two of the present school trustees at Hampton station should select him out of seventeen other applicants, against the wishes of the people, to supplant a man who has proved himself so acceptable.

Not Much to Find Fault With.

A "rate payer" sends a statement to PROGRESS which he evidently regards of vital importance, to the effect that a corporation team and attendants were seen one day last week taking rubbish from the back yard of street inclined G. H. Martin. PROGRESS is not inclined to overlook the faults of civic officials, but if Mr. Martin never does anything worse than permit one of the city teams to take a load of rubbish from his back yard, the citizens will not have a serious grievance. The impression is pretty general that Mr. Martin has made a very good official, who attends to his business and does his work in a very thorough manner.

It Must Have Been a Waterbury.

The ticket seller of Daniel's Specialty Company has another anecdote to tell as the expense of the public: A few nights after the company's engagement here a good sized silver watch could be seen among the piles of tickets at one side of him and before all the audience had entered, one of the ten cents thrown in the opening was accompanied by the remark "here's ten cents, give me my watch." The explanation it was that on the evening before one of the boys about town had pawned his watch for ten cents to enable him to buy a ticket for the show.

Better Have Said Nothing About It.

PROGRESS is requested to state that a report said to be current about the city to the effect that a young lady intended bringing an action for breach of promise against a Halifax man, is not correct. Certainly if it was the young lady who made the request of PROGRESS, she seemed to be more in a congratulatory than a retaliatory mood.

THEY WON'T SIGN THIS.

THE RECORDER'S IRON BOUND RECEIPT OBJECTED TO.

The Connellys Have No Money Yet—Some of the Reasons Why—Mr. Kelly sets the Example of the Coast Contract—Mr. Chealey gives His Son a Soft Soap.

The difference between Contractors Connelly and the Board of Works seems to have assumed greater proportions than ever this week. On Wednesday an additional certificate for \$3,500 was given by the engineer but as the contractors refused to sign the recorder's iron-bound receipt, no money passed to them from the chamberlain.

There is not much doubt but that a considerable claim will be made against the city for extra towage. Some of the aldermen who are not members of the Board of Works, and some who belong to that branch of the city's departments claim that the fault lies with the specifications, but the city engineer who performed that part of the work claims that in his original draft he had fully provided against any charge for extra towage but that when the specifications were printed the clause agreeing that the dumping ground should not be more than a mile from the works, was inserted. Now they find out that at low water when it is possible to push the work forward that there is no spot in the harbor, or at the mouth of the harbor within a mile of Sand Point, where the mud can be dumped. The water is not deep enough to allow them to go on the flats, and if it is dumped in any other place, damage is apt to result to the approaches of the harbor. Those who have looked over the specifications carefully, claim that Messrs. Connelly are correct in their contention, while others hold a directly opposite view. Certainly if a settlement is not arrived at speedily the difference will become a very grave one.

Another topic that has touched the minds of those who flock about the city building is the disposition of the orders for the policemen's coats. Those to be made for the south end division of the force seem to be located in the Market Square establishment of Mr. James Kelly, while the coats for the north end will be supplied by Mr. Stevens. Mr. Kelly makes thirteen and Mr. Stevens ten. Mr. Stevens is a tenant of the city in the old police building in the north end, while Mr. Kelly appears to have the necessary "affluence" to draw the order in his direction. In the meantime the other clothing establishments in the city who put in a tender are wondering how it all came about and to what PROGRESS can gather they are apt to wonder for some time. The department of public safety has certainly a way of its own of doing things and the responsibility must rest equally with chairman Chesley and director Wisely.

Which of these gentlemen are responsible for the appointment of young Chesley to his position in the Electric Light Station will be harder to determine. All that the public know about it now is that some time ago the last engineer allowed one of the dynamos to burn out, that he was discharged for what appeared to be a piece of negligence, and shortly afterwards a son of Safety Chairman W. A. Chesley was appointed to the position at \$60 per month. The young man in question may be perfectly well able to do the work, but those who are quite well acquainted with him cannot explain how he obtained his knowledge of electricity, while the fact that his father is chairman of the safety board should have prevented his appointment, especially since he already held a position on the City fire department which is also controlled by the same chairman. PROGRESS understands that when appointed engineer of the Lighting Station he had not resigned his position in the fire department of the city for which he drew \$150 per year as assistant foreman. He has however resigned this position since his appointment in the Electric Light station.

ONE TEACHER BEARS THE CUT.

Moncton Trustees Make Their Economy Felt by Miss Keohan.

MONCTON, Dec. 7.—The recently published report of the late meeting of Moncton's Board of School trustees not only affords ample food for thought to all fair minded people, but it also furnishes an excellent text for the most advanced homily on woman's rights, that has yet been written, and would be sufficient excuse for the most patient Griselda who ever lived, throwing off her meek submission and clamoring for the rights so unjustly withheld from her down-trodden sex. This meeting bears a curious resemblance to the famous council of Trent in one respect though not, it is needless to say, in any other.

Students of scriptural history will probably remember the assertion some historians make, that when the different books of the New Testament were being collected and placed in their proper order and those of which the Divine inspiration was not considered clearly proven, expanded from the bible; the epistle of the holy Polycarp,

first bishop of Smyrna was thrown out by a majority of one, although all the other half of the council believed it to be inspired. Now the place where the resemblance comes in, is just here. When the committee on teachers' salaries, made their report, they announced their recommendation that no reduction should be made in the salaries of the teachers with the solitary exception of Miss Keohan, whose stipend they proposed reducing from \$340, to \$240. Why this young lady should have been selected as the one victim of the committee's anxiety to economize it is hard to understand; all the other teachers retain their salaries intact while this one is thrown out—not exactly of a situation perhaps—but at least of a \$100 a year, which is most justly her due seeing that she teaches the second highest grade in the school, her grade being next to that of principal Wilbur, whose salary is \$700 a year, while that of Mr. Trites teaching a lower grade is \$600. One member of the board to his honor be it said, moved that Miss Keohan's salary remain at \$340, but the motion was not seconded and was immediately followed by one from another member recommending its reduction. This motion was at once seconded, though it is worthy of note that the sister in charge of the Convent school receives \$300 a year for doing work that is not more difficult. It is also worthy of note that instead of lowering the salary of each teacher say five dollars a year, and thus taking a fair percentage from the entire staff, it was considered advisable to make one bear the entire burden of the retrenchment decided upon by the Board. It is a shame that a woman should be paid less for doing superior work than a man receives for his services in a lower grade. Worst of all, this sort of injustice can have but one result, if not now, in the near future, and that result will be the employment of an inferior class of teachers, because the bright, intelligent girl who has brains enough to make her way in the world, will give the profession of teaching a very wide berth when choosing her career in life on account of the starvation pay and the dead level of mediocrity demanded, since the more highly educated teachers and those competent to take charge of the higher departments are paid the same salary as the young girls who are teaching their first school.

It would be well if the school trustees would look at the matter from this point of view and take action in the present case by restoring to Miss Keohan her original and well deserved stipend.

SCHOOL WAS LET OUT.

When it Was Discovered That St. Peter's Janitor Had Died of Fever.

Superintendent John March of the Board of School Trustees received quite a shock a few days ago when he learned that the janitor of St. Peter's school building of the north end had died from typhoid fever and that the seven schools in the building were full of pupils as usual. He acted with promptitude and before half an hour had passed there was not a child in the building.

From what PROGRESS can learn, it appears that the physician who attended the janitor entirely ignored the regulation requiring him to notify the authorities of the existence of such a serious case. The janitor had been ill for some time and died in the building before Mr. March or any of the trustees were aware of the fact. Just before his death his wife and daughter were taken seriously ill with the disease, so that they could not be moved, and permit the building to be fumigated immediately. It is bad enough when the physician fails to give notice of the existence of typhoid fever where only the inmates of a house are liable to catch it, but where there are some hundreds of children such negligence appears to be nothing short of criminal.

If reports are true the introduction of stoves in the centennial school building was not made too soon, for an official of the school board is responsible for the statement that the boiler was in a very dangerous condition, before they discovered it. PROGRESS has spoken before of the necessity of regular inspection of the steam boilers in all the schools as it is far better to begin it before an accident happens than after such an undesirable occurrence.

Keeping up His Reputation.

The Gleaser appears to be wonderfully agitated over the anecdote related in PROGRESS last week about Mr. Gregory and his paid in advance subscription of 4000 years, and claims that another gentleman has paid for PROGRESS 6000 years in advance. At two dollars a year that would foot up \$12000. Phew! The records don't say so, and if Mr. Crockett had wished to avoid a false statement, a telephone message to the gentlemen in question would have saved him the trouble of writing the paragraph. But Mr. Crockett has the journalistic reputation of being an energetic liar, and he seems determined to sustain it.

COTTON MAKES US CASH.

BUT JUST HOW MUCH NO ONE SEEMS TO KNOW.

Mr. Connor Says He is Not Responsible Though Favorable to Mr. Sturdee's Candidature—He is in the Field and Asking for Votes.

In spite of all reports to the contrary there is not much doubt but that a considerable number of people in St. John are interested more or less in the fluctuations of the New York stock market.

The recent sharp advancement in the price of cotton has set many rumors afloat as to the various amounts cleared by some of the speculators who had bought as largely as they were able. Those who are in a position to know say that cotton has been very low for a long while, and the shrewd buyer has been anticipating an advance. When PROGRESS heard the story first it was stated that a gentleman who is known to be quite keen in his operations and very correct in his judgment had made all the way from \$100,000 to \$120,000 by the advance in price. The statement on the face of it appeared extravagant and investigation proved that there was not sufficient foundation for its being made. In fact it is now thought that the official in question was not nearly so large a gainer by the advance as some other merchants who are known to have active agents in New York watching their interests. The cotton mill in this city has one thousand bales of cotton on hand which will probably last them nine or ten weeks. It is understood that had there been sufficient capital the mill would have liked to purchase about four thousand bales, and that instructions were partially given to this effect, but whether it was able to purchase or not the fact is that there are but one thousand bales on hand. Had the other three thousand bales been purchased and sold and realized a profit of two cents or more per pound, as it was possible to do, the net sum of some \$30,000 might have been placed to the credit of the concern. But it takes money to make money in these days. The amounts made by various gentlemen who bought cotton are variously stated from \$500 to \$10,000, and as more than a dozen of them are mentioned it is likely that the amount made will aggregate at least \$50,000.

"IS NOT RESPONSIBLE."

That's What Mr. Connor Says About Mr. Sturdee's Candidature.

Alderman John Connor is a regular reader of PROGRESS and, when he gave his copy careful attention last Saturday, found that he was booming Mr. H. Lawrence Sturdee as the next mayor of the city of St. John. That was the information PROGRESS had received and gave to the public.

One part of it was strictly correct—in fact it was all true enough except that Mr. Connor was booming any one as a candidate. He assures PROGRESS that he was not instrumental in bringing Mr. S. forward, though he thought it was very probable that he would vote for him.

Mr. Sturdee acknowledged that he was in the field for mayor and had already begun his canvass. It is nearly four months before the election takes place and if he interviews 50 or 60 voters each day he will have done a fairly comprehensive stroke of canvassing. Since his name has been mentioned the people seem to take to the notion pretty readily and but few objections are raised to his candidature. It is really surprising how few well known citizens care to run for the chief magistracy and as Mr. Sturdee has had a good deal of experience and made a fair record as mayor of old Portland no fault can be found with what is thought to be a necessary qualification for the office—civic experience.

In the meantime Mayor Peters is regarding the horizon of civic politics with an anxious eye. The weather looks threatening and the chances are even that he will not face the storm.

How a Jewish Custom is Carried Out.

Few people are aware, perhaps, that one of the Jewish customs very strictly observed in large cities is also carried out here as rigidly as possible. On every Monday and Thursday the Rabbi of these people in company with one or two others of his church visit one of the slaughter houses near this city and select an animal to be killed for their use. With him the Rabbi carries a huge broad bladed knife, sharp as a razor, and perfectly polished. At his request the butchers sling one of the animals after which no one but the Rabbi himself is allowed to touch it. With one keen, powerful stroke the throat is severed, and an examination is afterwards made to see if the lungs of the animal are in a perfectly healthy condition. If they are discovered to be connected in any way with other parts of the body the carcass is rejected and another animal is stung by the butchers for their inspection. Sometimes as many as three or four are rejected before a suitable one could be found. The fore quarters and the head are the only portions that the

rabbi and his people take with them. After the animal is dead the butcher can proceed to dress it, but until then no one must lay a hand upon it except the rabbi. The meat thus selected is brought at once to the city and is then considered perfectly fit to be sold to the people of the church.

THE EXCUSES OF A JURY.

How Busy Citizens Tried to Escape The Welton-Randall Trial.

To get a competent jury to try the Weltons and Randall on the second trial, which began Thursday was as difficult as it was amusing. Some fifty good citizens were asked by the sheriff to leave their business at this busy Christmas season and sit from now until the new year perhaps trying to find out whether the prisoners are guilty or not guilty. The majority of them put in an appearance, but they all brought a look of anxiety along with them and awaited the result with more interest than the men on trial or their counsel. Many of them had a stock of excuses as well and there was where the fun came in. The challenges by the crown and the defense came in the natural order. Whether it was intentional or not the number of good presbyterians among the chosen twelve seem to be in the majority while two other religious bodies lack representation.

Among those who came into court with excuses and certificates was Mr. John Allingham, who was left off account of an ulcer; Mr. Dunbrack had the chills badly and was successful in escaping, but Mr. James Kelley, in spite of his protest that he was very busy and had many policemen's coats to make, was promptly sworn in.

Mr. Bell was so vigorous in his statements against the accused that he was stood to one side, but the panel being exhausted before the jury was complete he had to stand the ordeal of a trial before two jurors who did not find him coup-tent.

E. J. Armstrong stood in some fear of being selected. He is a busy printer and it would have paid him to forfeit a reasonable fine and continue to devote all his time to his business. Good fortune favored him in being asked to stand aside at first and before he was called again he had remarked to such an extent that a peremptory challenge greeted him. Ald. McKelvey and Mr. Chas. K. Cameron hoped against hope and were promptly sworn in while Mr. Barnes secured his release by stating that he had made arrangements for a business trip. There was the usual crowd of curious spectators and the number of lawyers who moved about the court and ante rooms indicated that the barristers roll was not on the decrease.

Rev. Sidney Welton looks as fresh, watchful, and aggressive as usual, while his brother's appearance would indicate that he does not take unkindly to his forced quarters. Cephas B. had evidently had a very close interview with a barber, and Rev. Sidney displayed a large emblem of some society in his white shirt front. Not so with Dr. Randall. He wears an anxious, haggard look which plainly shows the mental suffering he has undergone. The trial was adjourned from Thursday noon until Friday, and was resumed about the hour PROGRESS went to press.

The Alleged Value of a Reputation.

Mr. Carroll, or rather Mr. Peter O. Carroll of Pictou, has been at some pains to gain some further notoriety for his connection with the Steadman tragedy. To this end he has had a paragraph inserted in a New Glasgow paper to the effect that he had sued PROGRESS for \$10,000. The appearance of this item in a city paper was the first intimation that PROGRESS had of the monetary valuation Mr. Carroll placed upon his reputation. The suit may have been entered, but up to this writing the writ has not been served. When it is, PROGRESS will have much pleasure in giving Mr. Carroll a further introduction to the public.

Not a Partner in Any Firm.

If Attorney-General Blair carries out his original intention of leaving Fredericton by the 10th of December he will be a citizen of St. John this week. So far PROGRESS can learn he has not perfected any plans of a professional nature incident to his living in this city. It was rumored that he had made arrangements to become a member of one of the first legal firms in the city, but it is understood that this is not the case. Whether Mr. Blair "goes it alone" in this city or becomes a member of any present firm, there is not much doubt but that he will have enough to do in a professional way.

Their Joy is Not Unmixed.

The clerks in the post office department of the custom house have been saving themselves lately for what is sure to come between now and New Year's. Christmas presents and the postal service have an intimate acquaintance of late years, and the custom house department of this branch dread the approach of the festive season.

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INDIAN HOME RULE.

A society has been formed in Bombay to agitate for representative institutions in India. Like causes produce like effects the world over. We have been accustomed to regard a belief in popular government as a peculiar attribute of the Anglo-Saxon and his near relatives in racial lineage. Yet here we have the descendants of one of the oldest oriental races, with a system of philosophy older than the pyramids, demanding the right to parliament. Verily the world moves. We get an insight into the underlying reason of this if we review the history of India very briefly. From the time of LORD CLIVE until 1857 when the mutiny took place, India was governed by the "company," upon principles that were neither oriental nor occidental. As we say in modern political slang, they worked India for all that was in it. Then the mutiny came; the British parliament took upon itself the responsibility of governing 250,000,000 of people on the other side of the world, and the Queen issued her proclamation defining the rights of both the governing and the governed. This is the Magna Charta of India. Concerning its details we need not enquire. The great point is that it brought India under the common law. That was thirty-three years ago, and behold the first generation of Hindoos educated under the common law demands what is the culmination of the common law—representative institutions. It is the most wonderful thing in history. The movement will eventually succeed beyond a doubt. England will not antagonize the result of her own teachings.

The application of the principles of representative institutions to a people trained in the mythical philosophy of the East will be watched with keen interest by all students. Something quite different from our Western ideas of politics will be evolved without doubt, and its effects will be far reaching. The great result of English rule in India, read in the light of history and the trend of thought in that land, is the introduction of common law principles into the oriental mind. This is the lever which will work out the regeneration of Asia.

LIFE STAGES.

The three stages of life, youth, manhood and age differ in many ways, but in none more than this; that in youth we live in the future, in manhood we live in the present, in age we live in the past. It has been well said that each of us has three personalities, what we are, what we think we are and what other people think we are. So we are tolerably complex creatures, and it is not very easy to form a mental photograph of ourselves at any time that other people would recognize, or even that ourselves would, if it were possible to project our own conception on a screen as from a magic lantern. Every one is familiar with the old advice of the Grecian philosopher, "Know thyself," but we all do not know ourselves, which is just as well sometimes, for we might not prove very desirable acquaintances. Doubtless it would be well if we could know ourselves as we are, provided we would try to make good our shortcomings; but it is by no means desirable that we should have such an intimate acquaintance with other people. Any fine day you will see on Prince William or King street stylish looking ladies, who owe more of their charms to the dress-maker than to nature, also highly presentable men, made so principally by the tailors art. Now shall we worry our souls with wondering what imperfections are hidden by the garments, or shall we enjoy the goodly spectacle and be thankful for the good taste which knows how to supply what nature omitted and cover up nature's mistakes? Why this letter, of course, unless we are crabbed, ill-natured people, full of deformities ourselves. It is a good plan, whether it is of one in youth, manhood or old age that we are seeking to form an opinion, not to make too much effort to find out

just exactly what they are, and be content with learning, if we can, what they are trying to be. Nearly every one will concede the fairness of this as applied to youth. We do not expect much of youth. We are apt to think that we should judge of a man as he is, and that we ought to try and peer below the surface to find out just what he is. Don't do it. Take him as you find him. If we all knew each other as well as the recording angel does, the world would not be big enough to hold us. It is a good plan to treat old age on the basis of what it thinks it has been. A man of sixty may be quite willing to admit that his life has been a failure, but at that age he has not quite abandoned the hope of making it a success. At seventy-five most men think their lives have been successful. The twilight of life casts a haze over the past, hiding imperfections, softening harsh colors, and blending everything into an obscure harmony. It would be cruel to disturb such a picture if we could, and as we cannot let us accept it as though it were real.

