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LONDON, CANADA, SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1897

WHOLE NO. 10,712.

Births, Marriages, Deaths

parents, 293 Dundas street, by the Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Evangeline I., daughter of Mr. Donald Fraser, to Orlando J. Stevenson, M.A., of St. Thomas, Ont.

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Meetings.

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The Churches Tomorrow

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Church—Rev. Thomas Wilson. Morning, Christ's Second Coming. Evening, New
Veen Preserves

WEST LONDON METHODIST CHURCH -Rev. A. G. Harris, pastor. Morning. Christ's Birth. Evening, A Citizen of No Mean

RIRST METHODIST CHURCH-Rev. Dr. Daniel, pastor. Services as usual.

Morning-Anthem-A Light Streams Down-

ward (Shelley).

Solo-Glory to God (Rotoli).

Evening—Anthem—Sing, O Heavens (Tours).

Solo—The Birthday of a King (Neldlinger).

Duet—Hark, Hark, My Soul (Shelley).

J. T. Wolcott, organist and choirmaster.

WELLINGTON STREET METHODIST Church—Rev. A. L. Russell, M.A., B.D., pastor. Subjects: 11, Christmas. 7, What to Do in Presence of the Dying Year. 2:30, Sunday school. THALMERS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

—Corner Grey and Waterloo—Rev. Walter Moffat, pastor. 11 a.m., Christ at Bethesda. 7 p.m., Joseph in Prison. Bible class 3 p.m. ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH-

Rev. Robert Johnston, B.D., pastor. Sabbath, Dec. 26.

The pastor will preach at both services. 11 a.m.-The Christmas Message for the World's Present Need. by competent teachers. Circular mailed on application. Dayron & McCormick. 3 p.m.-Sabbath School-The pastor's class, In the Palace Beautiful.

7 p.m. - Is It Ever Too Late to Mend? Monday, 8. p.m .- Y. P. S. C. E. Tuesday, 8 p.m .- North prayer meeting.

Wednesday, 8 p.m .- Prayer meeting. MIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH-Rev. J. W. Pedley. Morning, More Xmas Cheer. Evening, Men or Money. COLBORNE STREET METHODIST

RIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH a.m., Mr. John A. Clark, pastor. Services 11 lege; subject, The Incarnation. 7 p.m. the pastor; subject, The Prophet Amos and His Message. 3 p.m., Sabbath school and Society for Bible State.

NOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH— Rev. J. G. Stuart, pastor. Services as 3 as usual.

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH-

CENTENNIAL METHODIST CHURCH—W. J. Ford, pastor. Services as usual. A SKIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH Rev. R. Hobbs, pastor. Services as

CHURCH OF CHRIST (SCIENTIST)— Duffield Block. Service 11 a.m. Experience meeting Friday, at 8 p.m. All welcome, A DELAIDE STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
-Rev. T. S. Johnson, paster, Services Rev. T. S. Johnson, pastor. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everybody welcome.

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Babe." Evening subject. "The Mother of
Jesus." Morning—Anthems, Sing, O Sing
(Leslie), and Come Near Ye Nations (Watson):
solo and chorus, Hail Christmas Day (Warren): solo, How Brightly Dawns the Morning
(Shelley). Evening—Anthems. Sing and
Rejoice (Barnby), and It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Sullivan): solos, Glory to God
(Rotoli), and The Birthday of a King (Neidlinger), Hallelujah Chorus, (Messiah) Handel.

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Dividend No. 67. a dividend of 41 per cent. for the curpent half year upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the company's office, in this city, on and after

MONDAY, JAN. 3, 1898. . The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st December, both days inclusive. By order of the board.

GEO. A. SOMERVILLE, Manager. London, Ont., Dec. 1, 1897. 100u 11-25 LONDON LOAN CO'Y

OF CANADA.

DIVIDEND NO. 41. NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend has been declared at rate of 6 per cent per annum for half year ending Dec. 31, 1897.

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Property Mon. Your vote is respectfully requested

DUNCAN M. STUART

as School Trustee for NO. 1 WARD.

FOR TAKING THE VOTES OF the electors upon the question of the advisability of providing for the issue of debentures of the corporation to the extent of \$70,000, to raise money for the purpose of altering and improving the London General Hospital buildings, upon the site of the London General Hospital, so as to provide further accommodation for the said Hospital.

WHEREAS, a recommendation has been made by the Board of Hospital druggists. Trustees of the City of London to the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London, that certain alterations should be made to the London General Hospital, and that additional buildings should also be erected on the site of the London General Hospital for the accommodation of the said Hospital

ourposes aforesaid;
AND WHEREAS, it is expedient that northeast corner King and Yonge purposes aforesaid; the said question should be submitted to a vote of the electors of the City of London, who would, under the provisions of "The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892," be entitled to vote upon this bylaw if it were a bylaw, requiring the assent of the electors of the municipality under the provisions of section 293

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the City of London as follows: 1. That a vote of the electors of the City of London who would, under the provisions of "The Consolidated Municipal Act, 1892," be qualified to vote on this bylaw if it were a bylaw requiring the assent of the electors of the municipality, under the provisions of section 293 of the said act, before the final passing thereof, be taken at the same time, by the same officials and at the same places as the votes for the election of aldermen of the said City of London at the next ensuing muni4 cipal elections are taken.

2. That the question upon which the vote shall be taken shall be "For or against the issue of debentures of the Corporation of the City of London, to the extent of \$70,000, to raise money for altering and improving the London General Hospital buildings and erecting additional buildings on the site of the London General Hospital." 3. That the votes taken upon the said question shall be taken by ballot, and the clerk shall sum up the votes

and declare the results of the election at the same time as the results of the election of the mayor of the said city is declared. PASSED in open council, this day of December, A.D., 1897.

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of a proposed bylaw which has been taken into consideration, and which will be finally passed by council in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto, after one month from the first publication in the London Advertiser (the first publication being on the 8th day of December, 1897), and that at the hour, day and place fixed for taking the vote of the electors at the municipal elections the polis will be held. Dated this 7th day of December, 1897.

C. A. KINGSTON. City Clerk.

Merry Christmas.

"AT CHRISTMAS, PLAY AND MAKE GOOD CHEER, FOR CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR."

Today we "Play and Make Good Cheer," and in the spirit of good fellowship that animates all mankind, we extend to the good people of London and vicinity a hearty "Merry Christmas." In addition we embrace this opportunity to acknowledge the

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Cairneross & Lawrence.

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Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in the Tons of Letters and Parcels Sent and Track of the Storm-Deep Snow-

Mercury 25 Below Zero.

New York, Dec. 24.-This is the coldest day this winter. New York has only experienced two December 24's as and there is no record of this day of the month ever being colder. Saratoga, N. Y., Dec. 24.—The mercury in Saratoga county and the Adirondacks today averaged from zero to 25 below. Rivers and lakes are blocked. Boston, Mass., Dec. 24.—A cold wave. accompanied by a severe northwest gale, swept over New England last night, and continued today. One death has been reported in this city. Corry, Pa., Dec. 24.—The snow is drifting at a terrific rate. At Sherman, N. Y., and vicinity reports say that it is over four feet and still drift-

ing. It takes two engines to pull three

cars on the Western New York and

Four Children Suffocated by Smoke \$1,000,000 Loss by the Cleve-

ALL DEAD.

land Blaze. Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Four children named Malbelski were suffocated by smoke this morning in an attic room occupied by the family at 17 Christian | HEADING FOR KLONDIKE street. Their parents were both away. The house caught fire from an overheated stove, and before the little ones could be rescued they were rendered unconscious by smoke, and all were dead when carried out of the house. Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 24.—The loss by last night's fire probably will exceed \$1,000,000. The list of accidents was unelevator shaft, has died.

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service is now acknowledged to be arrive in the Yukon. Mr. Herring has the most perfect railway system in little fear of starving to death, as he America, the great winter tourist has taken along for his own individual route to the south and west, including use eighteen months' provisions. Mr. the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Herring previous to embarking into AND WHEREAS, it is expedient that world). Texas and California (tne as familiar with the ports of Siberia land of sunshine and flowers). Pas- as he is with some of the towns in the electors of the City of London at sengers going by the Wabash new line Ontario. He says he has roughed it the next ensuing municipal elections, to reach their destination in advance of before, and to do it again will only ascertain their opinion with regard to other routes. Wabash trains reach feel like old times. Mr. Herring has the advisability of providing for the more large cities than any other ra.!- been a resident here for seventeen or issue of debentures of the corporation to a sum not exceeding \$70,000 for the tion will be gladly furnished by any railroad agent or J. A. Richardson,

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To the Electors of the City of

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For the Year 1898.



Mail Contract.

Ottawa until noon, on Friday, Jan. 21, 1898, for the conveyance of Her Majes y's mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week each way, between Granton and London, from the 1st of April next. Printed notices containing further informa-tion as to conditions of proposed contract may be seen and blank forms of tender may be obtained at the postoffices on the route and at

H. G. HOPKIRK, Postoffice Inspector. this office.

The Christmas Mail.

London Postoffice.