Among unsound people are the girl who thinks she can squeeze herself into any desired shape by corsets and yet preserve her health; the man who alters his way of writing his name from JAMES J. BROWN to JAMES JOHN BROWN; the fellow who hyphenates his name and becomes Mr. SMYTHE-JONES; the fellow who is "mashed on his shape"; the parson who thinks he can hide his own skepticism by belaboring that of others; the politician who professes to be disinterested—all such people are a little unkind, not enough to hurt, perhaps, but enough to be noticeable.

It seems to be the tendency of some people of late to speak harshly of those who have passed away. Since "BUCK" was hung some one tells a story of what he and "JIM" intended to do if they had not been caught. The story lacks credibility [and certainly is not fair to the surviving prisoner. Again a city clergyman dwelt upon the failings of JAY GOULD in his sermon last Sunday. "Speak kindly or not at all" is a very good rule to observe with regard to those who have passed away.

SOME HOLIDAY PUBLICATIONS.

Books and Magazines that are Worth Looking At. The Book Buyer for Christmas is more handsome and beautiful than any holiday number of it PROGRESS has ever seen. It is really an epitome of the best books of well known publishers. The finest illustrations can be found within its covers. The valuable department of the Literary Querist edited by Rossiter Johnson is more valuable than ever, while the list of holiday books with their prices and publishers is a valuable reference for the literary public. Not the least interesting portion of this December issue are the varied and attractive advertisements covering every department in the literary world.

The beautiful frontispiece of the December Wide Awake is but a fair index to its charming contents which are in the main devoted to the illustration and description of the mystic land of Santa Claus. Any child of ordinary perception could not fail to be delighted with the Christmas number of this leading periodical in young folks literature. Wide Awake promises a year of delight for all young people in 1893 and announces some very striking and attractive features which PROGRESS will refer to in a later issue.

"After Twenty Years and other stories" by Julian Sturgis is one of the recent publications of Longmans, Green & Co., of New York. It is admirably presented in 12mo form and its contents have all the attraction and readability of good short stories, more popular with many people than those which have length and plot. Mr. Sturgis is a short story writer of much merit and the publication of this volume cannot fail to add to his reputation. For sale by Messrs J. & A. McMillan. Published by Longmans, Green & Co., New York.

Professor Chas. D. G. Roberts is one of the contributors to Harpers' Christmas number where he has a short story of undoubted merit. It is a fact worth noting that Canadian writers occupy no unimportant place in the pages of the leading American magazines.

JOYS AND WOES OF OTHER PLACES.

Where is Rufus Somerby? Lunenburg boasts of a one year old infant who has odd colored eyes, one being a perfect sky blue and the other dark nut brown.—Argus.

Adjectives Won't Express It. Hantsport deserves the "credit" of possessing a lot of the roughest, rudest, most ignorant young men that ever disgraced a town.—Tribune Correspondence.

Send for Peter O. Carroll. An unknown individual has of late been enlightening his larder from the hen and duck houses on Creighton street. No less than eight of the feathered tribe have disappeared from their roost during the past week.—Lunenburg Argus.

They Won't Do It Again. The behavior of some of the audience in the back of the hall would have disgraced an entertainment held a hundred miles from civilization. It is a pity that there is no law which protects respectable citizens from having their enjoyment spoiled by a lot of hoodlums.—Windsor Tribune.

Don't catch cold, but if you do, get Fenner's Blisters at once. A bottle for a quarter.

CANADA'S NEW PREMIER.

Sir John Thompson's accession to the premiership has been so widely discussed by the press and people of Canada that there seems little more to say. Without touching upon those things which by common consent have been left unsaid, there is much in the public mind which has not been declared and is evident to every one. That much has been said which is sincere cannot have failed to manifest itself to Sir John Thompson's acute judgment. All who know him are well aware that we are about to have "a ruler as is a ruler." With one accord enemies and friends alike have awarded him a full complement of praise as to his ability. All



SIR JOHN SPARROW DAVID THOMPSON.

those who have seen him control his party and influence the Opposition in Parliament know that he is a strong man. His moderation appeals to the sense of justice, which, strange as it may seem, is not absent even from the Opposition at Ottawa. Those who have crossed swords with him know that he is a good hater. Few strong men are prone to forgive their enemies, and he does not even pretend to. His followers may as well be aware from the beginning that no matter how many diplomatic smiles may be exchanged, and how many complimentary speeches made, the members of his party must be either with him or against him. There are those who say that he is an intensely narrow man. This remains to be demonstrated. Wonderful ability may be concentrated in strangely narrow channels. No one has yet a right to say that

A RED LETTER-DAY.

"Progress" Newsboys Break All Recent Records in Street Sales.

Last Saturday was one of the red letter days in the history of Progress. It was also a great day for the newsboys, for they broke all street sale records made in the last four months. At 9 o'clock in the morning the counter sale [was far larger than it usually is at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and by 12 o'clock it had passed what is regarded in the office as high water mark. Perhaps the fact that a number of hustling newsboys were working for New Year's suits had something to do with the very sensible increase in the sales, but it cannot be questioned that the event of the week as described and illustrated in the paper had very much to do with the large orders which came from the city and country dealers. The list that is given below is a fair indication of the generous response the reading public gives to any special feature. All of the orders, however, are not included, for since the list was in type a number of new ones have been received and others augmented.

- Halifax, New Glasgow, 198
Fredericton, 15
Windsor, 25
Dorchester, 25
Fraser, Spryfield, 35
Barnes, Pictou, 35
Fulton, Yaro, 35
Smith, Truro, 10
Berryman, Parrsboro, 25
Hill, Windsor, 25
Fraser, Westville, 10
Fraser and Collins, Wolfville, 40
Nash, Lunenburg, 25
Boyer, Peggush, 5
Siddall, Port Eglis, 10
Fairweather, Dorchester, 15
Livingston, Harcourt, 5
Alexander, Campbellton, 15
Russell, Newcasale, 15
Johnson, Chatham, 10
Evan, Richibucto, 15
Condon, Bathurst, 40
Hutchinson, Kingstons, 15
Marven, Hillsboro, 5
Martin, Sussex, 25
Barnes, Hampton, 25
Sherwood, Moosvat, 15
Johnson, Dalhousie, 15
Merrill, Middle Sackville, 10
Fraser, Fredericton, 15
Hawthorne, Fredericton, 50
Tils, St. Marys, 5
Wall, St. Stephen, 15
Tralor, St. Stephen, 20
Wappelle, Charlottetown, 15
West, Grand Falls, 15
Loane, Woodstock, 15
Evan, Pictou, 15
Fleming, Centerville, 15
O'Brien, Fairville, 25
O'Brien, St. George, 15
Wappelle, Charlottetown, 15
Barry, Woodstock, 25
Boal, Sussex, 15
City Agents and Newsboys up to noon to-day, 1500

Marlborough's first wife was Lady Hamilton, daughter of the Duke of Abercorn. When he married her he was only twenty-five years of age, and his wife was three years younger. The marriage was not a congenial one, and ended finally in the Duchess obtaining a divorce. There were four children of this marriage—two boys and two girls. The present Duchess, previous to her marriage with the Duke in 1888, was the widow of Mr. Louis C. Hammerley, of Troy, New York, and was possessed of great wealth, which was the cause of considerable commotion in the American law courts afterwards.

He was at one time understood to be on very friendly terms with the Prince of Wales, and accompanied his Royal Highness on his famous visit to Canada. He had the reputation of being a student, a politician and a writer. He was also an astute financier. Soon after he became Duke he sold a number of family pictures. One of these, the "Ansidei Madonna," is now in the National Gallery. It was bought by the nation for £7,000, more than three times the highest price ever before paid for a picture, and equal to more than £14 per square inch. It is by common consent one of the most perfect pictures in the world.

He shared Mr. Chamberlain's love of orchids and Lord Salisbury's fondness for science. He attended all the orchid sales in London, bought liberally, and cultivated successfully. He acquired his interest in electrical science in America, and surprised more than one professor by his knowledge as a practical electrician. As a debater his

Grace was good, and would have been better, but hesitated to "let himself go." It was his expressed intention to take a leading part in public life. The Duke, so the story goes, did not like dogs, and when he married Mrs. Hammerley, who had a pet pug, it was decided that the animal, who was getting old, should be left behind in the States and "boarded out." Some £300 is spent annually on the dog whose home is in Philadelphia. It is, according to a local paper, bathed every day in hot milk and fed with chopped steak. It wears a plunked out of doors. Its kennel has divisions for sleeping, eating and bathing, the sides being of glass. The Duchess is written to weekly, so that the pet's condition may always be known to her. Its name is Woowoo.—Pall Mall Budget.

Would Rent for About \$450. TO THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS.—What would the rent be of a self contained brick house, two stories without basement, in a central locality, on a quiet street, two parlors, dining room and kitchen on ground floor; upstairs, four bedrooms, front hall-room, bath room, store room. Set tubs in kitchen, hot water in bath room; house heated with hot water, good frost proof cellar, clothes presses, good yard; house plain but well finished?

ONE WHO IS INTERESTED. St. John, N. B., Dec. 5th, 1892. [PROGRESS inquired of Architect Fairweather for a reply to above and his answer was that the rent of such a house would be about \$450.]

What They Say About Him There. If Humphrey Price Webber has not been subsidizing the venial press of New Hampshire he has as many warm friends in the New England state as he has in these provinces. This is the way the Transcript of Franklin, N. H. abuses him:—

Price was not born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but nature endowed him with a choice variety of characteristics, so closely interwoven in his make-up, that his career on this terrestrial sphere has been crowned with no small degree of success. Webber is a unique figure in many respects. You meet him once and feel that you know him well. There is no halo of mystery surrounding his words or acts. He says what he means and means what he says. He is honorable in all his dealings, keen bright as a new dollar, possesses a wonderful memory and reads human nature like a book, and in the language of the street, he gets there with both feet. He makes friends by the hundreds and seldom fails to retain them. He meets you to-day and ten years hence he would greet you with the same open-hearted cordiality that marked his going away.

It Brings The Orders.

Messrs John Edgecombe & Sons of Fredericton write PROGRESS that they shipped a Gladstone sleigh to a gentleman in England, by the last steamer of the Furness line, the order for which was accompanied by the illustration of the sleigh clipped from a copy of PROGRESS. Messrs. Edgecombe are generous enough to admit the value of the paper as an advertising medium and at the same time to point out the fact that the Gladstone sleigh seems to be popular wherever it is seen. PROGRESS has previously noted the fact that they received orders all the way from Vancouver east from their advertising in PROGRESS and this latest one seems to emphasize the fact that PROGRESS not only covers the ground in these provinces, but has a marked value elsewhere as well.

It Sends out Many Graduates.

A paragraph is a Boston paper notes the fact that Mr. E.W. McCready has secured a position on the New York Herald. Mr. McCready was formerly city editor of the Telegraph of this city, and latterly connected with the staff of the Boston Post. Securing his present position may be well regarded as journalistic advancement, for among newspaper men the New York Herald and the New York Sun are the papers they most wish to work upon. Mr. R. G. Larsen who graduated from PROGRESS to the Boston Herald is also doing remarkably well, and it would appear if these gentlemen may be taken as examples along with many others who have left the newspapers of this city to accept better positions in the United States, that St. John is not too bad a school of journalism.

The Dummy Failed To Answer.

One of the very natural "dummies" recently imported by the Oak Hall clothing store to display their goods met with a curious accident this week, the facts for which are vouched for by one of the firm. A rough looking stranger, who had evidently been inquiring into the workings of the liquor license law in the city came round the corner of Germain street and pausing at the window of the clothing store inquired of the dummy what was the price of an ulster prominently displayed. Not receiving any reply he inquired again, and on being ignored in the same fashion he drew off and struck his dummyship heavily with his fist, smashing his face all to pieces. The firm point to this mutilation as ample evidence of the truth of the story.

Child Fancies.

Two wide blue eyes stared sleep, sought, Two lids that will not fall, disclose the light Of merry thoughts.—A busy little brain Is troubled, and there courses a rain Of eager questions. The light's turned off—I raise the blind. The sky Is rich with million diamond lights, and high The harvest moon is hung. The fields are bare, We laugh and say "Dame Earth has cut her hair." We maid and I. In sturly haste. These droops a drowsy head As all the glad sky-stories disappear. "It's dark," the wee maid cries in sudden fear, "The God that turned off the lights!"

A New Way to Mend.

Messrs Mullin Bros., of the American Rubber store left an envelope with PROGRESS this week which contained some silk mending tissue intended for quick repairs to any kind of clothing. The work is quickly, neatly, and permanently done without the use of the needle or thread. The tissue is to be placed upon the spot to be mended and pressed with a hot iron. There is no doubt that this is worth trying. The American Rubber store has also prepared liberally for the Christmas trade and its stock of goods for holiday purchasers in its line is very complete.

A Unique Advertising Idea.

Ganong Bros. Ltd. have a novel advertising scheme for their "G. B. chocolate" in their new penny "Gold Bar." Each piece of "Gold Bar" has one letter of the following motto on the wrapper, "G. B. chocolates, the finest in the land." Any person sending the wrappers containing the letters to make up this motto to the firm at St. Stephen will receive \$5.00 in gold or for two of the mottoes complete a gold watch.

The First Calgary Beef.

Mr. John Hopkins, of Union street, drew the attention of PROGRESS to the first Calgary beef, in his establishment, the first that has been brought here this season. It is certainly very large and very fat. Comparing most favorably with the best western beef from the United States. "Don't forget that this is the Christmas season and get this in the place for mince meat" was the parting salutation.

A Novelty Cake Cutter.

Messrs. Sberation & Kinnear showed PROGRESS this week a sample set of their Card Party Cake Cutters. These are certainly a novelty, very suitable for this season, and useful especially to those giving Card Parties. Their Wood Baskets are also worthy of mention and those ladies who are in want of something cheap and nice for Christmas should see them.

One Thing Depends Upon Another.

It is stated on very good authority that the recent agitation in favor of handing over the I. C. R. to the C. P. R. has thrown cold water on the movement to establish the Harris car works at Amherst, and that if the transfer takes place the car works will remain where they are, or at least will not go to the border town of Nova Scotia.

At Holiday Prices.

Mr. Chas. K. Cameron is advertising what remains of his large fall stock of hats at his usual low "holiday" prices. The readers of PROGRESS know him and his store so thoroughly that this announcement needs no emphasis. The variety and style of his assortment of hats are such as appeal to the best taste of womankind.

Look Out for the Reserves.

If some one is not holding a bushel or more Kandy kitchen checks in reserve an elegant silver service is going for little effort. The aggregate number of guesses is large but the individual number small, C. F. Porter heading with 117.

To Carleton for one Night.

The Daniel's Specialty company has been turning the people away this week again, and is keeping up its record for good performances for little money. They go to Carleton next Tuesday evening the institute being engaged for that date.

Crossing the Atlantic in 4 1-2 Days.

Singularly striking is a hint contained in a paper read before the Liverpool Engineering Society by Mr. Magnin, in which he traced the gradual development of the Transatlantic steamboat traffic. He drew attention to the great immunity from breakdown of machinery which at present characterized the vessels of the "Atlantic ferry," although the voyage was admittedly the wildest and most trying in the world. Taking the year just passed (October 1, 1891, to October 1, 1892), although there were no less than over 1,900 sailings from each side of the Atlantic, or nearly 4,000 departures from port, in all averaging nearly 74 per week, he had only been able to trace seven breakdowns of machinery which caused serious delay, and one or two total disastres. Such a gratifying condition of things even in this age of unique achievements was worthy of note. Concluding, he asked, "What of the future of this great ferry? Looking back to 1878, when the greatest horse-power then indicated on the Atlantic was under 6,000, and 30,000 was now within measurable distance, it might be taken that before many years the passage will be 4 1/2 days, as 26-knot speed was not beyond the scope of advancing improvements; and, as the future liners must be mail and passenger carriers only, there was no doubt commercial success would follow as more voyages can be made. Other builders were also now about to try their mettle, but, from the recent reports of the financial condition of some foreign companies who had built their later vessels, it looked as if Belfast, the Clyde, and Tyne would not for some time to come have to yield to other shipbuilding centres, at least so long as such things as interest and dividends are looked for.

Winter Work for Oupel.

Cupid (showing an almost empty quiver) "Well, by, old boy, I've done my duty this summer. Now light your torch and get to work."

Hymen—"Bless your innocent little nudity, do you imagine this summer flirting means business? Go to, Cupid, thou art mad! There be more orange flowers come of a week's good sleighing than through forty fervid days by the seashore or on the mountain."—Pittsburg Bulletin.

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Umbrella Fittings New! Dural, Union St.

Advertisements on the right margin including 'Would Our Service', 'Will Card', 'CHRIS', 'ONE GOLD AND S', 'CHI', 'C. F.', 'THE CALIG', 'A Choice Xmas ARTH', 'Thackeray', and 'Given for one'.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

PROGRAMME for a... in Halifax at the following places...

Out of the many teas of the week that given last Tuesday by Mrs. John Harvey was one of the pleasantest.

The bazaar given on Wednesday at the church of England Institute by the ladies of St. Stephen's church was very successful from a money-making standpoint.

One of the most cheerful of small dinners was given on Thursday by Mrs. Reader, who had most of the representatives of Dickens' characters as guests in costume.

The dinner given by the North British society in celebration of St. Andrew's day for the hundred and twenty-fourth time in this town was most brilliant and successful function.

Liect. F. E. McEwan R. A. who has been a familiar presence in Halifax society for the past five years goes to understand almost immediately to Shetburness, England.

Enthusiasm and shouting and the donation of flowers, are signs of popularity and regret that the Baker opera company must have been very popular in Halifax and their departure sincerely regretted.