Received by Citizens. The letter-carriers and clerks in the postal service here have had their hands full for the past few days with the Christmas mail, which has been much larger than ever before in the history of the office. The staff inside

has been worked to the utmost night and day handling the great loads of letters, parcels, etc., that on the arrival of every train are deposited at the rear of the office, and also the steady stream of outgoing mail. Many of the postmen this morning will have to make three trips from the office to complete their routes, and for a couple of days past almost each man has found it necessary to divide his allotment into two or three loads. Speaking of the unusually heavy mail, the postmaster said: "It is the Pennsylvania, which goes through largest I have ever seen here. Our

ue is going up, I can tell you. The amount of stuff and the celerity with which it is handled is astonishing. Yesterday at some of the busiest hours the quantity of parcels mailed was such that every fifteen minutes or less the large basket placed to receive them, and holding about six bushels, had to be emptied. Tons of letters and parcels of all shapes and sizes have been sent and received by

the citizens in the past day of two.

Frank W. Herring, of London, One of a Company to Carry 50 Tons of

Provisions to Dawson City. Mr. Frank W. Herring, of Fullarton street, this city, who for the past 22 usually heavy, and as a result Lieut. Years has represented J. H. Caument Wm. B. McFelers, who fell down the years has represented J. H. Caulfield ronto, on the road, left at 8 o'clock last night on the C. P. R. for Toronto, en route to Dawson City. He leaves to join a strong provision company at Seattle, which point the company expect to leave about Jan. 10, taking along 50 tons of provisions, a large consignment of shoes and mackinaw suits. They expect to get through the pass by Feb. 1, and reach Dawson With its superb and magnificent train | City about one month before the boats Old Mexico (the Egypt of the new commercial life, was a sailor, and is eighteen years, and owing to a fall resulting in a sprained ankle, he was unable to bid all his friends good-bye, but extends to them the season's compliments. Mr. Herring is well known all over Ontario, and his many friends wish him every success. He carries with him all necessary documents,

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and common carelessness can make a combination strong enough to defy all the healing skill of the physician. Common carelessness lets the cold root and grow. Common carelessness says, between paroxysms of coughing, "It will be all right in a day or two," and the common end is confirmed lung trouble, perhaps consumption. The common-sense treatment of a common cold is a prompt dose of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. It is the most efficient and reliable cure for colds and coughs, and is constantly prescribed by physicians,

8. HAYNES, M. D., Saranac, N. Y., says :-"I have used Ayer's Cherry Pectoral in my practice since 1853, and have always found it reliable for the cure of colds, coughs, and

Free advice on any disease from our eminent physician. Address, Medical Department, J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

Sporting Matters.

Winnipeg's Hockey Team to Tackle Toronto.

Guelph Likely To Be in the Interuational Baseball League After All.

THE TURF. A horse has been known to jump 37 teet in a steeplechase

WHEEL. CHAINLESS BIKES. The demand for chainless wheels so

far has been good. There is no doubt that the demand will be equal to the supply, for this is limited. Most of the factories that are making the chainless have not the facilities for turning them out very fast. Two firms will poistively make a \$75

chainless wheel, and are striving to get them on the market as soon as possione firm, it is said, will make a 150 wheel-a wheel of the grade that sells now for \$50, equipped with the nonchain gearing. It will be possible by the first of the new year to purchase a chainless wheel ranging in price from

The 1898 chain models now on the market at stare really handsomer and apparently just as serviceable as the former wheels made by the same companies for \$100!

AFTER THE SIX-DAY RACERS. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 24.—Albert Nott, secretary of the L. A. W. racing board, has issued a special bulletin regarding the six-day race recently held at Madison Square Garden. A hearing relating to the race will be held at the Grand Union Hotel in New York tomorrow. The hearing will be secret. The bulletin concludes as follows: "All persons who have any evidence of facts which they know of to their own knowledge are appealed to to present themselves, and give them to the board. The investigation has been proceeding for some time, and much documentary evidence is in the possession of the members of the district and chairman, and the identity of all concerned is believed to be known. It would, therefore, be best for the interests of those concerned that they should attend and testify." A NO-AIR TIRE.

A practical test of a "no-air" tire has been made in Philadelphia. On the inner side of the tubes are fastened highly tempered springs, which curve with the weight of the rider. In the space between the springs is fastened a solid piece of rubber, which prevents them from shifting and acts as a cushion on which the springs rest. Apparently any kind of a puncture will in no way destroy the value of the tire, for it is not necessary that the tube should be wir-tight. The rider, it is claimed for the new tire, can have any degree of resiliency that he desires.

HEINS' LONG RIDE. San Francisco, Dec. 23 .- Conrad P. Heins, who left New York last September to ride to San Francisco on a wager and make the Golden Gate in 80 days, has arrived. He made the trip of 3,912 miles in 83 days, after going through seven rain storms, five snow storms, one blizzard and three sand storms. He rode across the Alkali plains when they were covered with mud and crossed snow-covered

SPOKES. The price of cycles may be cheapened by an invention which is about to be put on the Birmingham market. It has been found possible to stamp out the whole of a bicycle frame. The frame is stamped in two parts out of a sheet of steel, and the two halves are then clamped together. A frame which for-

A Connecticut firm has produced a

merly cost 50s can be made for 8s.

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EKIN DISEASES RELIEVED BY ONE AP-PLICATION OF

DR. AGNEW'S OINTMENT.

35 CENTS. It is a marvellous cure for all such disgusting and disfiguring diseases as Eczema, salt Rheum, Tetter, Barbers' Itch, Scald Head. Ulcers, Blotches. It cures all eruptions of the skin and makes it soft and white,-27.

new sprocket having eight teeth, so arranged that only four are engaged in the chain at any one time. This is the second peculiar device to appear for which marvelous qualities are

HOCKEY.

WINNIPEG'S DATES ARRANGED. Winnipeg, Dec. 24.-The Winnipeg hockey team have their schedule of matches for their eastern tour arranged, and from present indications the trip will be a success financially and otherwise. The secretary has received a telegram from the secretary of the Ottawa Hockey Club, inviting the members of the Winnipeg team to a ball to be given by the club on Jan. 6, and asking that the match be played on the 5th, instead of the 6th, to enable the players to be present. No game will be played in New York, as was originally intended, but St. Paul will be visited on the return journey, and one or two games played there. The team piays Ottawa on Jan. 5; Queen's College, Kingston, Jan. 8; Quebec, Jan. 12; Montreal Victorias, Jan 14; Montreal Amateur Athletics, Jan. 17; Toronto, Jan. 19 and 20; Hamilton, Jan. 22. BASEBALL.

It is said to be a certainty that Tom Lynch, Bob Emslie and Tim Hurst will be reappointed league umpires next year. The trio furnished about the best material on "Nick" Young's staff.

SNYDER. Backstop Snyder, purchased by Earl Wagner from Arthur Irwin's Toronto team last September, will be retained by Washington to help out Farrell and McGuire behind the bat. Snyder is a bulky young stripling, tall, and stalwart as Farrell, and in snapping the ball around the infield compares with Martin Bergen, of the Beaneaters, so Irwin assures Mr. Wagner. - Detroit Free Press.

GUELPH WILL BE IN.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.-Secretary-Treasurer Cal. Davis, of the new International League, has received two letters from the Guelph people, one of which is, in a measure, along the lines indicated in the dispatch, stating that Guelph would not be in line, but the other, from President Downey, declares that the club has found a new backer in David Martin, of the Wellington House, and that the deal will likely be consummated at once. The remaining five clubs have all sent in their protection and expense money, as well as the lists of players claimed, and Mr. Davis will write to the national board asking that the matter of protection be kept open until the Guelph club can arrange its affairs. CURLING.

The executive committee of the St. Paul, Minn., curling club has fixed upon the week beginning Jan. 17 for the international bonspiel, to be held there. Manitoba will be represented by Winnipeg and Rat Portage, and many other Canadian cities and towns will send rinks to compete with curlers from Minneapolis, and other cities in the United States. It is five years since an international bonspiel was held in St.

The Detroit curling club will hold an international curling bonspiel on Jan. 11, 12 and 13, when several trophies will be competed for. The secretary of the bonspiel is B. W. Yates.

ELECTRICITY AND THE FARMER. Surprising Results in Vegetable Growth Under Electric

Influence.

[Scranton Tribune.] Reports from the government agricultural experiment station at Amherst, Mass., indicate that electricity is soon

The idea that electric currents intro duced beneath growing crops would materially hasten growth and improve quality and quantity has been for some time a scientific belief; but only recently has there been devised in this country a practical means of putting this knowledge into use. An invention called the geomagnetifere, successfully tested at Amherst, has done the business. It consists of a pole, 50 feet high, surmounted by a crown of copper spikes. These spikes collect the electricity roaming around at random in the atmosphere, and it is conducted by the pole into the ground, where wires buried to a depth of five or six feet distribute it throughout the area of the farm. One pole suffices for several acres, and, once installed, the plant en-

tails no operating expense. A letter from Amherst says that a plot of ground at the experiment station there has been experimented with for several seasons now, and by the use of the geomagnetifere the production has been just doubled. The electric light is also utilized for stimulating the growth of plants and the general effect has been to hasten the maturity of lettuce, spinach and similar products. Radishes have been produced eighteen inches long by means of electricity, and five and six inches in diameter. Entire crops in the forcing plots of ground have been increased 50 and 60 per cent. Experiments upon flowers have been equally satisfactory. Pansies were made to blossom in a week, and roses in ten days. The colors and fragrance of the various flowers were greatly in-tensified. In short, nature has by artifice of man been keyed up to double duty without apparent hurt to her vi-

But the most important single result was achieved with sugar beets. The saccharine yield of these vegetables was increased from 18 to 30 per cent, and if the beet sugar industry shall ever become established in the United States this achievement alone will be worth millions. Altogether, unless somebody is prevaricating, a new era is dawning for the American farmer; one worth far more than government warehouses, flat money, the initiative and referendum, government ownership of railroads and all other isms and visions of modern political agrarian-

UNDESERVED CUFF.