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Special Offer of Bulbs.

- For \$1.00 we will send, Post Free, to any address in the Dominion, from 1st October to 1st December: Collection A. Suitable for House Culture. 3 ROMAN HYACINTHS, 3 JOURNALIS, 1 EASTERN LILY, 3 NARCISUS, 3 FREESIAS, 3 TULIPS, 1 ORNITHOGALLUM, 3 MIXED HYACINTHS.

NOVA SCOTIA NURSERY, Lockman St., Halifax.

cases of goods standing in front of the auction rooms brought ladies into that part of Granville street, "just to form an idea of how many things had arrived."

Among the arrivals of last week were Colonel Ryan, R. A. and the Rev. F. N. Norman-Lee. Neither Mrs. Ryan nor Mrs. Norman-Lee have returned, much to the regret of Halifax society.

The annual meeting of the S. P. C. is held this week, and cards have been sent to most of the principal ladies of the city requesting their attendance.

One reason that many women do not interest themselves in this society is that they are afraid of hearing unpleasant occurrences of which they would thus be wise to ignore. This is a hard saying but a true one, and one need only glance about one's feminine acquaintance to realize it.

With the exception of a couple of small dinners we have had a very quiet week.

Mr. Babington, R. E. who went to England on Saturday in the Labrador will be missed in society where he was generally liked, both by men and ladies.

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Dec. 1st.—Mr. Fred Moore of Halifax, and Mr. Chas. Barrill of Weymouth were in town last week. Mr. Winstrop Sargeant left here on Friday for a visit to the New England States. Miss Belle Wilson, of Yarmouth, after her long visit here last season has returned to spend the winter with Miss L. L. Wilson. The friends of Dr. Wilson of the Head will hear with regret of his recent relapse of typhoid fever. For some weeks his condition has been critical, but he is now pronounced out of danger. Mrs. Wilson of "Rock Cottage" has been taking a well earned holiday, visiting her mother-in-law, and her sister—matron of the "Old Ladies' home" in Yarmouth. Rev. Mr. Williams occupied the pulpit of Church of the Ascension on Sunday last. Congratulations to Dr. and Mrs. F. F. Smith, of Mill Village, formerly of Barrington, on the arrival of a baby girl. The Temple Church was held Wednesday evening, because of one of the prettiest weddings that has been witnessed here for some time. The church was well filled long before the hour appointed for the ceremony. The occasion was the marriage of Mr. Fred Hopkins and Miss Carrie Butler, both of this town. The bride who entered on her father's arms, was preceded by her friend Miss Freeman, as bridesmaid, in a pretty gown of white and pink. The bride's toilette was a very pretty combination of white cloth and silk, cut low, with elbow sleeves, long train, and the conventional veil and flowers. The groom was supported by Mr. Thos. Nickerson, and Messrs. James Hopkins and Fred Grewell acted as ushers. The church was very prettily decorated with potted plants. The bridal party drove to the residence of the bride's father where a sumptuous luncheon was partaken of by about sixty guests. Dec. 5.—Mrs. L. K. Deane with "spinning a few days at Glenwood" left for Yarmouth on the Dominion on the 1st. Mrs. Mait returned on Wednesday last, after a visit of two months with her friends in and around Boston. Mrs. Walter Smith has been making a short visit in Yarmouth. On Sunday evening, a few of our young people, tempted by the fine moonlight evening, of which we have had so few of late, enjoyed a drive to the Head where they attended Methodist Church.

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FARRBORO.

[PROGRAMME is for sale at Farrboro Bookstore.] Dec. 8.—The Doering-Brace concert given here week before last was greatly appreciated by the large audience of music-loving people who attended it. Hitherto we have had very little of good music or good plays owing to the lack of a suitable hall. But now that we have a nice hall, though it could be wished that it were larger, we shall doubtless be more highly favored in the future. The funeral of Mrs. Fraser took place today. She had been ill for a long time at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. N. C. Newby. Mr. C. Davison, formerly in the custom house here, but now living at Prince Albert, N. W. T., was here recently for a short visit. As he was a popular young man his friends were very glad indeed to see him after his long absence. Mrs. C. F. Lepp, of Springhill, spent Sunday last in Farrboro. The Halifax Banking Co. moved this week into their new building, corner of Main and Spring streets. Mr. S. W. Smith received on Monday the sad news of the death of his baby daughter in Boston. He left immediately for Boston. The marriage of Mr. Robert Lucker and Miss Olivia Luke, is to take place this evening. Quite a large number of guests are invited to be present. Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Holman are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a little son. Mr. C. R. Smith, of Amherst, is at the Minas Hotel for a few days.

DIGBY, N. S.

Dec. 1.—Rev. Mr. Mathers, of St. John, conducted services in Holy Trinity church on Sunday last. Rev. Mr. Bryant who is on a visit to the bishops of Maine, is expected to return this week. Mr. H. H. Wickwire, of Halifax, has opened a law office in Digby. Mr. Wickwire will prove an addition to Digby society. Congratulations to Mayor and Mrs. Shreve on the arrival of a little son. Mrs. W. E. Brown has given up housekeeping for the winter and is boarding at the "Waverly House." Mrs. J. K. Tobin has returned from a visit to friends in Boston. Our popular druggist, Mr. J. D. Pithblado is quite ill at his home. Mr. John H. Killam, Mrs. and Miss Killam, of Yarmouth, were in town on Monday. Mr. J. C. Allison, of St. John, spent a few days in Digby this week. The young people of Trinity church propose giving a concert during Christmas week. Mrs. Frost, of Westport, is visiting her mother Mrs. L. B. Gates. Mr. Harry Wilson is enjoying a few days with his family. Jocko.

BATHURST.

[PROGRAMME is for sale in Bathurst at McQuinley's Grocery store.] Dec. 7.—Last Thursday evening Miss Josie Burns gave a delightful little party, the honored guest of the occasion being Miss Mollie White. Music, games and cards helped materially in passing the time agreeably. Refreshments were passed during the evening, and a light supper served at half past eleven. Some of the ladies present were Mrs. F. J. Burns, whose costume was of black silk and lace; Mrs. J. P. Barry, who wore a very pretty evening dress of blue green silk; Mrs. T. E. Keary, who was dressed in a dark silk gown; Mrs. Jacob White who was gowned in black lace. The dresses of the younger ladies were as follows: Miss Minnie Burns, white silk evening dress. Miss Mollie White, cream silk and lace evening gown; with natural flowers. Miss Minnie O'Brien a neat costume of grey crape with bouquet of scarlet geraniums. Miss Dottie Meshan, cream chaille evening dress. Miss Emma Burns, light figured chaille gown with silk and lace trimmings. Miss Lizzie O'Brien, black velvet skirt with even ing bodice of pink bengaline. Miss Gerie Meshan, black silk. Miss Frances Mullins, black lace. Miss Bell Mullins, navy blue merle dress. Miss Josie Meshan, garnet silk and velvet costume. Miss Belle Blackhall, grey silk. Miss Sasie Mullins, black cashmere and silk. Miss Sophia Mullins, dark grey costume. Among the gentlemen present were Messrs J. F. Barry, K. E. Burns, M. P. Jacob White, P. J. Burns, W. E. Pepper, J. F. Keary, W. F. Napier, B. C. Mullins, J. A. Mullins, W. A. Meshan. Miss Josie Burns received her guests in a very pretty reception dress, black lace, with ribbon trimmings. Mrs. Burns, wore black silk. A very entertaining concert indeed was that given by the S. of T. in their division rooms last Tuesday. There were presented recital solos and choruses, readings, dialogues and recitations in which the different parts were ably taken by Misses Ella Ramsay, Laura Eddy, Emma Stout, Bellina Eddy, Jessie Carter, and Messrs Murray Cowperthwaite, H. B. Ramsay, Alex Eddy, J. A. Moynihan, Alex Stout and J. M. J. McQuinley and Alex Ramsay. Where all did so well it would be rather unfair to particularize; so the only comment I will make is this; let us have entertainments of the same kind and by the same company often.

Miss K. Gorman of Nelson is visiting Bathurst friends. The Chatter-box club is to meet next week at Miss Minnie Burns'. An evening "concert" is among the number of clever things on the evening's programme. Quite a large party was assembled at Mr. Jacob White's on Monday evening to say good-bye to Miss Mollie White, who left for Halifax this morning accompanied by her father. The party remained until the hour when the morning express was due, occupying the time pleasantly with games, music, etc. Mr. Jim Keary's songs were much appreciated feature of the evening's amusements. A dainty supper was served at 12 o'clock. If the wishes of her friends are answered Miss Mollie will have every happiness in her chosen vocation. Professor Inch and Inspector Mercereau are here today. Tox Brown.

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ONATHAN.

Dec. 5.—The Scotch concert on St. Andrew's night was a grand success. The general opinion is that it was the best amateur concert ever given in Chatham. The songs were wonderfully well rendered and the singers all looked charming. Mrs. Porteous' performance on the piano delighted the audience as did also her singing. Miss Mary Russell, of New-castle, surpassed herself in "Within a mile of Bolls-bone tower" and was loudly applauded. She seems to have been the favorite of the evening. Mr. Templeton played several "old Scotch airs" on the bagpipes. "Callie Harris" was sung beautifully by Miss Belle McGee. The performance ended with And Lang Syne, when quite a number retired to the supper room where system where ended. We believe the proceeds go to St. Andrew's church. Miss Murray is visiting at Mrs. W. B. Snowball's. After Christmas we believe she is going to take rooms at the Adams house. Mr. Hutchison and several of his gentlemen friends went to Derby in the "Starline" on Thursday Dec. 1st. Such a thing was never known before as the river opposite that place was always frozen over before that date. Miss Russell of "Spring Bank" had a "happening in party" on Saturday evening. There are rumors of a grand ball to be given in town in the near future by one of our leaders of society. We are glad to hear that Miss Dean has recovered from her severe illness. Miss Tremaine's many friends both here and in Nelson will be sorry to hear that she intends returning to her home in Charlottetown next week. Her bright face will be very much missed at the social gatherings in town. We hope to see her again next summer. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Neale start for Pencoche next week. Mr. P. H. C. Benson intends moving into his new house next week. Mr. McKean's new store presents a very beautiful aspect just now, the windows, and counters being filled with handsome Christmas gifts. Twenty of our young "bachelors" have bandied themselves into a "mutual consolation society" to "write away" the "long winter" evenings. They have taken rooms in the foggin building, and are busily engaged in furnishing them. Their young lady friends cannot be very entertaining, or else our young gentlemen are not able to appreciate them. The Misses Hocken of "The Cedars," entertained a number of their friends at a tea party on Tuesday evening. Mrs. D. E. Johnston of "Sunnyside" had a "happening in party" on Monday evening. Miss Murock and Miss Jessie Miller of Derby are visiting the Misses Gillespie. St. Mary's church was being filled up with hot water, but operations have come to a full stop lately, the cause of which we do not know. Miss Maud Adams of Newcastle has taken rooms at the Adams House. We believe Miss Adams intends studying stenography at the Convent this winter. Miss Connors intends visiting New York this winter. Mrs. Snowball of "Wellington Villa" has returned from her visit to St. John. Chatham does not present a very wintry appearance yet, as we have no snow and the river is still open; but we hope soon to have skating on the lake. Urdurs.

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SUSSEX.

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WOODSTOCK.

[PROGRAMME is for sale in Woodstock at Mrs. John Loane & Co., and Master Barry Shaw.] Dec. 6.—On Wednesday evening one of those social events in which your readers take a lively interest took place at the residence of Mr. Albert Brower, Upper Woodstock, being the marriage of his oldest daughter Mattie to Mr. J. Frank Tilley. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Neales. The bride was attired in white China silk train chiffon trimmings. The bride's mail, Miss Gerie Tilley, wore pink silk and net. The groom was supported by Mr. A. D. Alorton. Immediately after the ceremony a sumptuous supper was served after which the happy couple left by the evening train for Boston. The bride was the recipient of many handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. Maddox, Seattle, are the guests of Mrs. Blake. Mr. H. H. Whittman left on Wednesday for his home in Annapolis, N. S. Mrs. G. W. Balloch, Centerville, is visiting Mrs. J. T. Garden. ELAINE.

ST. ANDREWS.

Dec. 6.—The M. and L. Society was largely attended last week. The evening's programme commenced with four comic tableaux, songs, and instrumental music, followed by an interesting paper on Teapsons, written and read by Miss Kitchum. Under the direction of Mr. E. Polley a drop curtain and other fixings have been added to the stage. Dr. J. F. Maloney paid a visit to St. George last week. Miss Marie Lamb has returned to Boston. Miss Foster entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening. Miss Belyce, of St. John, spent Monday in town. The engagement of two charming young ladies of St. Andrews is reported. Messrs. Stevenson and Bob, of St. Stephen, have been in town. Mr. John Campbell, of Moncton, and Mr. Fred Peters, St. John, are guests at Mrs. George Mow, St. John. Consumption often follows colds. The Hacknomere Cures Coughs and Colds.

ST. STEPHEN AND CALAIS.

[PROGRAMME is for sale in St. Stephen by Master Ralph Trainor and at the book store of G. S. Wall in Calais by G. P. Dumas.] Dec. 7.—The International whist club met at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James N. Clarke on Friday and enjoyed an extremely pleasant evening. Tomorrow evening, festivity will reign at Christ church rectory, it being the occasion of the marriage and reception of Miss Anna Victoria Newham and Dr. J. McMillan Dumas. Invitations have been out during the past two weeks and it probably will be the most brilliant society event St. Stephen will have this season. I hope to be able to fully describe it in my next letter. Rev. Canon Roberts has arrived from Fredericton to assist in the marriage ceremony, while here is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Vroom. Mr. Fred Newham, of Canada, Nova Scotia, brother of the bride, is also here, the guest of his parents, at the rectory. The young people of Calais are enjoying a series of "surprise commerce parties." One evening last week they surprised Mrs. Wilfred Eaton at her residence, and on Saturday evening they came to St. Stephen and surprised Miss Nellie Smith, and enjoyed a most delightful evening. Miss Noe Clarke is this evening entertaining, at her home, a few friends. Whist will be the chief amusement. Hon. L. G. Downes, accompanied by his daughter Miss Mina Downes, have gone to New York and Boston to spend a fortnight. Mrs. Ralph Wood is this week a guest at the Border City Hotel. Miss Ida McKean has returned from a long delightful visit among friends in Boston. She also spent a week very pleasantly in Saco, Maine. Little Mabel, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Algar, who was accidentally, but severely burned, some three weeks ago, is rapidly recovering and will soon be able to return to her studies, and to go about with her playmates. The sad news of the death of Miss Julia Andrews of Milltown, was received from Jacksonville, in Florida, last week. Her body was brought here on Saturday for burial. Rev. K. L. Sloggett, has finally decided to resign Trinity parish, and will leave St. Stephen early in the new year, much to the regret of his many friends. Miss Alice Todd, of Milltown, gave a very pleasant whist party to a number of Calais friends one evening last week. I hear it was a most delightful affair, and greatly enjoyed by all who were there. The Cambridge Mass., Tribune, of a recent date in its Harvard University notes refers to Mr. Charles T. Copeland, in a most complimentary way. Mr. Copeland is one of Calais' most talented and literary young men, and has recently accepted the position of professor of English literature at Harvard. When leaving Calais in October, his departure was greatly regretted, as it obliged him to discontinue a series of brilliant lectures, which he was giving to his literary friends. The Tribune says, Mr. Copeland has since his arrival in Cambridge opened a course of Shakespearean readings, which are greatly enjoyed and appreciated by those who attend it. There is a rumor that several young society men will undertake the management of the skating rink this season and will try to make it as fashionable and enjoyable as of old. Every one will wish them success. Mr. J. E. Meredith has returned home after an absence of several weeks in the States. Mrs. Harvey Hayward who was spending last week here returned to St. John on Monday. Mr. J. T. Whitlock went to St. John yesterday for a brief visit. Mrs. I. S. G. Vanwart of Fredericton is the guest this week of her friend Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer. Mrs. Frank Woods has returned to Calais after a delightful visit of nine weeks in Boston and New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pike, have gone to Baltimore to spend the winter among friends there. Mr. Henry Graham is visiting St. John this week. Mr. A. A. Bartlett of St. John was in town during the past week and was registered at the Windsor. Mr. G. Daniel Grimmer of St. Andrews was in town on Monday for a brief visit. Messrs W. C. H. Grimmer and Mr. John M. Stevens made a short visit in St. John last week. Misses Margaret and Jessie Whitlock have returned from St. John after a short but pleasant visit there. Capt. A. A. Melvin returned to St. John on Monday. Mrs. Joseph Meredith spent several days during the past week with her friends the Misses Vroom. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Clapp of Calais have been visiting friends in Eastport during last week.

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ANNAGANCE.

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Miss Henderson, Coburg street, has returned home from Boston where she has been visiting the past three months. A most enjoyable five o'clock tea was given by Mrs. George K. McLeod, at Orange street, this week.

Dr. J. G. Gilchrist of Greenwich, Kings county, was visiting here last week. Capt. and Mrs. L. E. Strubbs gave the members of the Baptist choir a very pleasant reception on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. George W. Hoben. During the evening Prof. White played some choice selections on the violin, among others was one entitled "Mon such a la Nord Shore."

Miss Annie Dorcas of Fredericton, is the guest of her aunt Mrs. McKean, Main St.

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Mr. O. A. Barbour, accompanied by the Misses Barberie and Minnie, returned from a flying visit on Friday.

Mr. J. B. Ayer, of Sackville, was in Campbellton on Friday.

Mrs. D. Ritchie, of Dalhousie, is visiting her sister Mrs. W. W. Doherty.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Mount on the arrival of a daughter.

Mr. James Alexander returned from a Montreal on Saturday, having had a very enjoyable trip.

Miss May Devereaux, who is staying at the Rev. J. L. McDonald's, is regret to hear, seriously ill.

Mr. Peter Sheehan and bride, of New Mills, spent Sunday in town, the guests of Miss Maher.

Rev. D. McRae, of St. John, will lecture on "Wit and Humor" in the Oddfellows' hall on Thursday evening.

Some of the leading gentlemen of the town are organizing a whist club.

Mr. S. H. Lingley went to St. John on Thursday to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. J. E. Lingley, who had been ill for some time.

LESLIE.

FREDERICTON.

[Progress is for sale in Fredericton at the book-store of W. T. H. Fenety and by James H. Hawthorne.]

Dec. 7.—We have had so little going on in society circles this week, that everyone seems in pleasant anticipation of the musicale to be given at "The Sunnyside" tomorrow evening, Mr. and Mrs. D. F. George being so well known for their hospitality.

Mrs. H. R. Emmeron of Dorchester, is in the city.

Mrs. Forrester and friend, Miss Routhier of Quebec, spent Monday in St. John.

Miss Lemont and Mr. Jas. Lemont leave tomorrow for a two weeks visit to New York and Boston.

Mrs. W. K. Johnston of Nashua, who has spent two months in Chicago is expected home on Saturday.

Capt. and Mrs. Logie are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a little stranger in the household.—A son.

Mrs. Geo. Flewelling of Dorchester, is in the city having been called here, by the very serious illness of her father, Mr. Edward Brown.

Mrs. Smith of Sussex, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. E. Brown.

Mrs. A. S. Murray spent a few days in St. John last week.

Mr. G. F. Thompson, of St. John, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. W. Lemont.

Miss Ethel Eddy, who has been spending the past two months with friends in the city, has returned to her home in St. John. She was accompanied by Miss Fannie Blair.

Mrs. F. W. Emmeron and daughters, of Petritodiac, are visiting Mrs. Emmeron's sisters, the Misses Cumming.

Dr. and Mrs. Brown have returned from their wedding journey and are receiving the congratulations of their friends. They will reside for the winter at the Barker house.

After a long visit spent in St. John, Miss Annie Phair returned home on Monday.

The girls mission band are to hold a fancy sale and tea in the church hall, on Thursday evening Dec. 10th.

CHUCKET.

BRIDGETOWN.

Dec. 8.—Mrs. Taylor of Halifax, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Ruggles, has returned home.

WELSH, HUNTER, and HAMILTON, 97 King Street, St. John.

held sometime between Christmas and New Years.

Mr. McGowan and Mr. T. E. Perkins of St. John, spent a few days here last week.

Mr. W. S. Blake left last week, for a trip to P. E. Island.

The small season has again returned and this season has brought Mr. W. G. Logie and Mr. James Edgar of Chatham, to purchase the small fishes.

Mr. Haines of Fredericton, Mr. C. C. Carlyle of Kingston, Sheril and Mrs. Whetton of Richibucto, spent Sunday here.

VENUE.

ST. GEORGE.

[Progress is for sale in St. George at T. O'Brien's store.]

Dec. 7.—Dr. Dick left last week for Montreal while there he will be the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Gillmor.

Mrs. James O'Brien returned home after spending two weeks with her daughter in Calais. She was accompanied by her little grandson.

Mrs. Kelman gave a most enjoyable party to a number of friends on Monday evening at the Brunswick house, in honor of her niece.

On dit, the Foresters are making arrangements for a supper to be given between Xmas and New Year's.

Mr. McIntyre, who has been spending a week at the Brunswick house, left on Tuesday for his home in Ont.

MAX.

BRIDGETOWN.

Dec. 8.—Mrs. Taylor of Halifax, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Ruggles, has returned home.

Mr. Barclay Webster of Kentville was in town last week.

Mrs. L. S. Morse of Digby, was the guest of Mrs. Abatey, Granville Street, last week.

Miss May Randall of Yarmouth is visiting friends in town.

Mr. Brennan has returned to Halifax; Mr. Harry Crowe of Annapolis, fills his place at Medical Hall.

Mrs. Jesse Hoyt gave a pleasant little dance on Saturday evening, the first of the season. Among those present were, Mr. and Mrs. D. Taylor, the Misses Hoyt, Miss Fellows, Miss Williams, the Misses Prat, Miss McGivern, the Misses Healy Mr. H. S. Wallace, H. Vaughan, A. Williams, W. Rhodes, H. Pratt and others.

Rev. Mr. Vido, Malvern Square, was the guest of his daughter, Miss Helen Vido, last week.

Dr. Saunders of Halifax, was the guest of Mr. W. Saunders last week.

Mrs. J. W. Beckwith has returned from Yorkmouth. S. S.

Great HOLIDAY Sale.

- 5 Pieces Fancy Ulster Cloths, double width. Reduced to 50 cts. per yd.
2 Pieces Melton Cloth, double width. Reduced to 55 cts.
7 Pieces Beaver Cloth, in Seal, Terra-cotta, Garnet, Myrtle, Slate, Navy and black. Usual price \$2.10, reduced to \$1.55 per yd.
2 Pieces Beaver in Fawn, Usual price \$2.75, reduced to \$1.95.

ALSO

A Few Pieces of Light and Dark Fancy Ulster Cloths at reduced prices.

son on the 28th when he will also administer confirmation to a large number of candidates.

Rev. Father Egan spent a few days of this week in Truro, visiting Rev. Father Cummins.

Mr. J. Fleming Girty is able to walk around again with the aid of a cane.

Old bottled wine, when pure, always contains sediment, which will give a harsh taste to the wine if disturbed by careless handling.

AMUSEMENTS.

Opera House, - - St. John. A. O. SKINNER, - - President.

The public are respectfully informed that the well-known and popular BOSTON COMEDY COMPANY, H. PRICE WEBBER, - - Manager

will give a few performances in the above elegant Opera House, commencing Monday, Dec. 23, 1892.

The Favorite Actress EDWINA GREY, in a choice repertoire of pleasing dramas and comedies, supported by the above company.

HARRISON'S ORCHESTRA. M. L. Harrison, - - Leader, will furnish appropriate music.

PRICES TO SUIT THE TIMES. Admission 25c. - - Reserved Seats 50c. Doors open at 7 1/2. - - Overture at 8 o'clock. Matinee Holiday and Saturday.

Mechanics' Institute, ONE WEEK MORE.

Dec. 12, 14, 15, 16 and 17 SATURDAY MATINEE.

Daniels'

Grand Specialty Company NEW ACTS, NEW FARCES, NEW SONGS.

Everything new but the Price which remains at TEN CENTS.

Front Seats Reserved for Ladies and their Escorts.

DOORS open at 7. Performance at 8.

THORNE BROS.

LADIES' and GENTS' FURS in GREAT VARIETY for THE HOLIDAY TRADE.

Send for PRICES.

See our Ladies' Astrakan Sacques, Boss Grades at Low Prices for Ladies.

Hatters and Furriers, 50 King St.

Skinner's Carpet Warerooms. 58 King Street.

JUST OPENED.

A large and handsome lot of Chenille Portiers and Curtains, in new designs and colorings with heavy knotted fringe bottom and top.

Price from \$6.50 per pair upwards.

A. O. SKINNER. CLOTHS, CLOTHS, CLOTHS!

King St., 68 South Side.

To effect a clearance of our winter cloths suitable for Ladies' and Children's wear, we have made a still further reduction.

Note the Prices:

Table with columns: 56 in. Ulster Cloths, FORMER PRICES, CUT PRICES. Values range from \$1.25 to \$5.00.

Black Matalassee Cloth. FORMER PRICES, CUT PRICES. Values range from \$4.50 to \$8.00.

700 yards 3-4 Dress Goods, 35 to 50; choice 15 cts. 1000 " 6-4 " " 80 to \$1.00; " 35 "

Balance of TURNER & FINLAY Stock. W. C. PITFIELD & CO. F. G. LANSDOWNE, Manager.

Charles Dickens' Complete Works—15 vols Given for one new or renewal subscription and \$4.50 additional

We have no premium that is so great a bargain as our Set of Dickens in 15 volumes; handsome cloth binding, plain large print with 257 illustrations. This set of books is listed at \$15, but usually sells for the bargain retail price \$7.50. Our price to old or new subscribers with a years subscription is \$6.50.



THE SLAUGHTER OF WITCHES. America's Record Did Not Approach in Horror That of Europe.

By and by, however, when the revival of classic studies filled Europe with skeptics, the suspicion of the church was directed against a new danger, till the name of a scholar had almost become a synonym of heretic.

From that stigma it was only a step to the charge of sorcery. Not philosophers and alchemists only, but prelates, princes and at least two Pops incurred the suspicion of "black art" by the unusual extent of their erudition.

In 1580 a witch was formally tried in Augsburg, Germany, and convicted upon the testimony of nineteen witnesses, who claimed to have seen her perform all sorts of tricks in the shape of a black cat. She had been caught crouching over the cradle of sleeping children, who laughed in their dreams in answer to the scurrility of her whispered remarks. She had also been seen hobnobbing with the devil and stirring a caldron of witch-broth, but in spite of the strongly supported evidence the judges hesitated for a week before they agreed on the fatal verdict.

Three similar cases were tried in Padua, Lintz (Upper Austria) and Strasburg during the course of the next ten years, and upon the basis of these precedents the Christian world soon after appeared to go crazy en masse. Witch commissioners with their posse of bullies roamed from village, to village, the jails were crowded with prisoners, who in many cases seemed to have lost their wits as completely as their prosecutors. Death by fire became the usual form of execution. The terrible name of the Paris chamber ardente or fire court would have applied to thousands of tribunals in Western and Southern Europe.

The ghastly insanity reached its culmination point about the end of the fifteenth century, and it seems a merciful dispensation of Providence that by that time the progress of American colonies had opened a gate of escape to the far West. Witchcraft trials occurred in Spanish America and here and there in the English settlements, but on the whole the settlers of the New World were too busy with terrestrial problems to waste much time on the mysterious of supernaturalism. Some forty or fifty thousand Mexicans may have been burned on a charge of black art during the first three centuries of the Spanish dominion here, perhaps 5,000 persons in all British North America, but these aggregates are the veriest trifles compared with that of medieval Europe. Professor Hitzig of Berlin, after a careful comparison of all the available records, estimates the total number of victims from the end of the fourteenth to the beginning of the eighteenth century at 7,500,000.

Gavinet in his "Memoir de la Magie" assumes a much larger aggregate, and Dr. Sprenger in his "Life of Mohammed" may come very near the true medium in computing the total for all Europe and America at 9,000,000.

A Romance of the War. "I fell in love with the young lady I afterward married while the Battle of the Wilderness was raging," said Major Dan Thompson. During the first days of fighting the Confederates charged us across an old ditch and were driven back with terrible slaughter.

We advanced and took a position in the ditch and for a few moments the roar of battle died away, with the exception of a Confederate battery far to our left, which kept snarling viciously. Right in front of me lay a young Confederate who had been shot through the hip. He was a handsome boy, not more than seventeen, and was evidently suffering terrible agony. He was trying bravely to be a man, but the tears would rise to his eyes, and in a few moments he was sobbing bitterly. I asked him what I could do for him, and he took from his pocket a portrait of his sister and asked me to give it to her when I reached Richmond. He evidently believed that because his regiment had been driven back the cause was hopelessly lost, and that nothing remained for the troops to do but march into Richmond with colors flying. I had the youngster carried to the rear and cared for, and put the picture of his sister in my pocket, where it remained to the end of the war. Her brother recovered and was finally exchanged. A few days after the capitulation of Richmond I called on the young lady to deliver her picture according to promise, and—well you can guess the rest. —St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Married a Fraction. Seeker—"I saw a statement in the paper this morning to the effect that in Iowa the proportion of population is 93 7-100 women to every 100 men."

Sage-man—"Yes? Well, let me see; didn't your friend Lipsome get his wife out there?"

Seeker—"I think he did. Why?"

"Oh, nothing! Except that it accounts Sage-man for a remark he made. He must have got the fractional woman, for in a domestic interlude they had this morning I heard him tell his wife that she was the smallest specimen of a woman the Lord ever made." —Boston Courier.

Among the Saxons, when drinking healths, as many cups were drunk as there were letters in the name of the person complimented.



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HACKNORE CURES COUGHS AND COLDS.

Dr. George H. Dunlap, who has been in New York for several months, taking special courses in medicine and surgery, returned home on Saturday morning.

The townspeople generally were very much shocked last Saturday morning, to hear of the sudden death of Mr. O. K. Rogers, for many years a resident of Moncton. Mr. Rogers had been ailing for some days, suffering from an abscess in the throat, but no serious results were anticipated until Friday, when he became rapidly worse, his illness developing into blood poisoning from which he was universally expected, and his death at the comparatively early age of 58 is greatly regretted.

Mr. F. H. Morrison, agent of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Chatham, paid a visit to Moncton on Friday last.

Mr. Alston Cushing of St. John was in town yesterday.

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BOSTON'S LATEST FAD.

TRYING TO CREATE AN INTEREST IN ANNEXATION.

The Newspapers Interviewing Alleged Canadians but the Yankee Take the Best Little Stock in the Discussion—Objecting to a Baby Show and its Advertising Matter.

Boston, Dec. 7.—Annexation has had a boom on this side of the line, recently. The aggressive Mr. Myers started it by his speech at Montreal, and the people who tried to hoot him off the platform helped it on. It was a lively speech and a lively meeting, and made a good story for the Boston papers. Then the Herald followed it up with several columns of interviews with Canadians in Boston. The majority of those who talked were French Canadians, and quite naturally, they all predicted a grand union at some time in the future. They were red hot for annexation, and willing to lend their efforts to bring it about. As an offset to this enthusiasm, the president of the Canadian club at Harvard, speaking for all his fellow members, said that annexation was neither probable nor desirable. The men at Harvard who expect to go home again when they know it all, ridiculed the idea of it.

And now a St. John man who has been in Boston a year or so signs his name to a letter in the Transcript, in which, he gives figures showing the number of packages of household furniture brought to Boston from St. John in seven months, by one steamship company, and supposed to be the property of exodians. The figures are so large as to almost give the impression that the steamers, on their western trips carried "household effects," and nothing else.

A peculiar phase of the annexation question is that the talking is all on one side of the fence. Canadians here it pretty much to themselves, and the people of this country seem disposed to let them agitate as much as they have a mind to, without interfering. They take very little stock in it.

Some of the American newspapers, however, have been giving considerable space to interviews with leading statesmen and politicians of the Dominion, and what is now called the continental party is beginning to receive some recognition. "Continental" sounds good. The New York Sun is, I think, responsible for it. Some of Canada's greatest thinkers have been giving their views to the Sun, and the number of able men who are drifting into the continental party is growing larger all the time.

Annexation is not likely to become a question to vote upon this year or next, and the average American cares little about it. His knowledge of Canada is not very extensive any way. All he knows is that in winter the people skate to church and go to work on snow shoes. These old notions, however, are wearing out.

But if the continental movement is growing, those who are doing most to help it are the loyal Canadians who never tire of abusing the advocates of annexation. They are making martyrs, and that is a sign of success. No great movement was ever brought to a successful end without men being offered up as sacrifices, and the annexation agitation has reached that stage.

But there are martyrs and martyrs. Some people like to attain this distinction, and in these days when there is no danger of being burned at the stake, it is an easy way to gain notoriety.

Lieut. McDonald, of Toronto, was here a few months ago, and made several addresses in favor of annexation, but just why he came and what sent him, I do not know. However, he got into the newspapers and had his picture printed, and I presume went home satisfied. When he reached Toronto he was dismissed from the militia, and a despatch said he felt proud of it, because some other great man had had a like experience.

Mr. John V. Ellis, of the St. John Globe, was also in Boston not very long ago. He stayed at the Adams house, and had his name printed in the hotel arrivals. That seemed to satisfy him. Yet Mr. Ellis has done more to advance the annexation movement, than Lieut. McDonald ever dreamed of. If he has been made a martyr on account of his honest convictions, it has not been of his own seeking.

Meanwhile the people continue to annex in the way that would make the loyalists shudder. Ernest Wiman has been making some inquiries at the United States census office and this is what he finds.

The number of Canadians in the United States at the taking of the census of 1890 was 283,000 compared with 717,000 in 1880, an increase of over 37 per cent. The natural loss by death for the 10 years should aggregate about 180,000, making the total increase about 444,000, showing a percentage of exodus from Canada equal to more than 60 per cent.

In 1890 the New England states contained only 176,000 Canadians. In 10 years the number had reached 380,000, an increase of more than 100 per cent. Of this latter number 206,000 were French and 176,000 English.

In Massachusetts the total number of

Canadians in 1890 was 207,000, as against 74,000 in 1880. Information gleaned from outside sources, indicates that since 1890 the exodus from Canada to the United States has been in much larger proportion than in the previous 10 years, and at present there cannot be less than 1,000,000 Canadians in the United States. The figures for the past four decades are as follows: 1850, 249,000; 1870, 493,000; 1880, 717,000; 1890, 983,000.

There you are. Nearly one million of people without a spark of loyalty, deliberately earning their daily bread under the stars and stripes, and a large per centage of them voting for Grover Cleveland. And of nearly 400,000 Canadians in New England, 175,000 are English!

These people evidently do not believe in sentiment buttered with loyalty for breakfast seven times a week.

I was talking to a man the other day, who happened to be in New Brunswick during a Dominion election. The Canadian view of the annexation question seemed to amuse him.

"Why," said he, "the people down there seem to think that the United States should be annexed to Canada! We don't care whether Canada comes into the union or not, but it would be a great thing for them. They want money to develop the country and there is lots of it here. Look at Chicago. Why nearly the whole city is owned by eastern capitalists. That is what built it up, and it is eastern money that is building up all the western towns. If Canada came into the union it would offer a new field for investment, and as it has many advantages which the New England States have not, its development would be a matter of a very short time. But I do not think the United States is overly anxious to take a country with a national debt as large as that of Canada, and the thought of being annexed to that country is amusing."

The good people of Boston seem to think that the "Babes in the wood" as played in the Boston Theatre is good game for them. First they objected to the children who appeared in it, and they were taken off. Now they have found fault with the lithographs, and, as a result, all show paper before being displayed in Boston, in future, must receive the approval of a committee of aldermen.

The objectionable picture, which the Boston Theatre people were obliged to take from in front of the house, and paste over on the bill boards, showed a young woman in a pair of yellow tights and very little else. She was leaning on a large mirror, in which was reflected a number of other young women, who all seemed to be making a concerted effort to touch with their toes something several inches above their head. Lestening on the other side of the frame was his satanic majesty, who was dressed in close fitting red, and had his ears on top of his head. He was not unlike the gentleman shown by Lewis Morrison at the St. John Opera House a few months ago, except that the Boston Superintendent of trades, was winking the other eye at the young lady in pink tights. The aldermen made a tour of the theatres and frowned upon a number of very attractive lithographs which will have to be displayed in cities of a lower moral standard than Boston. The continent is spotted with them, and Boston used to be a pretty big spot.

I saw Bob O'Shaunesay the other day, at the Crawford house, where he has made his headquarters ever since his first visit to Boston. He was up on business, but met a good many St. John people while here.

R. G. LARSEN.

The Deadly Cross of Corsica.

The cross is a threat of death, and the Corsican who finds it drawn upon his door knows that he must look for no quarter. In decrees forbidding the carrying of arms in certain districts exception is officially made in the case persons notoriously en dait d'inimitie. The vendetta neither sleeps nor knows where it may stop. It is not confined to two persons. The quarrels of individuals are taken up by whole families.