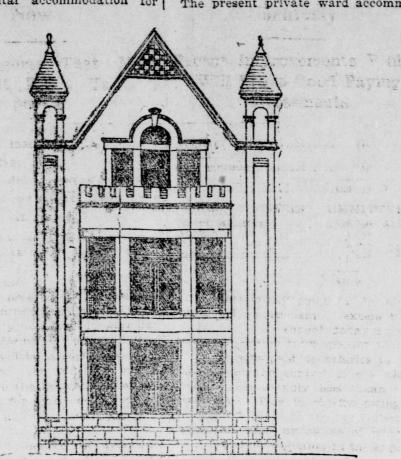
'It was undeserved, but the circumstances were so peculiar that even the recipient of the blow must have been more amused than angry. The story told by a London journal: Rev. Dr. X., a popular minister, suf-fers from a halt in his gait, a peculiarity which he inherited from his father. One day when the reverend doctor was still a student he was walking along Princess street, Edinburgh, in company with his father, and on coming to a path where the footway was narrowed on account of some building operations, the old gentleman stepped on before him. As they were proceeding thus, a sober-looking countryman behind them,

evidently unaware of the relationship of the pair, frowned once or twice at the limping youth, and shook his head at him reprovingly. Young X. was wendering what this could mean, when he was speedily enlightened by the countryman giving him a sharp box on

General Hospital Enlarged and Improved

will declare by ballot whether they will or will not spend \$70,000 to provide necessary hospital accommodation for

On Monday, Jan. 3, the ratepayers | hospital would contain 110 public beds -28 for female patients, 40 for males, 30 for contagious diseases, and 12 for special cases. The present private ward accommo-



MOORE AND HEARY

SUN ROOM END OF A PUBLIC WARD.

London. dates only 12 patients. The enlarged A perspective of the entire hospital, hospital provides for 30. thus enlarged and improved, would be The total public and private actoo extensive for newspaper limits. The commodation, without the children's utilized for administrative purposes, Advertiser accordingly prints cuts of pavilion, will be 140 beds. With the for the sleeping apartments of the

with basement and attic. The rooms for private patients range from 11 by 20 feet to 10 by 15 feet. The ceilings are high, the ventilation perfect, and each room has a separate fireplace. At sun-corridor, built of glass, where patients may sit or promenade in the sunlight, which is indispensable to convalescents. This wing is practically isolated. It has separate attendants, separate cooking, separate heating, a separate laundry and a separate entrance. It isonly conected with

the main building by a long corridor. The hospital for contagious diseases is 100 feet distant fromthe nearest portion of the main building. Its dimensions are 90 feet by 50 feet, and two stories in height. It contains no fewer than sixteen separate wards for the treatment of as many different contagious diseases. Its equipments are the best that medical science can suggest. It will accommodate 30 patients. The female public room, the sun room of which is pictured above, is separated from the private wing by the long corridor already mentioned. This ward is 63 feet by 25 feet, and two stories in height. It has also a sunroom, 25 by 18 feet, facing the south. It has two separate apartments for the stairways and halls, rooms for the short corridors.

The public ward at the west end for males is 78 by 25 feet, and its ap- than 80, so that this site is large pointments are identical with those of the female ward. Between the male and female pavilions on the ground floor, near the center of the building is the operating room for special cases and the operating theater for clinical cases, with rooms for chloroform and sterilizing,

nurses, and every facility for operations The present hospital building will be

picted above, is 130 feet long, by 48 and drying rooms. No patients will feet wide, and is two stories in height, be accommodated in any part of this with basement and attic. The rooms building. The present private ward is to be devoted to consumptives, who modern science has decreed should be isolated The children's pavillon, shown on the the rear, overlooking the river, is a plans, is not included in the \$70,000 bylaw, but the hospital trust are will-

ing that those interested should erect this ward where it appears on the plans or on any suitable part of the site. In the meantime ample provision for children has been made in the private pavilion The value of the projected hospital. excluding the children's pavilion, is ap-

Total\$105,000 It is hardly necessary to repeat what is already known-that these plans have the cordial approval of the medical profession of the city of London. THE ARCHITECTS' REPORT.

The following extracts from the report of the architects, Messrs. Moore & Henry, to the hospital trust, are "The site is in our opinion one which

appended: It has two separate apartments for the could scarcely be excelled for the re-treatment of special cases, independent quirements of a large hospital. It has a frontage on South street of 530 feet, nurses, detached bathrooms and labor- and on Colborne street of 440 feet, atories, with cross ventilation through giving ample space for the safe accommodation of 360 patients. The present accommodation is somewhat less enough for the city for 40 or 50 years to come.

"The ground is high, being about 35 feet above the level of the river, which flows past the whole south side of the property. This insures a bountiful supply of sunlight and air for all time to come, as no obstructions can be dressing rooms for the surgeons and

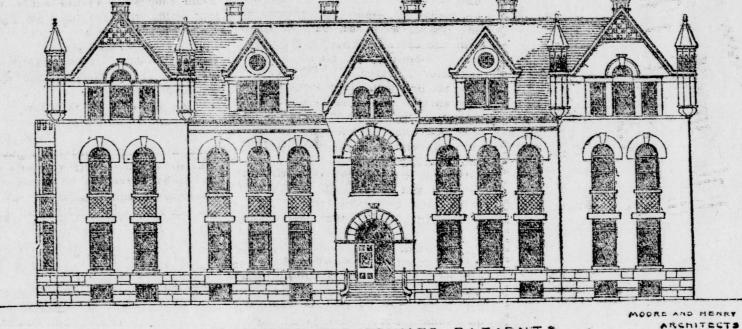
built. "The grounds have been graded and tastefully laid out, with plentiful shade trees, especially north of the present buildings, and sufficiently removed from the buildings to cause no interference with free light and ventilation. Of course, these are of great value, affording ex-cellent shelter for convalescent patients, many of whom are improved by an hour or two in the open air, and it takes years to grow such

"The heating apparatus is to be increased and extended. The whole of the public part, excepting the contagious diseases pavilion, being heated from the present boiler rooms. This can be easily and economically done. The private ward pavilion and isolated pavilion will require to be heated separately.

"The design includes a special pavil-ion for private patients, some of the wards of which may be utilized for the special accommodation of children. Of course, if the children's pavilion is erected this whole pavilion will be devoted to the accommodation of private

"The plans prepared for this work have been approved of by the Hospital Trust and the medical profession of the city.

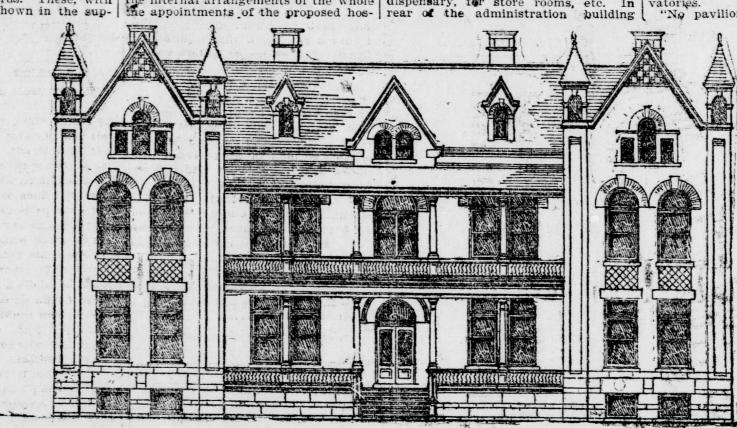
"Ample provision is made for abundant floor and air space, sunlight, ventilation and heating. The ceilings are to be high, the floors of hardwood, the walls of cement. Numerous fire places nurses and servants, for elevators, for are provided, large airy sunrooms and



PAVILION FOR PRIVATE PATIENTS

AND CHILDRENS WARD

three sections-the contagious ward, children's pavilion it will be 160 beds. the private ward and the sun-room of | For both private and public patients out patients' waiting rooms, for the convenient, thoroughly ventilated lato do for the farmer in a way as much as it has in late years done for the the complete plans, shown in the sup-



CONTACIOUS DISEASES PAVILLE

fair idea of the size, the design and present. institution. The public accommodation of the pre-

plement to this issue, convey a very pital will be infinitely superior to the and separated by the main corridor are on more than two floors. Every ward the dining rooms for nurses and help, Exclusive of the private ward, the with elevators, lifts, etc., and above The public accommodation of the pre-building will have a frontage of 222 this the kitchen, pantries, etc., while important considerations in a hospital sent hospital is 70 beds. The enlarged feet. The east, or private wing, de-

people. I have just had occasion to

costs 2 pfennigs, while a package of

ten boxes costs 10 pfennigs, or 12, ac-

has unobstructed sunlight during the whole day, which is one of the most

THE LITTLE THINGS.