Not even collateral branches are exempt, and women must take their chances with the men. Indeed, revenge is more artistically complete when the blow falls upon the beautiful and gifted. In 1856, one Joseph Antoine injured a girl named Sanfranchi. Thirty years passed and the story was forgotten, but on Aug. 14, 1886, the nephew of Sanfranchi encountered Antoine on perhaps the first occasion he had ventured from his house. He shot the man down like a dog. Threatened persons remain shut up for months, or even years, in their houses, built, as all Corsican houses are, like a fortress. If they wish to go out for a moment to breathe the fresh air from the threshold, a scout goes before and reconnoitres. In the district of Sartene bands of armed men are sometimes met within the road. It is a man en inimitie travelling from one village to another. The vendetta between the Rochi and the Tassin resulted in the death of eleven persons and the execution of one of the principal criminals. In this extraordinary case two entire families took to the maquis and waged guerrilla war upon each other; each in turn was assisted by gendarmes, who had made disgraceful alliance with bandits in order to effect their arrests.

Contrary to custom, some of these bandits became brigands. As a rule persons outside their quarrel are never molested by them. They are merely outlaws. The Rochi who was guillotined in 1888 (the first execution in many years), boasted that he was only 23 and had killed seven persons with his own hand. Confident of reprisals, he continued to regard himself as a hero until the day of the execution. When, all hope was gone he sank into the most abject state of cowardice, which lasted until the end.—National Review.

LIFE IN A SILENT WORLD.

LET HAVE THE ONLY UNIVERSAL LANGUAGE ON EARTH.

Deaf Mutes and Their Ways—More Than a Million Speechless People—The Advance in the Education in Modern Times—Facts of Interest.

There are in the world a greater number of deaf-mutes than people imagine. Ask any person of average intelligence how many deaf-mutes there are in England, and he will usually answer—generalizing from the few he has known—"Oh, I suppose a few hundred; possibly one or two thousand." Yet there are nearly 13,000 in England, and over 20,000 in the United Kingdom. In the United States of America there are quite 40,000 deaf-mutes. India has 197,000; France 22,000; Austria 26,000. And when we consider the enormous population of China, also take into account the vast amount of sickness and disease caused by want and famine, it does not seem unlikely that there are at least 250,000 deaf-mutes in China. It is believed that one in every fifteen hundred of the population of the globe is a deaf-mute. This would make the whole number much more than a million deaf-mutes in the world.

It is only within the last hundred years that the education of the deaf and dumb has been seriously thought about. The first school for these afflicted people was founded in England in the year 1760, in France 1763, Germany 1778, and in the United States of America 1817. At the beginning of the present century there were only ten small infant institutions throughout the world, and these were in Europe only. At the present day there are 500 at least in every division of the globe.

We have been unable to find out who invented the manual alphabet as used by deaf-mutes. There are several versions—the double-handed, as used in England; the single-handed, as used in France and the United States; and a complication of letters and signs, as used in Italy. The sign language—now used by the deaf—was in its inception the adoption of the Abbe De L. Eppe, of natural gestures observed by him in the intercourse with each other of two deaf-mute sisters, and is closely related to the sign language in common use among the North American Indians. It has been supplemented and enlarged by many conventional signs and inflections, so that at present there is no difficulty for a good master of the sign language to translate to an audience of intelligent deaf-mutes an address delivered orally upon any subject as quick as any good speaker.

In fact, it lays claim to being the nearest approach to a universal language the world has ever seen, enabling its possessor to carry on conversation with an educated deaf-mute in any country in Europe, and with many tribes of savages.

Deaf-mutes have been found to communicate readily with Laps, Chinese, and natives of the Sandwich Isles; and it is on record that the instructor of the Washington Deaf-Mute College visited various tribes of Indians, and made himself understood without difficulty, though ignorant of the words of the vocal language.

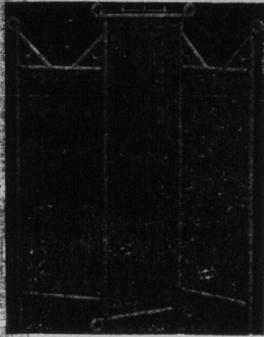
Considering the steady advance of modern society in general intelligence, it is surprising that the hearing people should have so many crude, not to say nonsensical, notions respecting the deaf. These need to be corrected. The deaf-mute is not a fool, either idiot or imbecile; he is not "queer" or "strange"; he does not need raised letters to read by (as some people oddly enough suppose), neither does he excel in music. He is neither a blockhead nor a genius. A deaf-mute institution is not a hospital, or an asylum, but a school. Its pupils are not "patients" or "inmates" but scholars.

While on the subject, perhaps it would interest readers to know a few of the curious experiences encountered when teaching the deaf. Owing to the deaf and dumb being unable to hear spoken sentences, they get a very poor idea of grammar, and so often make funny mistakes, known as deaf-muteisms.

"His mother whipped the boy," was rendered: "His mother was a sad accident to the boy."

"Your house going I am tonight," "I was delighted to see you," are common mistakes. A deaf-mute who wished to say "young lady," said, "Five months I will gettin' me married." But, of course errors of this sort they soon learn to correct. It one of our deaf-mute schools the instructor had been teaching the negative force of the prefix dis, giving as examples the words obey, disobey; regard, disregard. Soon he called upon the pupils for illustrations of the same principles, and an unsophisticated youth innocently wrote on the board, "Boys love to play; girls love to display," hardly a correct answer, yet truthful reply for all that.

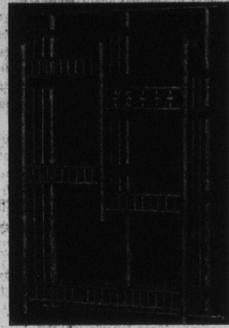
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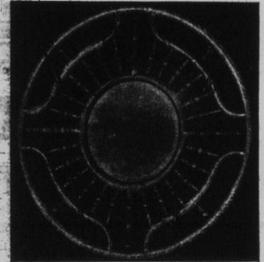
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Ramsay, Isle of Man, Nov. 26, 1892.—You will always have the Isle of Man clearest as a series of charming pictures in your memory after you have sailed around the island. It is only a little journey of 75 or 80 miles. The steamers bring you from Douglas to Douglas again in only six hours' time. Pleasant still is it to engage a smart little craft and alone or with friends idle along at will with wind or tide, gaining much Manx color and feeling from your grave and serious skipper's tales, and coming close to the fisher life of the countless half hid coves and bays.

Besides, in this way with a good marine glass you can scan every square foot of Manxland. There is nowhere a greater distance than six or seven miles from highest mountain peak to edge of circling sea. The beautiful topographical configuration of the island is thus made memorable. From a mile or two, at sea, off Douglas, which shines from its crescent bay with almost the brilliancy of Naples, the chief mountain range shows at its best. It extends three fourths of the island's length, almost as centrally as a line could be drawn.

And every one of these pleasant Manx mountains is in full view. There is South Barrule, the southernmost. Then comes the Cairn and Greeba. Between these is the great valley pass, leading from Douglas, the maritime eastern capital of Man, to ancient Peel, its western port, a fine old fishing town, reminding of Cornish St. Ives. A flood of light seems to break each way through this deep, wide pass. Between the Cairn and Greeba is the famous Manx Mecca of Druidic origin, Tynwald Mount, where all the laws of Manxland are still annually proclaimed.

Colden, Sartfell and Beenny Phottgroup closely to the north, and then comes Snaefell, mountain monarch of Manxland, his only northern rival, giant North Barrule, which breaks into savage Maughold Head, by pleasant Ramsey Bay. It is a strange feeling that you can see half the homes of the entire Manx nation at a glance. From the top of Snaefell you can see them all. Besides, from the same place you can look far into Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales.

Coasting to the north, the ever changing panorama of mountains constantly in view, first comes Laxey bay and village, the latter at the entrance to a witching glen, surrounded by noble hills, whose sides are thickly dotted with stone monuments left by the earlier island races. Here is also found a great cairn called King Orry's grave, which tradition and dim Manx history assign to the bones of the Danish prince who more than a thousand years ago gave the Manxmen free men's rights. Older than Orry's bones are the Laxey mines, the only ones of importance in Man, which possess the famous Laxey overshoot water-wheel, said to be the largest in the world.

Perhaps six miles farther to the north, and your craft will be abreast of Maughold Head. It is a weird and grand old headland, and the vicinity has for ages possessed a reverential awe to all seafaring folk. This has been due to the miracles wrought at its holy well, and to the odor of sanctity left upon the place by St. Maughold. The latter was in his early life a gay and wicked Irish prince. Converted by the preaching of the good Saint Patrick, he determined to renounce the world. He put to sea in a wicker boat, giving himself up to the mercy of the winds and waves. He was driven ashore here on the most inaccessible coast of Man. The holy well or fountain burst from the spot where he first gained safe ground.

Then followed the wonderful conversion to Christianity from paganism of the Manx people. The very walls of the curious old St. Maughold church were built by this evangelist; and one of the strangest and most venerable crosses in Britain, the cross of St. Maughold, still standing in the ancient churchyard, was erected to commemorate the Saint's deliverance from the sea and his conversion of the Manx people. One side of this remarkable relic contains a carving of St. Maughold; another of the Virgin and Child; and a later embellishment on a third side depicts the crucifixion, to which is joined the arms of Man—the three bent legs with the brave motto: "Whichever way thrown, (or cast), it stands." The entire district is a bit of unchangeable antiquity, bound by primitive customs, enmeshed in the strangest superstitions. Illustrative, the parish clerk is still elected by the votes of only those parishioners who "put out smoke," that is whose habitations possess a chimney; and a near Runic cross by the roadside is a profane old female wool-carrier who, for cursing at the wind, was turned to stone.

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of the bay is the fine old town, its ancient walls and roofs contrasting strangely with modern ways and fashions. A sleepy yet bright old face has Ramsey, like some nodding grandam whom boyden children have stolen upon in her sleep to bellow and ribbion and who, on waking, has as much mischief in her glad old eyes as in the merry hearts that made the frolic. To the right and left, villas and villages innumerable; and behind, but a mile on two away, the golden gorse is blended with the purples and mists among the heights of North Barrule.

In rounding the Point of Ayre your skipper will cease his tales and attend closely to his little craft. It is a dangerous way. The meeting of the tides causes almost a maelstrom, "the Streen," or strite, contention, the Manx call it. All around the northern coast, which is low, from sea to sward are strange terraces of sea cobbles; small, polished stones as round as cannon balls. They are constantly changing their position, from the action of the waters, and are as treacherous to the foot as quicksands. Between Ayre lighthouse and the northern base of the mountains, perhaps an eighth of the total area of Man, is an almost level plain. It is called the "Curragh." The most primitive of the Manx peasantry are found here; and Celtic affinities are most pronounced. In more than a hundred tiny hamlets like the "auld clachans" of the Scottish Highlands you will find fully nine tenths possessing the Celtic appellation Ball (town), as Ballavrick, Ballakinnag, Ballaheaney, and the like.

All along down the west coast your interest will be divided between glimpses of strange old Manx hamlets peeping from the hills, with the splendid mountain views behind and above, and the plainly discernible Irish coast where the Mourne Mountains through the distance cover with purple their emerald green. But at last here is ancient Peel, Thistle Head and St. Patrick Isle. Miles of white strand thread along the coast to the brown old nest upon the rocks, like a shining way of faith leading unalteringly to a dateless antiquity. No cobweb lover will be disgruntled that a broom of progress has modernized Peel. Everything is old and mellow and dim. The hundreds of fishing craft forming with their old masts an antique tracery before the town seem to belong to a forgotten age. Dark are its walls, narrow its streets, tiny its windows, grave and silent its people.

Gray and old and more forbidding than all else is its once mighty castle at the harbor mouth. It stands on Patrick's Holm, or St. Patrick's Island, seven acres in extent. Venerable, haunted and hallowed all. Hallowed and venerable for St. Patrick himself raised the beginnings of the church on whose the half ruins of a great cathedral are now found. Haunted because of inexpressible cruelties and foul murders in crypts and castle here: Through these lofty pillars, bending arches, hollow galleries and by these dismantled altars one can stride from the nineteenth to the fifth century. In the saddening echoes of the sea calls he can hear the moanings of imprisoned Eleanor, the curses of Stanley, the triumphant "Allelujah!" of Germanus that put to rout the Saxons in the bloody Flinthire fields. Haunted, more than all else to Manxland mind, because it is the abiding place for all time of that most terrible of Manx powers of darkness, the black and dreadful "Moody Dhoo."

Back at Douglas again from such a contemplation as this of the "dear little Isle of Man," and I warrant you are a score of years and an hundred books in advantage over him who enters Manxland at the sea gates of its splendid town, and views its form and folk through the false perspective of fine hotels, crowds of summer or winter idlers, and the misleading gay activities comparing with those of our own Bar Harbor or Newport, or an English Bourne-mouth or Brighton.

Here of course is some true Manx color in the strange old closes and wynds of the city, but Douglas is essentially a fashionable watering place the whole year round. You must leave Douglas behind to completely know Manxland. This is no venturesome task. You can walk to the remotest portion of the island in one day. There never were finer roads. There never were lovelier views. There never were quieter more comforting old inns. And there never were more simple, genial, hospitable people than in Man. In most countries I have visited the peasantry are vacuous and listless, or suspicious and resentful of him who comes to spy into their ways and poke among their shrines. The Manx folk take it as an honor. The Manxman is proud of his ancestry, his history, his independence, his changeless customs and laws. Indeed I often think that much of his goodness to the stranger comes from pity that the stranger was not born in his fair, liberty-loving island.

And after all the real pleasure of knowing any strange land is in getting close to the heart of its common folk. That is easy here. You will be thrilled by Manxland scenes of mountain and coast. It is a wonderful little land for foaming torrents, flashing streams, entrancing valleys and shadowy glens. There is not another so tiny a bit of earth where you may come upon so many curious and impressive monuments of a heroic past. Fisherfolk and Highlanders, each with their distinct centuries-old, changeless ways, are close together. The murmurs of the sea can almost be heard from highest mountain peak. Contrast is everywhere mighty and close. But it is because Manx folk themselves are more winsome and grand than all fine sights or scenes, that a loving, contented sense of exultation gladdens every step of your progress through all these pleasant island scenes.

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UNGAR'S NEW BUILDING.

A STRUCTURE COMMENSURATE WITH HIS GROWING BUSINESS.

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The office of the building is a busy place. It is fitted up very neatly yet perfectly commodious for even more than the amount of work that is passed through it. A visitor passing along finds himself in a very large room some forty by fifty feet in dimensions, in which are the large washers, wringers and starchers, all being driven by steam. In the same department are twelve large stationary wash tubs with hot and cold water attached, at which are a number of women at work washing woollen goods. Mr. Ungar explained that by washing woollens quickly and drying in less than an hour it was utterly impossible for them to shrink, and it was for this purpose that these large wash tubs were there. When the clothes that are to be starched are passed through the starcher they are sent to the next floor in an elevator and placed in the drying room for about an hour, from which they are taken perfectly dry, after which they go to another floor to receive the finishing touches.

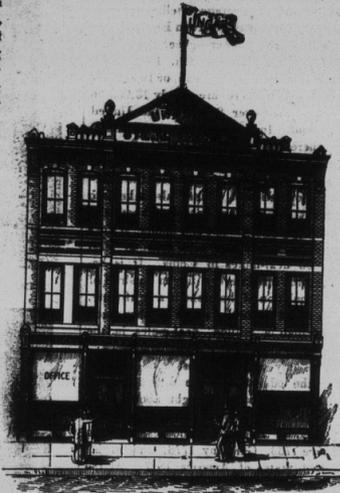
This is one of the busiest departments of the building. More than thirty women are employed there ironing, although the bosoms, wrists, collar and bands of the shirts are done by rollers run by steam power, each roller being heated by gas in its hollow centre. Collars and cuffs are ironed by the same process, while the finishing touch is put on by hand, each woman having a gas stove at her table to heat her irons.

On the same floor is an immense mangle, also run by steam, which presses and dries sheets, towels and such like direct from the wringer. In the basement will be found the power that drives all the machinery in

the establishment—a forty horse power boiler and engine.

Mr. Ungar says that now he is in his new and larger building he is in a position to do laundry for the whole of Halifax and the surrounding country if necessary. A large number of families have given him their washing to do regularly and find it is much cheaper and more satisfactory than when done at home. All necessary repairs on garments are also done without extra charge, a convenience that all the bachelors seem to appreciate.

The agencies of the laundry can be found in all the principal towns in the province and the orders that come the first of every week from the surrounding country is a large business of itself. It may be added that the work is done for people in these outside towns at the same price as in the city. In connection with his laundry Mr.



Ungar has a large dyeing and cleaning establishment, where anything and everything from the most delicate fabric to an overcoat or a dress can be dyed to suit the most fastidious. The success of his laundry business in Halifax Mr. Ungar attributes mainly to one thing, namely, that the people appreciate good work and liberally patronize a man who does his best to please them. This applies equally to St. John as to Halifax, where no doubt he does the larger portion of all the laundry work.

THINGS OF VALUE.

Fancy having one's wearing apparel regulated by law, even though that law be wise and rational. First it is the length of one's skirt that the diet is called upon to consider, and now it is corrects that factory women are bidden by law to discard through the German officials at Spandau. How the free-born and much-laced American factory girl would wave the banner and about the Declaration of Independence at such interference from legislators.

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The only worthy end of all learning, of all science, of all life, in fact, is that human beings should love one another better. Culture, merely for culture's sake, can never be anything but a rapine roof, capable of producing at best a shrivelled branch.—John Walter Cross.

We Are All Fallible. Even great poets sometimes make blunders. Tennyson himself was once guilty of a mistake—perhaps it was only poetic license to which his attention was called in a somewhat startling letter. It is said that he received the following letter from the distinguished arithmetician, Babbage, shortly after the publication of one of his most famous poems:—

Dear Sir—I find in a recently published poem from your pen the following untranslatable statement:— Every moment dies a man. Every moment one is born. I need hardly point out to you that this calculation, if correct, would tend to keep the sum total of the world's population in a state of perpetual equilibrium; whereas it is a well-known fact that the said sum total is constantly on the increase. I would therefore, into the hands of the printer, the great editor of your excellent poem the erroneous

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SOMETHING ABOUT

Wise Sayings Which Have a For Many Centuries

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SUNDAY READING

SOMETHING ABOUT PROVERBS.

Wise sayings which have been common for many centuries.

With reverence be it spoken, not only did Solomon, the wisest of men, but a greater than Solomon, condescend to use the short sayings which had become fixed in the language of Judea. Take, for example, amongst many: "Physician, heal thyself;" "One soweth and another reapeth;" "Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain;" "Where-soever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered together."

It has been said, that the essence of proverbs is shortness, sense and salt. Nor is this a bad definition. As to the first: "Brevity is the soul of wit;" and therefore some of our best proverbs are in two words—"Extremes meet;" "Forewarned fore-armed." Popularity, however, is the prestige of proverbs—the mint-stamp which makes them current. But it is the three requisites above noted, and especially the salt, which render them acceptable to the masses, who reject what is tasteless, and love the pungent. An example of this is the fact that Howell, a writer of the seventeenth century, made a collection of popular proverbs, and added about five hundred of his own. Whilst the collected still exist, and have proved as heir-looms from generation to generation, those invented, even by such a wit, died with the inventor. Some of Howell's deserved a better fate,—for example: "Fride is a flower that grows in the devil's garden;" "Burn not thy fingers to snuff another man's candle;" "Faith is a great lady, and good works are her attendants." In proof of the popular paternity of proverbs, it has been quaintly yet truly said, that they are "sayings without an author;" or, as otherwise said, "They consist of the wit of one and the wisdom of many."

It is not a matter of surprise, in this state of mixed existence, we have proverbs of good and evil directly antagonistic the one to the other, to suit the different classes of mankind. Thus, we have the Christian proverb: "The noblest vengeance is to forgive." And we have the anti-Christian saying: "He who cannot revenge himself is weak; he who will not is vile." Again, it is said, "Common fame is seldom to blame," and yet more truly, it is also said, "They say so, is half a liar."

Proverbs do not, of necessity, claim to be figurative. Some of our best have no allegory. "Haste makes waste;" "Honesty is the best policy;" and a hundred more may be cited. But there is the saltiness in the proper use of figure, which renders it pleasurable to the public palate. Take this one proverb: "He may exist till he is a beggar who waits to be rich by other men's deaths," and place beside it that other figurative saying, "He who waits for dead men's shoes may go barefoot, and the people will accept the vulgar and reject the philosophical."

Rhyme is not essential, but a vast recommendation to a proverb. It gives the credit of an incantation. People like what is like, and rejoice in similarity. Thus, a vast number of our household proverbs are rhymed. "Good mind, good find;" "Little strokes fell great oaks;" "Who goes a-borrowing goes a-sorrowing." So, even in Latin proverbs, we have, "Qualis vita finis ita;" "Via crucis via lucis." So, too, alliteration is a fond incrustation of proverbs. "No cross no crown;" "Out of debt out of danger." Exaggeration is another recommendation of the witty saying. Mankind, in their fallen state, are hyperbolic. The Persians said that "a needle's eye is wide enough for two friends—the whole world is too narrow for two foes." So, whilst in this country we say that a lucky man is "born with a silver spoon in his mouth," the Arabs were long before us with the saying, "Fling him into the Nile, and he will come up with a fish in his mouth."

The antiquity and tradition of proverbs are wonderful. Aristotle, two thousand years ago, records proverbs as of ancient date even in his time. One would think that the saying, "One must not look a gift horse in the mouth," is indigenous to English soil. But Jerome, a Latin father of the fourth century, quotes, as an old proverb of his day, "Si quis dat mannos ne quere in dentibus annos." Again, we say, "Liars should have good memories." But the same father has it, and Quintilian before him, "The storehouse of Latin proverbs of the middle ages, of which Dr. Trenchard, in an appendix of some hundreds, are not the original; but many of them acknowledge their debt to antiquity. Thus, "Us dicunt multi, cito transit lanca, stulti;" or, in plain English, "A fool's bolt is soon shot." St. Paul did not shun to borrow. "Evil communications corrupt good manners," from a Greek comedy. "It is hard for thee to kick against the pricks," or, goods, is at once a most expressive and instructive proverb to show the futility of man contending against God, to his own hurt, as the oxen when kicking against the instrument used to accelerate their speed.—Selected.

IN THE ANGELOUS CALENDAR.
St. Lucy, the Virgin and Martyr—Blessings of the Greater Antiphons.

To-morrow will be the third Sunday in Advent, and violet is the color in the Western and red in the Sarum use; two altar lights; and the same for each of the week days, except when Tuesday is observed as the feast of St. Lucy, when the color

is red in both uses, she having suffered martyrdom.

St. Lucy, or Lucia, of Syracuse, in Sicily, whose festival comes on Tuesday, was one of those fair young maidens of old who chose to die for the sake of the faith when it was in her power to make a choice between wealth, ease, and all the pleasures of this world, and the hardships to be borne as a bearer of the cross of Christ. She was born of rich parents in the latter part of the third century. Her father died when she was very young, leaving her in the care of her mother, Eutychia, who appears to have been of the kind, not rare in these days, who considered that it did not make much difference what a person believed, so long as they did not do anything very bad. Lucy had, however, been trained as a Christian, and her piety increased as she grew to be a beautiful maiden. Her beauty and her wealth could not fail to bring suitors; and according to the custom of the times, her mother and other relations betrothed her to a rich young nobleman who was a pagan.

Lucy had no desire for matrimony, but that her husband should be a pagan was most abhorrent to her. It happened that her mother was suffering from a disease which none of the doctors could cure, and she was persuaded by Lucy to visit the tomb of St. Agatha, at Catania, and implore the intercession of that virgin saint. They made the journey, visited the church and knelt at the tomb. While there, Lucy had a vision of St. Agatha, who appeared amid a troop of angels and said:—

"Lucy, my dear sister, virgin consecrated to God, well art thou called Lucia, who art a light to the faithful. What dost thou ask of me what thou canst obtain at once thyself for thy mother? Know that thy faith has won back health for her, and that as Jesus Christ has rendered Catania famous for my sake, Syracuse also shall be made glorious through thee."

At these words, Lucy awoke, turned to her mother and told her she was healed, as she proved to be. Then Lucy begged her mother never to speak to her of marriage, but to leave her to devote herself wholly to God. The mother consented and Lucy further persuaded her to join with her in giving up their wealth and devoting it to the Lord.

The healed and happy mother returned with her child to Syracuse where "by degrees they sold their jewels and their costly furniture and their estates, and spent the price in ransoming captives, delivering prisoners and succoring all who had need."

The persecutions under Diocletian were being actively carried on, and the young man to whom Lucy had been betrothed made a complaint to the prefect that she had been misled by the christian superstitions and was wasting the substance that of right should come to him. She was summoned before the tribunal and ordered to sacrifice to the gods of the pagans. She refused and no threats had power to terrify her.

Then the enraged prefect ordered the officers to take her away. They tried to do so, but God manifested his power by making her immovable. They brought oxen and ropes, but no human force had power to move that weak bodied girl. Then they kindled a great fire around her, but as the three Hebrew children walked unharmed in the furnace, so did she, amid the flames, suffer no harm but talked cheerfully predicting the end of the persecutions within twenty years. Her life was ended by the stroke of a sword or dagger. Within twenty years, Constantine the Great became Emperor, and the persecution of christians came to an end.

The Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following St. Lucy's day are Ember days, and therefore days of fasting and of prayer for all about to receive Holy Orders, as well as "that for the honor of the Apostolic Ministry." Unfit persons may not be admitted.

On the last eight days of Advent beginning with Dec. 16, next Friday, what are called the seven greater Antiphons are sung at evening before and after the Magnificat as a preparation for Christmas. The first of these, *O Sapientia*, is described as "the first trope of the great bridal hymn with which the church goes forth to meet her Lord." In English it reads:—

O Wisdom, which didst come forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, strongly and sweetly ordering all things, come that thou mayst teach us the way of understanding.

The antiphon for Saturday is *O Adonai*, and is translated:—

O Lord and leader of the house of Israel, who didst appear unto Moses in a flame of fire in the bush, and gavest thy law in Sinai; come that Thou mayst redeem us with Thine outstretched arm.

Cardinal Lavigerie, who died recently, was one of the most notable characters of modern times. As a young student he attracted the attention of the Archbishop of Paris by his ability in classical and theological studies. Later he occupied a confidential position at the Vatican, was consecrated Bishop of Nancy, and soon after became interested in Eastern missionary work. The enormities of the slave trade here came under his notice, and thenceforth he devoted himself to its suppression with a devotion which approached fanaticism in its earnestness. Through his efforts the civilized world was aroused to the atrocities of the traffic in human beings, and measures were taken by the European powers, which resulted in its suppression in recent years.

NEWS AND NOVELTY.

A Hebrew National Society has been established in London, whose object is to form a library that may prevent foreign Jews from going to socialist or missionary reading rooms.

The Czar has nominated the Czarévitch to be President of the Russian State Council. It is thought that under his presidency the oppression of Jews and Catholics will eventually be relaxed.

The early Christians, and carefully their dislike of pagan vanity, in the effeminacy of long and curling hair and manifold cultivated beards, shaved their faces and kept their hair cropped close. In the time of Tertullian this was the mark of the Christian.

The Rev. Mary P. Whitney of North Cambridge, Mass., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Second Unitarian Church of West Somerville, Mass. Her husband occupied the pulpit of the First Unitarian Church of Athol. It seems to run in the family.

It is said the great art of keeping one's hands white and soft is never to use a rough towel on them, but to handle them as gently as if they were glass. But, after all, the finest, whitest and softest hand is the hand that lifts up the fallen, soothes the brow of the fevered, and gives the cup of cold water to the poor.

A German boy, who was found about seven years ago, friendless, in want, on the steps of a house in New York, and was asked "if he was not afraid to be alone in this great city," looked up with the simple but beautiful faith of a child, and said, "No, sir; my father and mother are dead, but God still lives."

There is a mystery of iniquity as well as a mystery of Godliness; oftentimes in affliction there is something discovered to us which, for all our search of ourselves, we could not have found out nor have believed to be in us. Like a pool troubled, so are our hearts in affliction; there comes up mud which we would not have thought to be there.—Alexander Wedderburn (1682).

An Englishman who recently had an audience with the Pope describes the Holy Father's face as quite colorless and wrinkled, his eyes dark gray blue, gentle yet penetrating in expression, his hair snowy white, his nose aquiline, his mouth unusually wide. His thin and slightly stooped figure gave an impression of fragility and weakness which was confirmed by his gait. A member of the Guard carried an ivory cane so that the Pope might use it to support himself if necessary.

In Cochim, a town on the coast of Travancore, a State in India, there is a small body of Jews who are called White Jews because their skin is fair and their hair light. They were once very numerous along this coast; but in Cochim, where they have a quarter all to themselves, there are now only some 200 of them. They have dwelt there for hundreds of years as a distinct race, and claim to be descendants of the Jews who fled from Jerusalem after its destruction by the Romans. (A. D. 70.)

There are three Epistles which may be especially representative, each of one great line of Christian truth. The Epistle to the Romans brings out with heart searching closeness the personal relation of the soul to God as its Judge and its Saviour; the Epistle to the Ephesians is the key to the Old Testament, and the golden link which binds sacrifice and priesthood round the throne of our exalted Master; and the Epistle to the Hebrews brings out, not the individual relation of each soul to Christ, but the union of all in Him, to God and to one another.

That is a very suggestive injunction of the apostle which says: "Be kind." How few really kind people you meet. Many people are cross and revengeful, others are bitter and resentful, and still others are so occupied with their own personal affairs that they make no effort to be kind. And yet there is no surer way of securing happiness than by being truly kind to others. Kindness makes easy access to hearts that cannot be reached in any other way. He who would make the world better, who would make its cares less and burdens lighter, who would lead souls to Christ the Saviour, must be kind.

Said Renan, when on his death-bed, to his wife: "Be calm and resigned.... We perish, we disappear, but heaven and earth remain, and the march of time goes on forever." That the march of time goes on forever, does not seem very consolatory, not any more than that it kept marching for millions of years before we were. Compare with this stoic's last words the triumphant strain of the dying Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge, will give unto me."

The heir of the King and Queen of Italy, whose full title is Victor Emmanuel Ferdinand and Marie Janvier Prince of Naples, attained his twenty-third year on Friday, having been born in 1869 at Naples, in memory of which he was given the name of the patron saint of the town, St. Januarius as well as "that for the honor of the Apostolic Ministry." Unfit persons may not be admitted.

On the last eight days of Advent beginning with Dec. 16, next Friday, what are called the seven greater Antiphons are sung at evening before and after the Magnificat as a preparation for Christmas. The first of these, *O Sapientia*, is described as "the first trope of the great bridal hymn with which the church goes forth to meet her Lord." In English it reads:—

O Wisdom, which didst come forth from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end, strongly and sweetly ordering all things, come that thou mayst teach us the way of understanding.

The antiphon for Saturday is *O Adonai*, and is translated:—

O Lord and leader of the house of Israel, who didst appear unto Moses in a flame of fire in the bush, and gavest thy law in Sinai; come that Thou mayst redeem us with Thine outstretched arm.

Cardinal Lavigerie, who died recently, was one of the most notable characters of modern times. As a young student he attracted the attention of the Archbishop of Paris by his ability in classical and theological studies. Later he occupied a confidential position at the Vatican, was consecrated Bishop of Nancy, and soon after became interested in Eastern missionary work. The enormities of the slave trade here came under his notice, and thenceforth he devoted himself to its suppression with a devotion which approached fanaticism in its earnestness. Through his efforts the civilized world was aroused to the atrocities of the traffic in human beings, and measures were taken by the European powers, which resulted in its suppression in recent years.

How the Scriptures Were Preserved.

The books of the law were the first books of the Bible to be collected by the priests and leaders of the Israelites; after the law came the written history of the people, in the fifth century, B. C., the collection of the prophets by Nehemiah; and from this time onward the collection of hagiography, the Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Canticles. All of these had been preserved by the priests, copied and recopied as occasion required, and circulated in manuscript, as of course writings were circulated in those days.

The dispersion of the Hebrews and their acquisition of other languages and loss of the Hebrew language, necessitated the translation of the Scriptures into other than the Hebrew, and previous to the second century B. C., what we know as the Septuagint translation, the LXX, was completed in Greek, designed especially for the Hebrews living in Alexandria and other parts of Egypt. The Septuagint comes from a tradition that seventy scholars—seventy two actually—made the translation. Translations and recensions into the Aramaic were also made, and these translations were copied from time to time, so that the oldest manuscript of the Old Testament now extant is only about 1,400 years old.

How Heine Died.
One of Heine's friends who visited him in his last illness (1856), described him as being a prey to unappealable bodily suffering, torturing, constant, hopeless. He had been one of the most bitter sceptics of his day, but now he had found peace, and joy and hope.

"My friend," he said in calm tones, "believe me, this Henri Heine who tells you so, that after having reflected on it for years, after having reconsidered and maturely weighed what has been written on this subject by men of all sorts, I have reached the conclusion that there is a God who judges our conduct, that the soul is immortal, and that after this life there is another, when the good will be rewarded and the wicked punished. This is what Henri Heine says, who has so often denied the Holy Ghost. If ever you have denied these grand truths fling from you these doubts and learn from my example that nothing but simple faith in God's mercy can sustain a friend of mine, who had been some time away, called to see me. He recommended me to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, and kindly sending me a bottle, I took it, but with little hope of recovery. I am thankful, however, to say that it cured me, and I am to-day enjoying the best of health."—J. Wilnot Payne, Monrovia, Liberia.

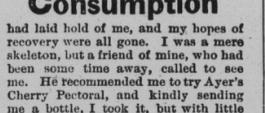
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Well, we've about grown tired of being sensible. We did give up some of our eccentricities of last winter, and tried real hard all summer to be content. We lingered on the ridiculously long waist line and alarmingly high shoulder puff, the combination of which made us look so queer in the back. We've renounced, at the beginning of this season, the trains which swept so majestically over our streets



PALE GREEN WITH AMERICAN BEAUTIES.

and added such dignity to our appearance—so long as they were clean. This last sacrifice was so great that we immediately consoled ourselves by doubling the length of our house trains. This was soothing and inspiring likewise. It incited us to further action. We suddenly decided that the summer girl had been too modest, too unassuming in her robing. No wonder the male sex had failed to pay sufficient attention. She had been simply pretty and sweet, with her ruffles, her ribbons and laces. But that had not been enough.

in the evening that she expects to score her greatest triumph. She has planned one, for instance, for that great event of the season, the Patriarch's Ball, and it will be a success. For its material is a delicate green satin, to be generously ornamented with American beauties. The dress of princess cut will fasten invisibly at the left, and will be closely covered at the foot with the deephearted roses, put on in points. Over the closely-fitting, plain satin gown will fall a rich tunic of beautiful lace, plaited on the low-cut bodice, back and front, with an ample heading above. Then the tunic will fall perfectly loose to the feet, standing apart altogether at the left side, and with the lace edges forming pretty cascades as they fall. Across the bodice

up your about it. Amidst our two-thirds down the skirt were two bands of lace, laid head to head, and separated by a number of tiny black velvet bands. A platoon of finely-gathered silk was joined to the bodice by a roll of the same, and a band of white passementerie ran over the left shoulder. On the other was an epaulet of much wider passage—of ric, which also formed the centre of the collar. The sleeves of black gauze were absolutely flat on the shoulder, falling in a loose puff to the elbow, and edged with a deep lace flounce. Eminent purple—how much we see of it everywhere. It has even crept into the fine mesh with which we shield our complexions. Let me see—purple used to be second mourning. Didn't it? But if all the dimes that we see these days clad in the color are mourning departed friends, there is an innumerable host of them. In fact, pretty nearly every one is robed in black or purple. Both colors are extremely popular, and will be all winter.

A most striking dress of purple cloth has a flaring skirt edged with black fox; has a short Empire bodice, with a plain belt of pale yellow; has a queer kind of overpiece in yellow on the bodice, that is almost indescribable. It forms first a standing collar and a sort of loose yoke, that falls on the shoulders in pretty curves. But instead of being contented as a yoke, it must needs run down back and front in a long, straight piece, even several inches below the belt. Where it passes the belt in front, a big gold buckle holds the two together. All around the edges of the yellow is a design in black embroidery. The lady wears a lovely purple veil with it.

So many dresses of last year are freshened with fur, and the longest of them just covering the shoulders. On the new gossamer, these little pelicans figure conspicuously. Some very pretty brocade ones, of a single cape only, can be had for evening wear. They are generally only a few inches in length, are plaited in very large folds, and edged with fur or feather trimming. Perhaps they are still more dressy in velvet. EVA A. SCHUBERT.

THOSE BLASSED SLEEVES.

"Astra" Speaks Her Mind Plainly on a Torment of Woman's Life.