Peculiarities of Germans in Looking After the Trifles of Everyday Life.

[Germany Correspondence.] The very existence and use of a pfennig, a coin worth a quarter of a cent, and found everywhere in common circulation all over Germany, give notice to the American traveler that he has reached a land of small economies. German life. In the markets many things are sold for 6 pfennigs or 12 is only reckless and wickedly extrava- hundredth part of a cent. gant Americans who buy more than one of lettuce at a time, the German shop-

matches costs really about 1 pfennig at retail, and yet to what devices have I not seen people resort to save a few matches! It was but a few days ago that a man next me in the railway car between Berlin and Dresden was about to light his eigar, and had a match out ready to strike against the box. Just then he noticed a whiff of tobacco smoke The counting up of pfennigs when- from the next compartment to ours. ever household accounts are made up, "So," he muttered to himself, as he is one of the amusing aggravations of carefully replaced the match in the box. Then he got up, went in the next compartment, borrowed a light from pfennigs, or some other amount requir- the smoker there, and returned, treading change in pfennigs. A box of ording on my toes in so doing, and sat nary safety matches is 2 pfennigs; a down with a well-satisfied air. He had head of lettuce is 3 pfennigs, and as it saved his match-value, one two-I have still another illustration in my A clock-maker urged me to buy a cer-

keeper must have a big bag of pfennigs tain kind of clock, because by pulling at hand all the time. In fact, if you a string it struck the hour. I would wish to illustrate to a German the ex- save matches in the night, he said. travagance and high cost of life in Clocks with this device, by the way, America, you have only to say that were once far more common in Gerliterally nothing-not even a box of many than they are now, and in the matches or a shoe-string-is sold there days, or, rather, nights, when matches for less than 1 cent. Such a state of were unknown, it must have been conthings is almost inconceivable to a venient to know the hour by simply German. Once I told our good landlady pulling the string. I bought one near in Munich that a few ago nothing less Munich which strikes both the quar-

the cafes and restaurants. The small mention that a single box of matches allowance of sugar to a cup of coffee is a constant source of sorrowful amusement, if there be such a thing, cording to the shop. Thus a box of to traveling Americans. Such a thing as a bowl full of lumps of sugar is almost unknown, perhaps for the good reason that the first customer would empty it of every lump. I have seen much more curious things than this done. I have watched well-dressed women take the remains of a steak or chop off their plate in a restaurant, and carefully wrap it in a piece of newspaper for further consideration. And no German was ever known to leave a bit of sausage behind him. As an old lady, a German, of course, once remarked to us as we were dining together at an inn in the Tyrol: have paid well for all this food, and why should you leave half of it on the table, as you rich Americans always do? It is a sin." So she put the rebox of matches or more than one head note-book of the care taken of matches. maining sugar into one pocket, the figs and nuts into another, and wrapped the bread up in her handkerchief. have nothing to say against this prac tice: I merely mention it as curious to Americans.

SECTARIAN TROUBLES. St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 24 .- The supporters of the Whitewayite party at Harbor Grace are hoping to embarrass the government of Sir James than a 5-cent piece was known in Cali- ters and the hours, but upon different Winter in connection with projected gongs. Thus, when I pull the string in parade of the Loyal Orange Associa-"Yes," she replied, "but that is be- the night and hear the lighter gong tion next Sunday. Sir Herbert Murthe ear, at the same time exclaiming indignantly:

"Tak' that, ye young jackanapes! Ye should be ashamed o' yoursel' for mimicking the auld gentleman's infirmity. Ye toothless young scoundrel, ye'll may be lame yoursel' some day."

"Ites," she replied, "but that is better that is a gray, the governor has issued a proclamation forbidding the procession, because in 1883, the last time the parameter of 3, and I go to sleep with no match on my conscience.

Labor-saving devices do not seem to be much prized in the Fatherland; but It is no uncommon thing in these seven men were killed. The clergy of all denominations are denouncing this and you will earn the gratitude of a matches from the box on the tables in a time the night and hear the lighter going that the light and hear the lighter going that the light and hear the

CONDENSED WISDOM. [Ram's Horn.]

The creed will not be wrong if the life is right. A good man is a man who knows how bad he is. The time is lost that is spent looking for an easy place.

The man who has truth for his friend will be helped of God. It is as necessary to cut down the weeds as it is to hoe the corn. One of the best offices of education is to teach us how to behave ourselves. The man who sets out for a gold mine too often leaves his fortune behind him.

The man who can get good out of a

good book already has some good in

If an Egyptian dies before noon the funeral must take place that same day. If death occurs after noon, the funeral may not be delayed after the next day.

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> Wishing All Our Friends And Patrons ----

FOR 1898.

(Signed) THOS. G. WHISKARD.

In the Dining-Room.

SUNDAY, DEC. 26.

BREAKFAST-Bananas. Wheatlet with cream. Steamed eggs. Rice cakes, with syrup. Coffee.

LUNCHEON - Cream salmon. Bread and butter. Prune jelly.

DINNER-Cream of lima bean soup. Roast beef. Baked potatoes. Stewed tomatoes. Fig pudding. Coffee.

Cut out these recipes and paste them in a scrap-book.

Perfect Bread-To make good bread, be careful to procure the best of flour, as it is poor economy to purchase an inferior article. To make four loaves of perfect bread, take two small quarts of milk, and heat to boiling over hot water, then set aside to cool; when just warm, dissolve in the milk one cake of compressed yeast. Sift four large quarts of flour with two level teaspoonfuls of salt and two level tablespoonfuls of granulated sugar. Place in a large bowl or bread pan, and warm, if the weather is cold. Make a hole in the center and pour in the milk and yeast; work in slowly the flour with the hand, or a large spoon, and if too soft sprinkle with a little flour and knead well. Cover, and set in a moderately warm place to rise. In the morning, knead thoroughly and work in a tablespoonful of good sweet butter. After kneading thoroughly put in four long, narrow pans; when the loaves rise to twice their size place in the oven and bake about 45 minutes. The oven should be very hot at first, that the heat may penetrate the dough without hardening the outside; bake a fine brown, and remove from the pans immediately when done. This is an excellent recipe, and was awarded first prize, given by a prom-

Fig Pudding—One pint of well cooked salted pearl barley, two cups of finely chopped figs (the best) one half-cup of sugar, two cups of milk. Mix thoroughly, turn into an earthen pudding dish, and place the dish in the oven in a pan half-full of boiling water: bake slowly until the milk is nearly absorbed. Stir once or twice that the figs may be distributed equally through the pudding. A delicious

THEIR FAME WORLD WIDE.

pudding, which requires no sauce.

Health. Strength, Happiness Mark Where Doud's Kidney Pills Have Been Used.

Glencoe, Dec. 20 .- From city to city, town to town, village to village, and It had over the broad fields of the Dominion, 1,500,000 the fame of Dodd's Kidney Pills, the medical marvel of the century, the only | Gents,-I was dreadfully nervous, and infallible cure on earth for Bright's for relief took your Karl's Clover Root Disease, Diabetes, Lame Back, and all Tea. It quieted my nerves and other kidney diseases, is spreading. strengthened my whole Nervous Sys-London reported two wonderful cures tem. I was troubled with Constipation, by means of Dodd's Kidney Pills, with- Kidney and Bowel trouble. Your Tea in two weeks. Glencoe has a case quite | soon cleansed my system so thorough-

W. J. Nugent suffered for years with Kidney Disease and Piles. Doctors couldn't help him. Every remedy he tried failed till he began using Dodd's Kidney Pills. A few boxes cured him. Dodd's Kidney Pills are an unfailing Trask's Magnetic Ointment. It soothes, ed kidneys and impure blood.

THE LORD'S DAY.

The Ontario Law To Be Amended at the Present Session.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—In the Legislature the attorney-general gave notice of a government measure to secure the better observance of the Lord's Day. The details of the bill are still under consideration by the cabinet, but it is understood that the administration will go a certain distance towards meeting the wishes of the Lord's Day Alliance, as expressed by recent deputations received at the Parliament buildings. The meaning of the word "traveler" in the present act may be defined, but it is not likely that the provisions of the measure will be so extended as to apply to corporations as well as to individuals.

THE SCHOOL QUESTION.

Another Alleged Version of the Pope's Encyclical on the Subject,

Rome, Dec. 24.-The Pope's encyclical on the Manitoba school question is published here this evening. After recalling the religious history of Canada and eulogizing its scholastic institutions, his holiness expresses regret at the decisions taken seven years ago in Manitoba, relative to the Catholic schools, and points out the rights of Catholics, according to the federal

Continuing, the pope condemns a school system based on religious neutrality, praises the zeal the bishops have displayed on the question; regrets that the Catholics are not equally united, owing to political passions, and admits that the authorities have done something to diminish the inconveniences of Manitoba school legislation; but his holiness declares this to be inadequate, and exhorts Catholics to persist in claiming all their rights, though they must not refuse any partial reparations obtainable, with the view to reduce the perils of the education of

In conclusion the pope, in the eninent newspaper for the best recipe for cyclical, says that in the event of these being unobtainable, Catholics should provide their own schools, and adopt, under the guidance of their bishops, a programme of study, reconciling it with their religion and all literary and scientific progress.

How to Cure All Skin Diseases.

Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for "Swayne's Oint-ment." Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal, who'esale agents. Avoid substitutes.

Tokio, the capital of Japan, has doubled its population in twenty years. It had 700,000 in 1868, and today it has

Dreadfully Nervous. ly that I rapidly regained health and strength. Mrs. S. A. Sweet, Hartford, Conn. Sold by all druggists.

Running sores, indolent ulcers and similar troubles, even though of many years' standing, may be cured by using oure for all diseases caused by impair- strengthens and heals. It is the great pile cure. 25 cents.

A Great Holiday Trade.

Commercial Agencies Say It Is Remarkable-Bank Clearings Increase.

Hew York, Dec. 24.—Bank clearing cals at 87 cities, as telegraphed to Bradstreet's for the week ending Dec. 24, with comparisons, show total clearances, \$1,331,263,881, an increase of 26 per cent as compared with the corresponding week last year. Outside of New York city the clearances were \$534,225,397, an increase of 17.2 per cent. In Canada the clearances were as follows: Montreal, \$12,910,094, an increase of 20.5 per cent; Toronto, \$7,567,397, an increase of 9.7 per cent; Winnipeg, \$2,-141,510, an increase of 33.6 per cent; Halifax, \$1,140,573, a decrease of 5.7 per cent; Hamilton, \$661,198, an increase of 6 per cent; St. John, N. B., \$579,129, a decrease of 5.1 per cent.

New York, Dec. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade will say tomorrow: The weekly reports show a remarkably large holiday trade, at many points the largest for five years. Moreover, at the season when wholesale business usually shrinks the pressure of demand for immediate delivery keeps many establishments at work that usually begin their yearly resting spell somewhat earlier. Instead of decreasing, the demand for products shows an unexpected increase in several important branches. Foreign trade continues satisfactory, even in comparison with the remarkable record of a year ago, when exports exceeded \$117,-000,000 in December.

New York, Dec. 24.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Quietness in wholesale lines, but pronounced and notable activity in the retail trade, have been the salient features in this week's trade situation. Trade reports from all parts of the country, with some few exceptions, point to a very heavy holiday trade.

Commercial failures in the United States remain about normal. The total for this week amounts to 280, as compared with 283 in the previous week, but is smaller than the total in 1895, when 316 were reported.

Improved weather conditions in Canada have exercised a beneficial effect upon general distributive trade. Good roads and a cheerful outlook are reported from Montreal, and an active grain movement is reported from Toronto, with predictions of a good business for the opening months of 1898. Seasonable trade is better at Halifax, but wholesale business is not up to expectations. Snow is wanted in New to help lumbering operations. Salmon canning promises to become a feature of Prince Edward Island trade next year.

MIDDLESEX.

len from the pasture of Mr. Ed Trott, Melbourne. There is a reward of \$75 for the apprehension of the thieves. Rev. A. I. Snyder and wife, of Wards- the Smith farm in Dawn. ville, are invited to the marriage of Johnson, of Leamington, to Dr. W. A. Piper, of that town. The wedding will occur on Dec. 29.

The Glencoe financial statement of Dec. 15, shows a surplus of \$7 87 for the year. The sum of \$75 voted at last meeting of the council for salaries, and unprovided for in the estimates for the year, will, however, knock out this surplus, and leave a deficit of \$67 13. Last year's statement showed a surplus of \$408 40. The rate then was 17 mills; this year it is 18 mills.

EXETER.

Exeter, Dec. 24.—At a meeting of a number of those interested in hockey, Thursday evening, a club was organized and the following officers elected: President, N. Dyer Hurdon; vice-president, R. N. Cruch; captain, R. C. Tremaine: secretary-treasurer. N. W. Cruch. The club starts out with some 25 members. Arrangements have been made for the use of Mr. Bawden's skating rink, and practice will be com-

menced at once. The billiard table put up at auction on Thursday was bought by Mr. D. Davis for \$50. The annual fowl supper, under the auspices of the Ladies' Chapter of Trivitt Memorial Church, was attend-

ed with the usual success. Proceeds amounted to over \$80. Skating rink opens for the winter this (Friday) evening. Since Mr. Bawden has enlarged the building, he can rink in the county.

TILSONEURG.

Tilsonburg, Dec. 24.-Mr. M. Reynold's, who has lived for many years on the Smith farm, is leaving it to live on his own farm, and has a large sale of stock and implements today. Miss Gertie Kenney, who is attending the Business College in St. Thomas,

will spend the vacation in town. Wednesday was a busy day in the matrimonial line. James Burvil and Miss Kate Swetman were married in St. John's Church by Rev. E. W. Hughes. Victor Kennedy was married to Miss Scott, the eldest daughter of Mr. Wm. Scott, by Rev. J. H. Robinson, in the presence of a large number of friends, and Mr. Leonard C. Arn was married to Miss Mary Lillow, at her mother's home at Delmer by Rev. M. McGregor. Miss Wynnie Ross, of the London Collegiate Institute, is home for the

Mr. D. Phillips, who is taking a Delicate children! What

a source of anxiety they are! The parents wish them hearty and strong, but they keep thin and pale.

To all these delicate children Scott's Emulsion of Cod-liver Oil with Hypophosphites comes with the best of news.

It brings rich blood, strong bones, healthy nerves, and sound digestion. It is growth and prosperity to them,

No matter how delicate the child, it is readily taken.

SGOTT & BOWNE, Chemiste, Ferentia-

Liures to the Benesi of Signifest E. 1ence, Toronto, came home vesterday. Wednesday was a gala day at the high school, the afternoon being devoted to the formal closing of the year. Mr. Tasker, the newly-appointed English master, was introduced and in a very happy speech created a favorable impression on all who heard him. The lecture on Tennyson by Mr. Cameron, the retiring teacher, was an intellectual one. A very fine lecture was appropriately closed by the recitation of "Crossing the Bar." Bright recitations were given by Misses Neva Mantel, Maggie Beamer and Gertle Kennedy; Misses Ada Ross and Edith McDonald sang very sweetly and Mr. Cameron and Mr. Hogarth gave an instrumental duet. R. D. Brady was awarded the medal as the champion athlete of the year, and Miss Agnes Murray received honorable mention of one who had been absent only two days in the entire year. Two ex-pupils, Fred Sheaham and Horace Snell, made happy addresses, and then Miss Ada Ross and Bruce Hazen on behalf of form I. presented Mr. Cameron with a very fine copy of Shakespeare, to which he responded in feeling terms.

HUBREY.

Hubrey, Dec. 24.-The closing exercises of Hubrey public school were much enjoyed by the numerous visitors who well represented the different families in the section. Mr. A. E. Carrothers, trustee, presided in his usual happy manner. The songs, recitations and dialogues by the pupils were given with much grace and spirit and were heartily appreciated by the audience. Cheering addresses were made by trustees R. S. Nichol and Wm. Weatherston. The teacher, Miss Flora McColl. thanked the trustees and visitors for the kindly encouragement they ever give to the school and which is manifested in many ways, as well as by their presence on all such public oc-casions as this. Many bright eyes sparkled as fruit, candy and nuts were freely distributed among the children, young and old. The school exercises for 1897 were brought to a close with many wishes expressed for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Bothwell, Dec. 23.—Roy Pope has returned from Detroit, Mich., where he has been attending medical college for the past four months. Frank Carman and Miss Ada Carman left on Monday for Washington, D.C., to spend Christmas. Miss English spent Monday in

Thamesford organizing a shorthand We regret to have to announce the death of George, only son of Joseph Brewer, aged 5 years, from diphther-itic croup. The funeral took place on Wednesday.

Mr. Carter has abandoned his well near Clachan for the present, and has moved his rig on to the Mobey where he will deepen some wells for a London syndicate.

Palmer & Davis have finished their well on the McRoberts farm. It will pump twenty barrels a day, with a tremendous lot of water. Jas. McLister finished up on his No. 3 well on the Moore farm for McKel-Four valuable cattle have been sto- lar, Fairbank & Co., and got a three barrel well.

John Woodward is deepening some wells for Martin, Doran & Martin on Ashton Simpson's two rigs are dril-Miss Maud, the only daughter of Mayor ling for Thomas & Rogers, on the 12th

con., Dawn. A. Yager finished his No. 3 on the Gross farm, with a good show last week for Martin, Doran & Martin. Fred Simmons finished No. 1 with a good show, on the Coutts farm, Dawn, last week for Dr. Fairbank.

********************* WESTERN ONTARIO

***** The contract of furnishing the Brockville asylum with potatoes for

the ensuing year has been let to Mr. Thos. E. Hay, of Listowel. No further trace of the daring footpads who relieved A. C. Hall, of his cash, etc., Tuesday night at Blenheim, has been obtained. Pioneer Henry Smith, of Harwich,

aged 77, is dead. He was a very wealthy farmer, an old "Forty-niner," and uncle of the mayor of Chatham. About 15,000 live hogs and 5,000 dressed ones have been shipped from Dresden this year. This means about \$100,000 worth of business for Dresden. The Niagara Falls Acetelyne Gas Machine Company, Limited, have introduced their automatic apparatus into Chatham. The new light was put in at the Merrill Hotel Thursday night and gives the highest satisfaction. At a meeting of the Tilbury Oil and Gas stockholders, it was decided lay claim to the name of the largest to make a test case of the suit now in the division court for non-payment of assessment. The meeting adjourned until Jan. 14, without taking any further action.