I don't like the letters R. S. V. P. at the foot of an invitation, and I never did, it has always seemed to me a sort of intimation that the recipient is not as well-versed in the usages of good society as the sender, and therefore requires a gentle hint that an answer would not only be in good form, but is expected and almost a necessary adjunct to the proposed entertainment, and this is calculated to wound the feelings of sensitive people, when they stop to think about it, and realize their wrongs. Not only are the above letters open to this objection but they are in reality out of place in a letter written in the English language since so important a request as the one contained in the dainty French postscript should be couched in terms that will be intelligible to all. Why should we not take it for granted that the person we invite will be sufficiently good manners to answer us, and leave the objectionable letters of all invitation cards except those to large public balls?

I wonder if all the girls suffer from the full sleeve nuisance as I do? Really the misery of trying to struggle into one's jacket destroys all the pleasure we felt in the long graceful sleeves when they first came in and almost makes us long to return to the skin tight horrors that prevented our raising a cup of tea to our lips with anything like certainty and obliged us to put on our hats, if we were going for a walk, before getting into our basques. I know I dread the effort of wrestling with my sleeves and always coming off second best, so much that I have gone out many a time with only a fur cape as an outer garment, and came home with my arms numb to the elbows, rather than undergo it. And then the diminished glory of the sleeves when the jacket is removed is another trial hard to endure patiently. What creases, and wrinkles, and folds they get themselves into, and how mean and dishevelled they look, clinging to the wearer's arm like a water logged bathing dress, and looking as if they were as much ashamed of themselves as their owner is of them. I wonder what we are going to do about it, and whether we shall all be obliged to wear cloaks in self-defence?

Speaking of jackets, reminds me of another subject on which I must say a few words, and it is this. I firmly believe there are more bad colds, more cases of pneumonia, and more violent attacks of pleurisy caught in church than at rinks, snow shoeing parties, or even loitering around railway stations watching the trains come in! And all, or nearly all, these ills are contracted by our sex. Did you ever wonder why? Well, if you did not I think I can tell you. Unless the church was unusually cold you never saw a man sit through the service with his coat on, did you? He settles his hat comfortably under the seat, as soon as he has concluded the anxious inspection of its lining, which serves as a devotional exercise, when he first enters his seat; and then he stands up, wriggles out of his overcoat, folds it carefully over the back of his seat and removes his rubbers, if he wears any; then he gives a long sigh, folds his arms and proceeds to enjoy the opening voluntary, with an easy mind. But what does his wife or daughter do? She sits down, lays aside her muff, and perhaps, though not always, she removes her fur collar or box; then she sits through the entire service in an atmosphere of at least 70 degrees, with her overcoats, and heavy winter coat on; and when church



GOWN FOR HOME WEAR AND ONE IN PURPLE CLOTH.

The winter girl must be magnificent, starting, gorgeous, unique—a thing apart, a different being from the girl of any other season. How to accomplish this difficult task the winter girl had to decide. And the results of her cogitations we see before us—that wonderful commingling of so many styles, and periods and reigns. The immense panniers, the long-sweeping, fat trains, the flaring skirt, the low bodice, the high waist, the queer hour glass sleeves, and the magnificence of these when appearing in rich velvet pile and priceless old lace, all proclaim that the winter girl may wear the laurel with a consciousness of victory won. On the evening gown, of course, she has bestowed her most careful thought, for it is

there will be a single row of roses, and another row around each of the sleeves, which will be short-large puffs of green velvet. Her feet will be shod in pink, her gloves will match the satin gown, the plumes in her hair will be like the pink beauties that lie in waiting, ready to be fastened on the lovely dress. No evening dresses must be made without sleeves. It is emphatically not come il faut to appear without some sort of a puff or gauze on the arm: the puff may be very short, or the gauze may be thin and

is over she frequently goes out into a temperature that is far below zero, without any extra protection, and what wonder is it if she catches pneumonia and dies within the week?

I thought of this last Sunday, as I sat two pews away from a blazing fire, and simmered slowly in a heavily wadded jacket which I dare not take off, because I well knew that if I did so I could not get it on again, just on account of those blessed sleeves. Of course I unbuttoned it, but that did very little good, and though I ran nearly all the way home, my teeth chattered to such an extent that I expect to spend the entire day to-morrow in the hands of the dentist, and the only reason I am alive to write these lines, is owing to an iron constitution, and a hot drink before going to bed, which counteracted the chill. So I resolved to say a word of warning to the girls, and advise them to remove their coats in church, if possible, but I am afraid, under existing circumstances, it is not possible. ASTRA.

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"ASTRA" TALKS. [Correspondence under this name should address the Progress, St. John.] MARI, St. Stephen.—I never made a practice of little girls, or even being joyed your frank, natural much. I am glad you are the birds, and as long as fault, no one can blame feathers in your hat, you the subject you know, was compelled to go again will make a very good you as you say, your hand. No, your letter did not "foolish" to me, only and I like the girls to write to their intimates I think it would be any to write to the person you than if you were two I do not see why such should not be friends and children you know and main children the happier is very rude of the boy did not know that he out of the way, and it was for the girl to tell him, vulgar, but just a little nice people use that form I do not like to see gir their manner. Perhaps better, but "boys and g most commonly used. My Latin name was so m BLUNDER, Yarmouth-harm in any amusement and we know to what let has been carried among in England lately, but ca the respectable classes in limited to a game of whic as money is never playe and hotels where the pla I do not see how the A erbury himself could ob nocent amusement. I clergyman who played w harm in it. About danc that I can speak so co thought it the most deli most harmless of amuse when I was a great dan haps it is natural that I it more impartially si obliged to give it up. I see the least harm in dan dancing leads to that dr nation upon those who i girl who is fond of goi likely to have her head love of gaiety that her of nothing else. She gr citement that she canot the late hours, but room citement prey upon her her an old woman almo young one, and rather a woman too. These are dancing carried to exce as an occasional amuse ation, I think it a most ing exercise, and know for giving young peopl a graceful carriage, and some use to you. To y I must answer, yes; it courteous to do otherw person for every favor erred you, and be sure to ing expression of thank ing and letter is good. help you at any time th tance. M. PICCOLO, St. Joh take such an interest i you decided to be one of that in most cases, I h cases, they are a great mistake, the result of w happiness for both. vintal point that where t think alike on all subje upon it, they cannot p suppose there are excep very few and far betw have very little faith in thogh I daresay such (S.) What does anyon people? I never heard more than one opinio is that they are the ban I think most girls have days by the time the sometimes ill health p advancing as rapidly a and then, of course, he layed, and she is obli than the others to mak Your letter was never I was very glad to answ Reila—I am sorry y what I said to you, bu goes by bygone." If acquaintance from you it begin a friendship words about Lord Bryr condense him who have he wrote, merely beca he was very improper, the courage to judg "The prisoner of Chillo so is the "The Czarc pathos of "Parisian" matched. (1) Not very fond of Jean Ing sider a poet of the first her force, and grasp feminine in her ten

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"ASTRA" TALKS WITH GIRLS.

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MAR, St. Stephen.—You are quite right I never made a practice of eating up good little girls, or even biting them, and I enjoyed your frank, natural, little letter very much. I am glad you agree with me about the birds, and as long as it is not your fault, so one can blame you for wearing feathers in your hat, your heart is sound on the subject you know, even if your head was compelled to go against it. You will make a very good writer in time, but as you say, your hand is still unformed. No, your letter did not appear in the least "foolish" to me, only perfectly natural, and I like the girls to write to me, as they write to their intimate friends. I do not think it would be any harm at all for you to write to the person you mention, any more than if you were two boys or two girls, I do not see why such very young people should not be friends because they are only children you know and the longer they remain children the happier they will be. It is very rude of the boy, but probably he does not know that he is doing anything out of the way, and it would be only kind for the girl to tell him. No, not exactly vulgar, but just a little rough, though very nice people use that form of salutation, but I do not like to see girls at all rough in their manner. Perhaps it would sound better, but "boys and girls," is the phrase most commonly used. No, I did not know any Latin name was so murdered.

BLUNDER, Yarmouth.—I suppose there is harm in any amusement carried to excess and we know to what lengths card playing has been carried amongst the upper classes in England lately, but card playing amongst the respectable classes in Canada is usually limited to a game of whist or euchre, and as money is never played for except at clubs and hotels where the players are only men, I do not see how the Archbishop of Canterbury himself could object to such an innocent amusement. I have known many clergymen who played whist and saw no harm in it. About dancing, I do not know that I can speak so confidently, once I thought it the most delightful as well as the most harmless of amusements, but that was when I was a great dancer myself and perhaps it is natural that I should think about it more impartially since I have been obliged to give it up. Even now I cannot see the least harm in dancing itself, it is what dancing leads to that draws down condemnation upon those who indulge in it. The girl who is fond of going to parties is very likely to have her head so turned by her love of gaiety that after a time she thinks of nothing else. She grows so fond of excitement that she cannot live without it, and the late hours, hot rooms and continued excitement prey upon her health and make her an old woman almost before she is a young one, and rather a cross grained old woman too. These are my objections to dancing carried to excess, but for dancing as an occasional amusement and in moderation, I think it a most graceful and charming exercise, and know that it is invaluable for giving young people and elastic walk, a graceful carriage, and an easy manner. This is my opinion, and I hope it will be of some use to you. To your second question I must answer, yes; it would be most discourteous to do otherwise, always thank a person for every favor or kindness rendered you, and be sure to remember the parting expression of thanks too. Both writing and letter is good. I shall be glad to help you at any time that you need my assistance.

M. PICCOLO, St. John.—I am glad you take such an interest in our corner and that you decided to be one of us. (1.) I think that in most cases, I had almost said all cases, they are a great and most lamentable mistake, the result of which is usually unhappiness for both. Religion is such a vital point that where two people who should think alike on all subjects if possible, differ upon it, they cannot possibly be happy. I suppose there are exceptions, but they are very few and far between, I fear. (2.) I have very little faith in love at first sight, though I daresay such a thing is possible. (3.) What does anyone think of deceitful people? I never heard that there could be more than one opinion about them and that is that they are the bane of society. (4.) I think most girls have finished their school days by the time they are eighteen, but sometimes ill health prevents a girl from advancing as rapidly as her companions, and then, of course, her education is delayed, and she is obliged to study longer than the others to make up for lost time. Your letter was neither long nor silly, and I was very glad to answer your questions. Beila.—I am sorry you won't tell me what I said to you, but we will let "by-gones be by-gones," if you like, date our acquaintance from your last letter, and let it begin a friendship. How true your words about Lord Byron are, many people condemn him who have never read a line he wrote, merely because they have heard he was very improper, and they have not the courage to judge for themselves. "The prisoner of Chillon" is indeed lovely, so is the "The Corsair" and the grand pathos of "Parisina" I think almost unmatched. (1.) Not in the least, I am very fond of Jenn Ingelow, whom I consider a poet of the first rank, masculine in her force, and grasp of intellect, and feminine in her tenderness. Adelaide

SEASONABLE RECIPIES.

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Any anxious beginner who might have tried to make a pumpkin pudding from the recipe given in this column last week would have had a hard time. The "mixture like the above" referred to, somehow failed to appear. "Blue pencil," I suppose, being the cause. The following is the mixture referred to:—Prepare the pumpkin by cutting it into small pieces, removing the rind and soft inside and seeds. Wash the pieces away. Stew the pumpkin well and strain it through a wire sieve. To a pint of pulp thus obtained, put one quart of scalding milk, one and a half cups of sugar, four eggs, a teaspoonful of salt, a tablespoonful of ground ginger and one of cinnamon. This is the mixture for pumpkin pie.

MINCE MEAT AND MINCE PIES.
The season for mince meat is rapidly drawing near, and although a very good article can now be bought ready made as cheaply as it can be made at home; there are many who prefer to know what they are eating, and do not mind the trouble of preparing it in order that they may have this satisfaction. As there is great variety of taste in this matter I will give a few different recipes, so that a selection can be made. They are all good, and can be relied upon. Mince meat is the butter for keeping a few weeks before using.

1. Take four pounds of raisins, stoned, and four pounds of currants, washed clean, four pounds of apples, six pounds of beef, suet, and half a fresh ox tongue, boiled, half a pound of candied orange peel, ditto of lemon, and a quarter of a pound of citron and three lemons, with the juice of two lemons; half a pound of yellow sugar, two wine glasses of brandy, two of sherry, one nutmeg, grated, a spoonful of powdered cinnamon and half an ounce of salt. Mix all these well together, put the whole into jars and keep tied over with bladder.

2. Peel, core and chop finely a pound of sound russet apples, wash and pick a pound and a half of currants, stone half a pound of raisins and cut them in two, then take away the skin and gristle from a pound of cold roast beef and carefully pick a pound of beef suet, chop these well together. Cut into small pieces three quarters of a pound of butter, grate a quarter of a pound of nutmeg, grate a quarter of a pound of ginger, and a quarter of an ounce of cloves, the same of allspice and coriander seeds, add half an ounce of salt, and put these into the pan, mixing them thoroughly. Grate the rinds of three lemons, and squeeze the juice, half a pound of sugar, mixed with the lemon peel; pour over this two gills of brandy and half a pint of cherry. Let these ingredients be well stirred together, put into jars, cover and keep.

3. Take three pounds of beef from the tenderest part of the round, half a pound of chopped suet, three quarts of pared and chopped apples, three cups of stoned raisins, two cups of dried currants, a quarter of a pound of citron a cupful of molasses, three of sugar, one tablespoonful of ground mace, four of cinnamon, one of allspice, half a tablespoonful of cloves, three grated nutmegs, the grated rind, and juice of two lemons, three tablespoonfuls of salt, five cupfuls of cider, one pint of either sherry or port, and a pint of brandy. Free the beef of fat and skin, and chop it very fine. Chop the apples rather coarse; these should be fine flavored and tart. Put all the ingredients except the cider, wine, brandy and lemons, into a large tin, and put the lemon peel and juice on this mixture, mix all thoroughly and then add the cider. Put the mince-meat into an enamelled saucepan, and heat very slowly to the boiling point; then remove from the fire, and add the wine and brandy. Put into stone jars and keep tied neatly. It is well to try the mince-meat by putting a spoonful of it into a small piece of paste and baking it, for the flavor is developed in baking. If there be any objection to the brandy or wine, use, instead, an extra pint and a half of cider.

PLAIN MINCEMEAT.—The following will keep in stone jars for three months, even if there be no brandy or wine added:—Cover four pounds of a round of beef with boiling water and let it simmer for five hours; then cut it cool the water, and when it is cold free it of fat and chop quite fine, but not to a powder. There should be a generous quart of chopped meat. Add to it three quarts of pared and chopped apples, a pint of finely-chopped suet, a quart of currants, a quart of molasses, three pints of sugar, an allspice, half a teaspoonful of ground cloves, two of allspice, two of mace, six grated nutmegs, half a cupful of salt, and some citron, if you choose. Mix thoroughly, and add three quarts of cider. Let stand over night, and after heating it slowly to the boiling point, and simmering for one hour, turn it into stone jars and set it in a cool, dry place.

CHERRY MINCEMEAT.—The materials are a cupful of chopped cooked meat, two of chopped apples, half a cupful of currants, one cupful of cider, half a cupful of molasses, one cupful of water in which the meat was boiled, two teaspoonfuls of salt, one of cinnamon, one allspice, half a teaspoonful of ground cloves, and same of nutmeg. The cider may be omitted and the juice and rind of a lemon used instead. Mix all together and then heat to the boiling point, when cold it is ready for use.

PASTE FOR MINCE PIES, GOOD.—This paste is made quickly, and is very satisfactory, although not so delicate or light as genuine puff paste, which the reader of this column should know how to make, because directions for making it have been repeated:—

Into a chopping-tray put one quart of sifted flour, one tablespoonful of sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, and two cupfuls of unwashed butter. Beat two eggs very light, and add to them half a cupful of ice-water, and one tablespoonful of lemon juice. Chop the butter and flour together until the butter is reduced to lumps about the size of a pea. Then gradually add the mixture of egg, lemon juice and water, chopping all the while. When all the mixture has been used in this way, sprinkle the moulting-board with flour and turn the paste on to

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Roll and fold as for puff paste. Do this four times. Chill and use the same as puff paste. The upper crust for mince pies should be very thick, and the pies should bake for an hour.

PLAIN PASTE FOR MINCE PIES.—Two rounding cupfuls of sifted flour, half a cupful of butter, or lard, or half butter and half lard, half a cupful of cold water, and a little salt. Keep out a dusting of flour. Rub the butter into the other, dry. Pour the water into the middle and mix up soft. Pat it out smooth on the table, roll up once and fold over, and it is ready for use.

Two Models for Christmas Dinners.
I.
Raw Oysters.
Consomme a la Royale.
Baked Chicken, Halibut au Gratin.
Boiled Potato balls, with parsley and butter.
Roast Goose, with Apple Sauce.
Roast Turkey and Cranberry Sauce.
Scalloped Tomatoes, Stewed Celery, Mashed Potatoes, Baked Sweet Potatoes.
Roast Black Duck with Currant Jelly.
French Green Peas, Chopped Celery, Sautee Chip Potatoes.
Lettuce Salad.
II.
Pumpkin Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Mince Pie, Cheese.
Pineapple Ice Cream.
Cakes, Confectionery, Bon-bons, Fruit, Nuts and Raisins.
Coffee.

Oysters on the Shell.
Clam Stew.
Boiled Cod, and Oyster Sauce.
Potato Cubes, with Grated Cheese.
Three table-spoonfuls of salt, five cupfuls of cider, one pint of either sherry or port, and a pint of brandy. Free the beef of fat and skin, and chop it very fine. Chop the apples rather coarse; these should be fine flavored and tart. Put all the ingredients except the cider, wine, brandy and lemons, into a large tin, and put the lemon peel and juice on this mixture, mix all thoroughly and then add the cider. Put the mince-meat into an enamelled saucepan, and heat very slowly to the boiling point; then remove from the fire, and add the wine and brandy. Put into stone jars and keep tied neatly. It is well to try the mince-meat by putting a spoonful of it into a small piece of paste and baking it, for the flavor is developed in baking. If there be any objection to the brandy or wine, use, instead, an extra pint and a half of cider.

These menus are not elaborate, but it must be admitted, they are good substantial bills. They could be augmented of course, or they may be reduced to suit the convenience and resources of housekeepers in various circumstances. It should be remembered that the chief aim of a Christmas dinner is to produce happiness and that many of the company will not be wholly happy if the mistress of the household must pass a good part of the day in the kitchen. On this account the greater the preparations made in advance the better, so as to relieve the housekeeper of as many duties and as much anxiety as possible on the holiday. Next week as far as possible, this space will be devoted to explaining the best method of preparing some of the principal dishes.

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"And I am poor."
"Yes."
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Among the wealthy classes of Japan it is considered undignified to ride a horse faster than a walk.

Caterpillars from six inches to a foot long are common in the vicinity of the Darling River, Australia.

At the present moment the police system, in all its branches, costs England close upon \$20,000,000 a year.

Street car conductors receive only 62 1/2 cents for a day's wages in the city of Berlin. The day is eighteen hours long, with a half holiday once in two weeks.

At Fikallen, in East Prussia, a large grave has been opened and found to contain the remains of the French soldiers who fell in Napoleon's campaign in 1807. The uniforms and weapons are in an excellent state of preservation.

The cities that claim to be the birthplace of Columbus outnumber those ancient cities that claimed Homer—Italy, England, Ireland and Spain, all having their advocates. Only two or three, however, insist that they have his remains.

A curious custom exists in Southern India among some of the primitive non-Aryan tribes. This consists of wedding a girl to a plant, a tree, an animal or even to an inanimate object, the notion being that ill luck will be averted by a union of this kind.

Over 6,000 women in the United States act as postmasters. The largest number in one State, 463, is in Pennsylvania, and 460 in Virginia. There are 236 in Ohio, 243 in New York, 216 in Georgia, 210 in Texas and 209 in Kentucky. Alaska has only 1.

Almost a third of the total population of the globe—a round 400,000,000 human beings—speak nothing but the Chinese and allied languages. One hundred million more speak Hindoo only, and 95,000,000 speak English. The Russian language is fourth on the list.

George Ohnet's "Maitre des Forges" was written, it is stated, during his honeymoon, with no little help from his wife, and the latter, after several publishers had declined his MS., persuaded him to publish it on his own account. They are said to have drawn over \$200,000 from its sale.

Horn books were used as primers until rather more than a century ago, and in their time school children had no use for satchels, as the one book usually had a hole at the end of the handle for a string to pass through, by which it was fastened to the waist or girdle. Some old pictures of children show the ancient primer attached.

The "Transfiguration," by Raphael, is now at Rome, and bears the title of "The Jewel of the Vatican." A melancholy history is attached to this great work. Raphael was engaged upon the picture when he was seized with his fatal illness. The painting was hung over his bed as he lay in state and was carried in his funeral procession.

The most curious and unique clock in the United States, or in the world for that matter, was constructed by Amos Lane, of Amos, during the past summer. Lane's curious clock, which, by the way, is all face, hands and lever, is attached to a geyser which shoots upward an immense column of hot water every thirty-eight seconds exactly.

Renan was wont to say that he was loved by the four women whose affection he valued above all others—his mother, his sister, his wife and daughter. "I often fancy," he said, "that the judgments which will be passed upon us in the Valley of Jehosaphat will be neither more nor less than those of women, countersigned by the Almighty."

The buttresses of "Trajan's Bridge," which are still to be seen on the Danube, are the remains of what was, in some respects, the most remarkable structure ever erected by man. It was not a mere floating bridge of large boats and massive timbers, but was a permanent structure carried on piers 150 feet high and sixty feet wide, comprising twenty arches, extending altogether 4,470 Roman feet.

Boxing matches are very popular with the Burmese. They hold public contests, at which prizes are offered for competition and to which people flock from all the country round. The form displayed would however, scarcely meet with the approbation of British patrons of the noble art of self defense. Every sort and kind of hit is allowed, and the combatants attack one another with feet as well as hands.

The taste for alcohol is not confined to human beings. Animals with a little practice become toppers. A scientific writer says that he has never seen a dog that could resist bread soaked in beer, and Richardson tells of a cat that was taught by some children to drink wine. "She would amuse a company by taking her share of old port, and becoming first excited and then very stupid, unsteady and sleepy." The poor beast became drowsy and died of liver disease, but then it had been drenched with drink far beyond the limits of moderation, and the usual result followed.

The popular tradition which tells how the plant which bears the name of forget-me-not came to be applied to it is that a knight and

a lady were walking by the side of the Danube, interchanging vows of devotion and affection, when the latter saw on the other side of the stream the bright blue flower of the myosotis, and expressed a desire for them. The knight, eager to gratify her, plunged into the river, and reaching the opposite bank, gathered a bunch of flowers. On his return, however, the current proved too strong for him, and after many efforts to reach the land, he was borne away. With a last effort he flung the fatal blossoms upon the bank, exclaiming "Forget-me-not."

"PROGRESS" PICKINGS.

Holmes—By the way, Wander, where do you live now? Wander—I don't; I board.

Charlie—Miss Flynn's stockings are extensively watched. Jack—Yes, they're extensively watched, too.

He (anxiously)—You are not your own dear self to-night, sweetheart. She (passionately)—No, darling, I am yours.

Rev. Droner—How do like my sermon to-day, Mr. Dooks? "First rate; better, I may say, than when I first heard it."

"What makes you so fidgety? Does cool weather make you so very lively?" "It isn't the weather; it is my new flannels."

Clerk—How would a china silk please you? Mrs. Struckle—Law, that won't do, the servants would have it broke in no time.

Mr. Glenridge—In my house I always expect to head the procession. Mrs. Glenridge—Well, you'll have to foot the bill.

Bragg—I am a self made man, sir. I began life as a barefoot boy. Jenks—Indeed! Well, I wasn't born with shoes on either.

John Doe—Are you carrying a mortgage on your house? Richard Roe—Yes! and strange to say, I'm carrying it because I can't lift it.

"Papa," asked the small boy, "what is dignity?" "Dignity, my son," replied the father, "consists principally of a tall hat and a frock coat."

Temperance Advocate—For twenty years, young man, not a drop of liquor has passed my lips. Young man—How do you take it—hypodermically?

"Our friendship must never die," he said. "It must be kept green forever." "Then we must be careful that it does not ripen into love," she replied.

First Sportsman—Is your gun loaded? Second Sportsman—No. First Sportsman—Then, load it! Do you want it to go off accidentally and kill somebody?

"I'm ashamed. Why did you not remain when George kissed you? What would have been the use, Mamma? He is so dear he never would have heard me."

Father—Does that young man mean business? Daughter—I guess he does, father. He is getting so familiar now that he wears the same necktie twice in succession.

The Orator—This is a big hall to fill with my speech? The Citizen—The first five minutes of it I could hear first rate. Then I lost consciousness.

"Emily," roared Mr. Winterbottom from the head of the stairway, "these socks you laid out for me are not mine." "Neither are your feet, dear," answered Mrs. Winterbottom, sweetly, from the hall below.

"I hear you and Walsingham are on the outs," said Hawley. "Yes," replied Hicky, "He asked me to design a crest for him, and I suggested a pig rampant on a wax-d floor as consistent with his name, and he got mad."

"What's the matter with Briggs?" "He's writing some advertising poetry in Welsh and he can't find a rhyme for 'Llanbwrdn lynydd.'" "That oughtn't to be very hard."

"But he doesn't know how it is pronounced."

Visiting Englishman—I can never be happy unless you promise to be mine. Native American—Well, I don't mind being engaged to you, but I must tell you plainly that I am engaged to three other men I like better.

"For this place," said the man at the desk, "we need a man of great self control." "That catches me," replied the applicant, eagerly, "I can go by a 'Fresh Paint' sign without putting my hands on the paint to see if it is fresh." He was hired forthwith.

Doctor (to patient who has come two miles to the doctor's office in order to save the extra cost of a visiting fee)—Good gracious, man, you are not fit to be out of the house! Go home at once and I will call in a couple of hours and prescribe for you.

"You sit on your horse like a butcher," said a pert young officer, who happened to be of royal blood, to a veteran general who was somewhat bent from age. "It is highly probable," responded the old warrior, with a grim smile; "it is because all my life I've been leading calves like you to the slaughter."

Deacon Medders.—"Skips, the cashier of the Onderdonk County Bank, ran away last night. They say he had been robbing the bank for more than a year." Mrs. Medders.—"They might have known that he was living beyond his means. Why, Josiah, his folks actually used to sit in their parlor every night!"

At dinner an old fogey had been harrying the company with stupid and unpleasant remarks about natural history. At length, in that peculiar tone of voice in which theological questions are uttered in the pulpit, the fogey said: "Has an oyster brains?" "Certainly," replied the host; "for an oyster knows when to shut up."

MEN AND WOMEN TALKED ABOUT.

Mr. Gladstone earns on an average \$1-500 a year by his pen alone.

Ex-President Barrillas has been ordered by the courts of Guatemala to pay his barber's bill.

Rosa Bonheur will receive \$60,000 for her "Horned Threshing Corn" from an American dealer.

The new Lord Tennyson is said to have very little interest in poetry except for the fact value it possesses as a publisher's.

Of McKay, the California millionaire, it has been wittily said: "He is a man you would like to know even if he were not rich."

The German Minister at Washington, Dr. Von Halleben, is known there, from his invariable good humor, as the man who laughs.

The Duke of Fife, son-in-law of the Prince of Wales, has joined the committee of the proposed pan-Britanic and English speaking congress.

Mrs. Ernestine Schaffner, the "angel of the tombs," or the "prisoners' friend," has given ball bonds during the last five years aggregating almost \$1,000,000.

The Duchess of Cleveland lately enjoyed the exceptional distinction, for an English lady, of being entertained by the Sultan at a state dinner in Constantinople.

A costly pipe is that which the Shah of Persia smokes on state occasions. It is stated to be worth \$320,000, and is set with rubies, diamonds and emeralds.

General F. J. Lippitt of Washington is the only survivor of the few who, standing at the grave, witnessed the interment of Lafayette. He was then a youth residing in Paris.

Dr. Bernard, manager of homes for the training of children in London, has been fined \$125 for commenting on a case relating to the custody of a boy while the matter was before the court.

Ex-Queen Natalie of Serbia is building herself a very beautiful chalet on her property near Biachin. Her Majesty intends to pass the winter at Biarritz and the summer at her new residence.

The Queen of Roumania is a successful lecturer, as learned as eloquent, but she only goes upon the platform in the privacy of her palace, where the young ladies of the best families are her audiences.

Captain Hline, whose death has just been reported from Russia, commanded "the terrible battery" which made such havoc at Sebastopol. Tolstoi has immortalized this battery in his work on the operation on that siege.

James Stephen, the former Fenian head centre is at present living with his wife in a cottage at a seaside resort near Dublin, which, with a small income, was presented to him about a year ago by his friends and admirers. He is now 68 years of age.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland is addressed as "Sir," just like the Prince of Wales, and he has the privilege of kissing the young ladies presented at the Drawing Rooms. Some of the past Lord Lieutenants have kissed as many as 800 young ladies during the course of a single afternoon.

As the Archduke Joseph of Austria was promenading in his private park he came upon an aged peasant who was vainly pursuing a fugitive chicken. The Archduke joined in the chase, caught the chicken and delivered it to its owner. The peasant rewarded the Archduke with twenty kreuzers.

The Empress of Austria takes each day long walking excursions, in which she tires out her ladies in waiting, conversing all the way in an easy Greek with a Greek professor. It is in her study, however, that the Empress drives away the attacks of melancholia which have been of such frequent recurrence since the death of her son.

The announcement is made that Count Tolstoi purposes paying a visit to the United States next spring. It is scarcely necessary to say that he will not come to be lionized. His object is "to live with the farmers to study their methods of agriculture and stock raising, to become acquainted with the people of America who cultivate the soil."

Sir William Vernon Harcourt, the well known English statesman, who has been chosen to lead the liberal party in the absence of Mr. Gladstone, is a triple chinned man of ponderous physique, with a bland, pleasant manner, and, though professionally a rampant radical, is particularly rigid in the fact that he can trace his descent in an unbroken male line through the royal house of Plantagenet to the year 880. He is now 65.

Sir Andrew Clark has often been heard to say that Mrs. Gladstone is quite as much entitled to the name of the Grand Old Woman as her evergreen husband is to that of the Grand old man. On January last Mrs. Gladstone's 80th birthday came round, and she passed the morning in writing letters to her friends in England, a task which she accomplished without wearing glasses of any kind as aids to her sight. In fact she has never yet known what it is to need spectacles and her eyes are as bright as those of a young woman.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward is 47 years old. Many people who come to visit her expect to find an octogenarian—she began to write so early and her work has been known to the public so long. She is just the average height of women. Her hair, brushed back straight on both sides, is of an exquisite iron gray. Her face is full of healthy color, and alert as a girl's. Her eyes are blue, now gray, and her vivacity and firmness. She has no crow's feet, and her face is unlined with the exception of two deep horizontal lines on her forehead, which have been there since childhood. It is a young face, an ideal face, that inspires the reverence of all who see her.

As a young man Lord Rosebery set out with the determination of making a mark in the history of his country, and, hitherto, everything that he has attempted has been attended by success. He has won the Derby, he has married the richest heiress in the United Kingdom, he has become a Cabinet Minister, he has just been created a Knight of the Garter, and if he avoids the royal union projected, he will eventually blossom forth into Prime Minister of the empire. On the continent his talents are held in even still greater estimation than in England, especially at Paris and at Berlin, and he is a particular favorite of Prince Bismarck.

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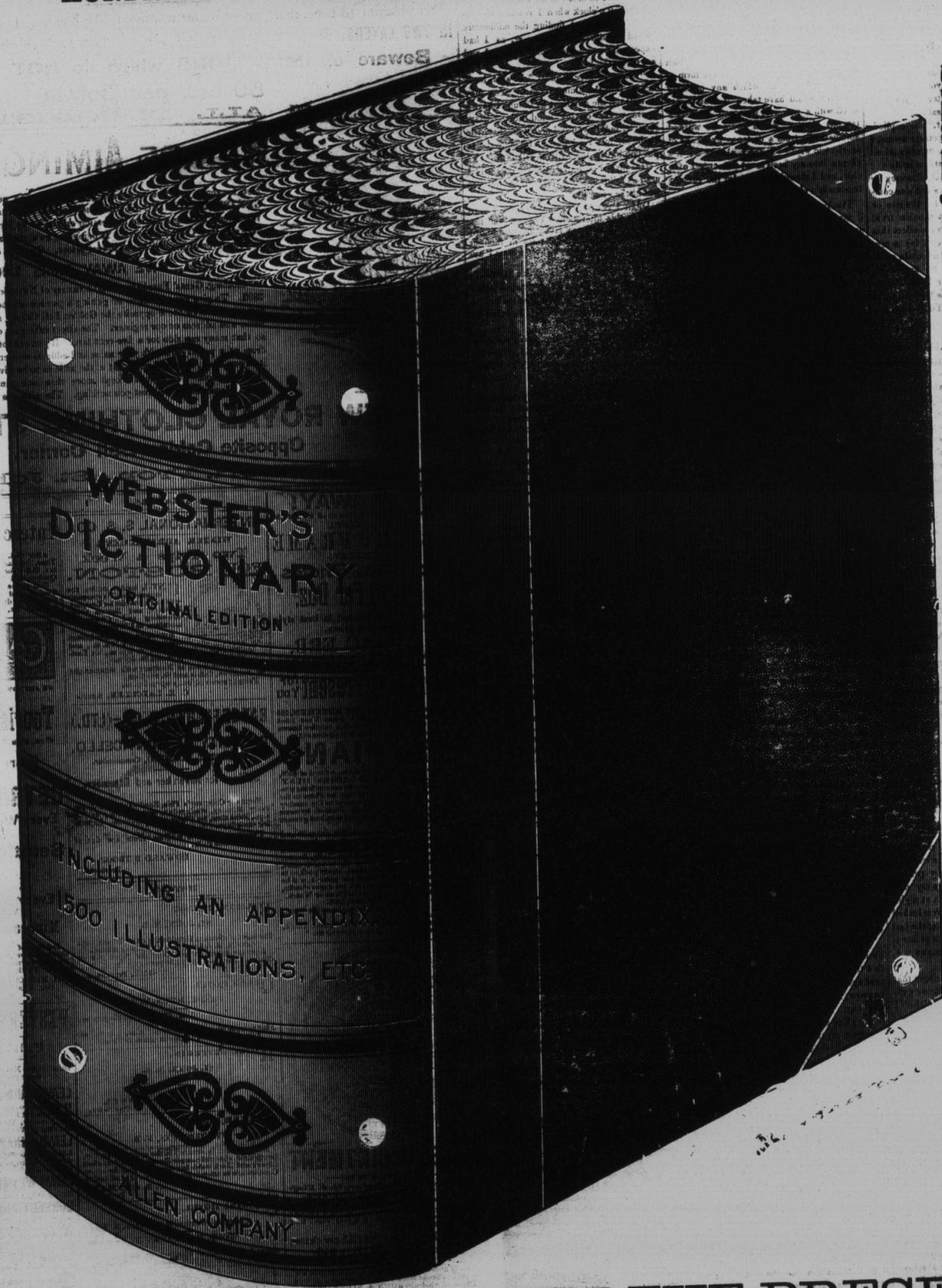
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ago she met a young fellow who gives thought reading entertainments; Bertram Solvyn is his name; I dare say you have heard of him. Well, Trixie and this man got very thick. He was after her money, no doubt, and I had to nip it in the bud. She took it quietly enough, but she is always telling me that Solvyn revealed a lot about thought reading, and that there are plenty of people about who can spot what one is thinking just by looking at one. I don't really imagine any one is getting at me that way, do you?"

the wall of Mr. Burt's private room. Judging by the direction that the rod took in the photograph, this was the position whence it had been manipulated, and I had already ascertained that there was something "queer" about the firm which occupied the one room office next door.

From the hall porter I gathered that the people were seldom there and were supposed to use it as a business address. That afternoon the camera again told me that the mysterious inquirer had been at work, and knowing this time from certain observations I had kept, that I should have something definite to show him, I promised Mr. Burt to call in the evening at his house at Sydenham. This would give me time to develop the fresh negative, get a print from it and so arm myself with proof of the assertion—a very disagreeable one—which I should have to make to my employer.

It was 9 o'clock when I reached Sydenham. Instead of finding the millionaire seated comfortably at dessert, as I had expected, he met me, looking flushed and angry, in the hall.

"Come in here, Zambra," he said, leading me into the dining room. "You may as well tell me all about it, though I have a worse worry on my mind now. Stay, though; before you tell me about that little business, just read that. I may want to put you on the track of the villain."

He placed a letter in my hands and I read as follows, after noting that the date was of the same day: DEAR PAPA.—Mr. Solvyn and I were married this afternoon. You see, he has made so much money lately he can afford it. I told you there was a lot in thought reading. Hoping you will forgive us I am your affectionate daughter.

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