Provincial Auditor Laing has been in North Easthope, where, acting on a petition sent to the government by several ratepayers of the township, he looked into the books of the treasurer to decide whether an audit is necessary or not.

A very pleasant event took place Wednesday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Langford, when their only daughter, Avelena J., was united in marriage to George N. Shaw, of Kent Bridge. Only the relatives of the bride and groom were presentfrom Detroit, Thamesville, Croton, Florence and Kent Bridge.

The other day, as Mr. McTavish, of Clearville, was driving along the West Bothwell road leading from town, and when near the G. T. R. he noticed a freight train going east and stopped till it passed, and then drove on the crossing just in front of the west bound express, which hit and instantly killed his horse. Mr. McTavish jumped from the rig and thus escaped in-

RYAN SAID "LET HER GO." Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 24.-Sonly Ryan, who on Dec. 4 brutally murdered his wife, was hanged yesterday. His neck was dislocated by the fall Ryan, when asked by the sheriff if he was ready, replied: "Let her go." THE UNITED STATES NOT IN IT. Washington, Dec. 24.—The attitude of the Unied States toward what appears to be an effort on the part of the powers of Europe to dismember China, was the principal topic of discussion at today's cabinet meeting. While no formal action was taken, the possibility of an Anglo-American-Japanese alliance, such as the foreign cables have suggested.

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house Cheap Sugar. See India Tea Company's ad., 6th page, Monday.

The "Bicyclist's Best Friend" is a familiar name for Trask's Magnetic Ointment, always ready for emergencies. Mining Stock Broker.
While a specific for Piles, it also in- Money to Loan. Notes Collected. stantly relieves and cures cuts, bruises, salt rheum, eczema and all affections dilling of the skin. It never fails. 25 cents.

Christmas Greeting.

The year has been a prosperous one with us, and we have added many new friends among our customers. We extend to everyone the compliments of the season, with wishes for a Happy New Year.

John Ferguson & Sons, Furniture Dealers.



Cut in the Wages of Cotton Operatives -15,000 Affected.

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 24.-The treasurers of the Lowell cotton mills, at a meeting held this morning, voted to reduce the wages of their employes on and after Jan. 17. The causes of the reduction are the same as those which led the manufacturers in Fall River, Manchester, Suncook, N. H., and other places to lower the wage scale. About 15,000 operatives in this city will be affected.

SHE WAS UNCONSCIOUS.

Drumbo Man Wakes Up Just in Time

to Save His Wife's Life. Drumbo, Dec. 24.-Mrs. Daniels, of this place, had a narrow escape from night. Mr. Daniels was awakened by his dog and smelt the gas. He spoke to his wife but received no answer. On inspection he found she was unconscious, and so, picking her up in his arms, he carried her out in the

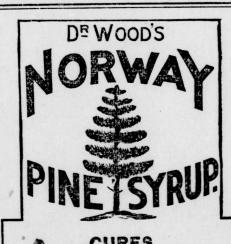
Dr. Mitchell was called and Mrs. Daniels was brought safely around The doctor said, however, that if Mr Daniels had wakened up five minutes later his wife would certainly have

died from the effects of gas. \$2,000,000 WOULDN'T PAY. Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 24.—It is stated on authority of a leading financier that \$2,000,000 was raised by the clearing house banks to save the Chestnut street bank, but investigation showed that this large sum was deemed insufficient to relieve the embarrass-

Most people would be content with their lot if it was only a lot of money.

pension was necessary.

ments of the institution and the sus-



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From all stations London and West, to all points on lines in Central Passenger Associa-tion territory in the UNITED STATES.

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FOUNDER AND MANAGER, John Cameron.

London, Saturday, Dec. 25, 1897.

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The First Christmas.

country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day In the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in

And suddenly there was with 6 the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and ?

saying Glory to God in the highest, and @ on earth peace, good-will toward men.-[Gospel according to St. Luke, chapter ii., verses 8 to 14.

***** Germany's Christmas present is

little piece of China. St. Thomas should change its name. The Times gives evidence that it is an

unusually wicked place. 3° 3° The Ottawa Citizen suggests that politicians should not write letters. Wisdom should at least teach them to say nothing in a letter that they would

object to have made public. In the holiday festivities, it should not be forgotten that Monday will be municipal nomination day, and that the mayoralty and other nominations will begin in the city hall at ten o'clock.

1. E A recent traveler says that in Mexico two-thirds of the population of 12,500,-000 have "never slept in a bed or wore stockings." How puzzled Santa Claus must be when he tries to find receptacles for Mexican Christmas gifts.

86 B3 A late cablegram says that Canadian oultry in London is held at good prices. This will encourage increased shipment. There is no reason, now we have cold storage, for suspending shipments, at least, for months to come.

Recent increase in the business of London has caused greatly increased work to the postoffice staff. There is danger of its being overworked. The revenue of the London office warrants an early addition to it, if business continues to increase as it is likely to do.

86 B London's credit never stood higher than today. The tenders for the city sewer debentures prove that. Never before has so advantageous an arrangement been effected as that recorded in another column. The transaction credits another \$5,000 saving on account of this useful public work.

S. 26 The two Iowa girls who horsewhipped their pastor because he denounced Dominion House of Commons have tadancing as a pastime apparently did not believe in moral suasion; but there June, 1896. Of these 25 have been carare many reasons for concluding that ried by the Liberals, and two by their argument rather than action would opponents, as follows: have been more effective in converting Carried by Lib- Carried by Conthe man whose opinion they desired to

Business in Canada is reported to be in a decidely healthier condition than at this season in any recent year. The failure record bears out this week. In the past seven weeks there have been but 196 failures reported, compared with 319 in the corresponding period of last year. Hopes are high for the uture.

A new description of larceny is reported from the British metropolis. The Croydon police magistrate has fined a young man 5 shillings for stealing telephone service. This ingenious youth made a false key, admitting him to the public telephones of the National Company, which he used without pay-

What better sentimen has been written in modern days with regard to Christmas than these lines penned by Thomas Tusser in England in 1557: At Christmas be merry and thank God

And feast thy poore neighbors, the

Yea, all the yere long have an eie to And God shall sende luck to kepe open

The Canadian copper famine will Eden lingers yet behind. soon be over. The British mint has, after long delay, sent out by the Lake Huron an ample supply of cents, and | Life itself is Christmas Day! by next week the dealers may have their tills replenished. The time ought soon to come when our Government [will coin its own gold, silver, copper and nickel, as well as print its own banknotes, and thus be independent of the over-worked imperial mint.

West Middlesex.

Liberal electors in West Middlesex will be interested in knowing that the the riding in their interests at the ensuing Provincial elections will take place at Mount Brydges on Tuesday next at 11 a.m. Hon. George W. Ross, the veteran representative of the constituency, will be present, to give an account of his stewardship, and there can be no doubt that the proceedings will be interesting.

Romance of Electricity.

In his very interesting address at he banquet in his honor at Toronto, Mr. Dwight, president and manager of the Great Northwestern Telegraph Company, entered the field of prophecy. He said:

"It has been a common saying ever since I entered the business that electrical development was only in its infancy, and, notwithstanding all that has taken place, I am still convinced that the saying is almost as true today as it ever was. Great as the development has been in the past, there is a vast field in the future yet to be occupied. Not only will every waterfall and rapid be utilized for the production of electrical energy, but the force in every gale of wind will be called into use for the same purpose. Electric or trolley lines of railway will be extended over all the principal highways of the country, and all steam railways will be run by electric power. houses will not only be lighted, but heated, by electricity, and we shall require no more coal in our houses for any purpose. Horses will largely disappear, and we shall have better and cleaner streets. Tall and smoky chimneys will disappear. Every farmer will have an electric motor for use in his work of various kinds, and this wonderful energy will be conveniently available in cities and towns everywhere throughout the country for any and every purpose under the sun where power is required.

These would be indeed great and wonderful changes, but not more so than those witnessed by Mr. Dwight and those who have lived through the age of the development of the magnetic telegraph, the telephone, the electric railway and the electric fire alarm system. At present almost the only difficulty in the way of the general use of electricity is the cost of production. But that will doubtless be overcome, and the veteran telegrapher may live to see it. Inventions are perfected and improvements made with electric speed in this wonderful age.

New Election Regulations.

The bill to amend the Provincial Election Act, which the Attorney-General has brought into the Legislature, contains a number of important provisions. It is enacted that the personal expenses of a candidate, which may be paid to him directly, shall include the rent of halls for public meetings to be addressed by the candidate, and the necessary and ordinary hotel expenses of one speaker for each meeting, not including expenses for treating anyone who accompanies the candidate and travels with him for the purpose of addressing public meetings with the candidate; also reasonable charges for the time, and keep of horses and charges for use by the candidate of one team and conveyance and driver on polling day, and the carriage of voters to the poll by candidate in such conveyance is not to be a violation of the act. The bill also provides that the township clerk shall be one of the deputy returning officers in his township, and if he should be absent the township assessor or collector may be appointed. In cities the returning officer is to appoint the polling places, and the expense for polling places is limited

The Bye-Elections.

Twenty-seven bye-elections for the ken place since the general election in

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the Conservatives.

CHRISTMAS GLADNESS. Children faces gleam today; Hearts are happy, glad as May: Gifts surprise us with their cheer; Earth is heaven, for heaven is here. When the year is fading slow, Angel pleasures mortals know: In our hearts and homes we find When the soul God's Gospel feels, Paradise about it steals. And it never zoes away,

FOR CHRISTMAS. [Washington Star.] "What are you going to give our son for Christmas?" inquired the lady

"I don't know yet," replied her hus-The road to ruin is kept in good re- about trouble till it comes. I'll wait pair at the expense of the travelers till the day after Christmas and ask thereon.

Cost of Civic Government | Better Streets Today for Ten Years Ago and Now.

Less Money Than Formerly.

Official Figures That Must Recent Improvements Which Interest Every Taxpayer.

Will Prove Good Paying Investments.

London has made steady advance- | ment in the last ten years. The absence of speculative booms has been most beneficial to the city. There have been no losses in real estate speculations, and the progress made has been substantial, making a good groundwork for future prosperity.

One way to size up the changes that have been in progress in the last decade is to contrast the financial posieffected in the interval. We believe that no city in the Dominion now gets better service for the money expended than London, and no city has a brighter outlook for the future. All we need to do as shareholders in the civic commonwealth is to see that intelligent management of our civic affairs, as has been insured in the last year or two, shall be continued. We have about reached the limit of the needed special expenditures, decreed by the taxpayers, and from henceforward our revenue may be expected to increase, while our expenditures will be normal, enabling a reduction of taxes to be made. This will be a welcome move, though we must candidly affirm that we get the very best of value for our taxes in this city. In what way could we individually buy police protection, fire protection, good streets and sidewalks, railway competition, and the best of water, at the price we now pay for them as a collective taxpaying community?

From the return compiled a short time since by the civic officials, and later returns by the assessors, we obtain the following comparative returns of the expenditures ten years ago and those for the present year:

UNCONTROLLABLE TURE.	EXPE	NDI-
meaning when you	1887. Es	1897.
Debt charges\$	103,573	\$ 93,644
Waterworks-		
Interest and sinking		
fund	36,424	34,478
Revenue used for		
capital expenditure.	14,634	
Collegiate Institute,		
public and separate		
schools	42,750	100,130
Police department	22,553	28,700
Administration of jus-		
tice	8,167	6,150
Hospital	7,435	7,000
Board of Health	1,785	2,000
Theo Tibnons		7 700

It will be observed that the debt charges payable by the city have decreased in the last ten years, owing to the fall in the rate of interest, and the good reputation of the city in the money market. The expenditure on the hospital and for the administration of justice has also decreased. There is an addition to the cost of running the police department, caused in great part by the addition of London South to the city, which necessitated the appointment of more patrolmen. The Board of Health also shows a slight increase, no doubt from the same added territory. But no one grudges any reasonable expenditure on this important branch of the public service, so long as the city is kept the healthiest of its size on the continent of America. It is a paying investment from the view of the individual taxpayer, and it is one of the best advertisements that any city could be given. The great increase in the annual expenditure of the city has been on the schools. It is ranked "uncontrollable" by the City Council, as it really is; but it is controlled by the school trustees. We have already given facts and contrasting figures, which will enable the taxpayers to judge for themselves how far the increased expenditures have been warranted. The added disbursements for school purposes represent considerably more than the total addition to the uncontrolled debt-they have more

than doubled in ten years. A recapitulation of the civic expenditures in the years 1887 and 1897 is in-

teresting:	
1887.	1897.
No. 1 committee\$ 24,812	\$ 28,608
No. 2 committee 39,013	40,900
No. 3 committee 33,382	57,210
Uncontrollable 237,321	279,802
Sundries 5,735	6,170
Totals\$340,263	\$412,690

The following details in this expenpurposes of comparison:

NUMBER ONE COMMITTE	Transfer of the same
1887.	1897.
Law expenses \$ 1,220	\$ 1,50
Printing, advertising, etc. 2,370	4,00
Election expenses 455	65
Insurance 544	25
Police force benefit fund 500	50
Refund of taxes 148	15
Incidentals 2,999	5,85
Salaries 16,268	15,50
Coroner's inquests 64	10
Debenture expense 244	10
Totals\$24,812	\$28,60

NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE. Streets and general improvements\$30,857 \$31,400 whose use of language is sometimes City Hall expenses...... 1,804 1,200 Town Hall expenses..... 29 Exhibition buildings-Repairs and salaries..... City parks 2,198 Bridges 790 Sewers and culverts..... 1,998

Registry office Militia camp Totals\$39,013 \$40,900 NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE. Street lighting\$10,750 \$23,700

Relief to city poor..... 5,345 7,500

Totals\$33,382 \$57,210 One noteworthy point in the above comparative statement of expenditures tion of the city now with its standing is the fact that though today London in 1887, considering at the same time has a population 12,000 greater than in how many beneficial changes have been 1887, the sum paid as salaries to officials under the control of the aldermen is considerably less than ten years ago. This is chiefly owing to the change made in the tax collector's office this year, by means of which a very material reduction in the expense of collection was made. Every citizen will agree with us that many valuable improvements have been effected by the board of works during the last year or two; and that the streets never were in better repair than they are today; but few know how comparatively small an amount has been spent on streets and general improvements. Before London South, with its 4,500 inhabitants, came into the city, in 1887, there was spent on streets and general work \$30,857; the following year \$34,438, and so on, until one year \$45,474 was expended. Latterly, however, the board of works has been far more economical, and has been doing the best of work as citizens generally will testify. In 1896, with a greatly increased territory to take into account it only spent \$34,836; and this economy practiced by the committee over which Ald. Parnell has presided can be better understood when it is remembered that in 1887 there were but 78 miles of streets; now, not including London West, there are 98 miles of highways, and nearly double that mileage of sidewalks. The city hall expenses, it will be observed, are \$600 less this year than ten years ago. When one takes up No. 3 committee, it is found that its disbursements have very much increased in ten years. The chief advance is in the expense of street lighting, necessitated by the increased cost of illuminating by electricity instead of gas. Of course, the city is much better lighted than in the old days, and it certainly ought to be. As a sequel Free Library - 7,700 to the agitation raised by Ald. Parnell in favor of civic ownership some years Totals\$237,321 \$279,802 ago, the city got a much better service at a reduced price. The fire department has increased in cost by over \$8,000 a year in the ten years. A con-

> which that growing suburb came into the city, and to aid in maintaining the lower rate of insurance charged on properties within the city limits. The following is a statement of the

siderable part of this expenditure is

new fire hall in South London, estab-

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population a	nd assessmen	t of Hondon
for the last	ten years:	Charten books
Year.	Population.	Assessment.
1887	26,315	\$13,470,877
1888	26,960	13,572,132
1889	27,786	13,678,837
1890 (includir	g South	
London)	30,705	15,087,604
1891	31,240	15,236,807
1892	31,615	15,333,097
1893		15,176,087
1894	32,571	15,371,910
1895	33,427	15,397,990
1896	34,429	15,817,228
1897	36,224	16,705,000

The coming in of London West has brought 1,885 to our population, and \$340,075 to the total assessment.

It is gratifying to find the city making the substantial progress that it has done in the past year. To have added a good-sized town to our population, and to have increased the value of our belongings by considerably over half a million dollars, without counting London West, is to show substantial advancement. It is true that our tax rate has been higher than we like to see it, but there is a prospect that in the near future it will be considerably reduced. The special expenditures that have been made, outside those required by the school board, are for permanent civic necessities, which will not have to be undertaken again. We refer to the outlay upon the city's railway, the London and Port Stanley, the bonus to bring the Grand Trunk car shops to diture of city money are given for the London, and the further adding to the civic property at the Fair Grounds, necessitated by the ever-increasing attendance at this London institution; and the sewerage system. All these improvements have been indorsed by the vote of the people, and have been, or are being, carried out in an exceptionally able and economical manner, and from henceforth the city will reap the benefits from them. The interest on the city debt has been reduced in ten years by \$10,000 a year, the city, through its excellent credit and good management, having been able to place its bonds at a very low rate of interest. With a continuation of the good management that has characterized the aldermanic board in recent years, we expect to see steady proon the city debt has been reduced in 50 ized the aldermanic board in recent gress made in the economical control 2,300 gress made in the economical control of civic affairs and an early reduction 8,700 of taxation

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The Enormous Development in the Last Twenty Years.

A Model Great Electr.cal Factory in New York.

The Industry of Which the Citizens of Historic Schenectady Are Justly Proud.

In the State of New York, on the town of Van Schoaics, Schermernorns, Stuyvesants and Rensaellers that maintains its dignity and placidity of their appearance and manner of arriving. Beyond a doubt the greatest 50,000 inhabitants. shock to its nervous system was the nocturnal visit the French and Indians paid their over-confident Dutch neighpors on a winter's night in the year 1690, when scarcely a child was left alive to tell of all that happened during those brief hours, but long as eternity, in suffering and horror, when the thrifty, carefully, Dutch-patterned "Dorp" of Schenectady sank to its knees in a single night and only rose Declared to Be Without Precedent or again ghost-like on the ashes of the past. But time, the great healer, has long ago healed wounds that once called loudly for redress, and a second Schenectady lives that contains in its structure many of the original elements preserved in time rather than obliterated. I rather think Fate enjoys giving this dearest of old Dutch towns a thud in the center of its solemn and patriarchal old back every now and again, for whatever else brought to such a calmly reposing repository of aristocratic traditions reunhurried methods of the Van Wycks, the Van de Bogarts and Van Dusens a great concern for the manufacture of the swiftest thing on earth-the motion of electricity?

Once more old Schenectady sat up and rubbed its eyes, when the peaceful plains of the Mohawk valley were once more entered by a lively horde of wide-awake invaders who had come not to take possession of scalps, but to wake the echoes of the hills with shrieks of a different and more bloodcurdling nature, viz., the cry of the steam whistle and the locomotive.

The "G. E. Company," as it is comside you approach it, or from whatever point of view you regard it. The manufacture of electrical apparatus for is a thing practically of the present from very small beginnings developed with giant strides. It will scarcely be credited that less than twenty years ago the famous wizard, Thomas A. Editions, could not raise \$500 in cash on or parallel. their combined names. These were the inventors, in wariety and volume that even the wizard himself.

It is difficult even with the aid of figures to convey an idea of this vast plant, which is only one of three owned bate until the home government shall by the company, the others being at have given its opinion." Lynn, Mass., and Harrison, N. J., but. making a few extracts from the last published report, a comparison may be formed by those having a knowledge of the factories in their own neighborhood. With a nominal capital of \$34,-712,000, and bonds of \$8,000,000, the output of the G. E. Company last year profit about \$1,000,000. The three manufacturing plants are valued at \$3,400,-000, of which \$1,800,000 is in 70 acres of real estate, and \$1,600,000 in machinery. The floor space of the factories 1s 1,350,000 square feet, or the equivadent of 45 buildings 50 feet wide by 200 feet long, and three stories high. total number of operatives or workmen employed at present is about 7,000 in the three factories, which, reckoning only four to a family, means a popula- | Came to Canada to Spend the Christtion of 28.000, and the weekly payroll is said to be about \$70,000. In addition to this, the salaries paid an immense staff of clerks, salesmen, engineers, inventors, lawyers, officers, etc., must cause the official who has to provide the needful when each pay day arrives not a little anxiety. Since 1893 no dividends have been paid its numerous shareholders, and it is perhaps because only the fixed charges upon its bonded debt of \$8,000,000 has had to be paid, combined with a prudent management of its credits, that its finances have been in such easy condition, for the average cash balance on hand is cash. But it is only when you come to Inspect this vast and most interesting plant that you find it is not one dustries you are dealing with. The raw materials are chiefly steel and copper, but as the company manufac-



OBSTINATE COUGHS.

"My daughter being afflicted with an obstinate cough which resisted the curative effects of almost all the advertised cough remedies, and having placed an order for 3 doz. of Chasa's seed and Turnenting in W. W. Carter's Drug Store, of which I am manager, I was induced to try a bottle. A few doses gave relief and the one bottle effected a cure. I can highly recommend it as being pleasant to take and efficacious."

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E. PRINGLE,

tures almost everything that enters

into the composition of an electrical machine, it means a foundry, a rubber factory, a cotton and silk mill, a porcelain works, tube works, saw mill, and at Schenectady, Lynn or Harrison.

If you are fortunate enough to gain

an entrance through the pretty gate lodge, you are struck with the provision made for the accommodation of thousand bicycles, the advantages of which found ready appreciation by the young men in the establishment, for the roads are fine, and the scenery very lovely around the Mohawk Valley. A workshop, a skilled mechanic and a corps of cleaners, or caretakers, have been provided, so that repairs to wheels can be made while the owners are at work, of course, at the owner's expense. In the office building we were informed there are over seventy lady stenographers, and here again a skilled mechanic devotes his whole time to keeping the typewriters (not the ladies) panks of the historic Mohawk, is a in order. It is not conducive to good service to have the amiability of your stenographer ruffled by an ill-adjusted machine. There was nothing attractive about the office building itself, but motion in face of all comers-startling- the restaurant, the telephone, telegraph, ly as these visitors have varied in and postoffices with their trained staff, probably handle more communications

Alleged Autonomy

Plan of the Proposed Form of Government for Cuba.

Parallel-A Long Way Behind the Canadian System.

New York, Dec. 24.-The New York Press presents today a synopsis of the first authorized translation of the official preamble and royal decree issued by the Queen-Regent- of Spain, by which it is purposed that the Island of Cuba shall have autonomous government henceforth. Extracts from the provisions of the new constitution have been made from time to time, but they have given only a fragmentary idea of the scheme as a whole.

The preamble recites that the "mother country, alarmed and rendered distrustful by the conduct of many of her children, and wounded by the ingratitude of those who have more confidence in the selfishness of the political adventurer than in the affection of the brother, desires, above all other things, that the approaching change shall strengthen and confirm the sovereignty, and that in the midst of a blessed peace the interests of all her children. which are not opposed, nor in contramonly called, for the sake of brevity, be distinct from one another), shall be brought into harmony, made co-existent, and developed with the free concurrence of all." The preamble would fill the purpose of light, power and heat about four columns, and the constituclusions which have been reached by decade, but during that time it has the ministers of the royal cabinet declare-notwithstanding the assertions already made as to the Canadian form of home rule being the model adopted by Spain-that the form of constituson, and his three early associates en- tion for Cuba and Porto Rico is engaged in trying to market his inven- tirely original and without precedent

The milk of the autonomistic cocoadays of small things, but now the big nut leaks out in article 30 of title v. factory on the banks of the historic It is "The governor-general shall com-Mohawk, at Schenectady, 17 miles from municate to the home government be-Albany, turns out apparatus made un- fore presenting to the insular parliader the patents of Edison, Thomson, ment any bill originating in the exe-Van De Poele, Tesla, Rice and other cutive government of the island whenever, in his judgment, said bill may must far exceed the wildest dreams of affect national interests. Should any such bill originate in the insular parliament, the government of the island shall ask for a postponement of the de-

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—A letter pur-wedding ring of Mary, Queen of Scots, porting to be from Havana has been and Henry Darnley. The name of Mary received here by a Cuban sympathizer. Stuart always thrills, but her loveli-In it the writer says: "De Congosto, Captain-General Blanco's right hand man, has sent an emissary to New York, where he hopes to join one of the filibustering expeditions and reach not be caught on canvas was her was close on \$13,000,000, and the net the army under Gomez. He is to charm. find out the depots of arms and the hospitals. When an occasion presents itself he is to murder Gen. Gomez." The letter also declares that Gen. Lee is in danger of being blown up by dynamite because he tells the truth about affairs in the island.

A 127-POUND BABY.

mas Holidays.

Toronto, Dec. 24 .- All the young married men employed at the Union sta- | yielded their treasures. Around a small tion were yesterday morning thrown into a state of excitement by the arrival of the heaviest baby in the world grouped the coronation robes of Naof her age. The child is named Mamie Chambers, is three years old, weighs 127 pounds, and is one of the most peculiar looking objects the eye can gaze upon. She was born in Peterboro, but has latterly been living in Nebraska with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Chambers, natives of the former place, who have been farming in the States, and are now going said to have been about \$600,000, and all home on a Christmas visit. The child Its purchases are paid for in prompt is active, notwithstanding her Brobdignagian proportions, and was playing with her three brothers and sisters in the waiting room, at the same time factory, but eight or ten different in- holding an unconscious levee of all the family men in the vicinity.

CROSS FOR LEO XIII.

New York Jeweler Receives \$45,000 Therefor.

New York, Dec. 24. - William Reiman, jeweler, who made the diamond cross for the pope, which is considered to be one of the finest pieces of workmanship in the world, has received a check for \$45,000, in payment, from a leading banker. The banker requested Mr. Reiman not to mention his name.

SHOT HIS BROTHER. Buffalo, Dec. 24.-August Broker, 23 years of age, accidentally shot his 18year-old brother Paul in a bush near Tonawanda, N. Y., yesterday, while

hunting rabbits. CHILD BURNED TO DEATH. Pembroke, Dec. 24.-Mary Pranke, a of the Ark of the Covenant. German woman, who lived about a mile west of this town along the C. P. a beautiful miniature, and near by is R. track, locked her 5-year-old child in the ideal of a lover's ring, an enamelthe house and came to town to do some | ed figure of cupid with spread wings | I done tried hot water."

burned to death. ANOTHER LANDSLIDE.

Hamilton, Dec. 24.-There was another landslide on the T., H. and B. en one of Arhstan, Bishop of Sher-Railway on the mountain edge east of burne. Stoney Creek, and several T., H. and 6 "Iconographic" rings hold figures or B. trains have been sent over the Grand portraits of saints in the Russian impure blood and low state of the Trunk lines since. It was decided to style. Others are reliquaries for bits system. trans. er over the dangerous spot, instead of sending them around on the Grand Trunk. A big gang of men is Mary Magdalene being carried to heaven by four angels. One, formed ache

That Challenge.

a host of other allied trades, for there are no other tributary industries either D. V. Lucas.

Principal Grant writes:

Rev. D. V. Lucas has issued a public challenge to me to debate with him "the merits and demerits of the liquor traffic, the benefits and feasibility of the principles of the total prohibition of the traffic and the duty of Christian nations to prohibit it," and in connection therewith he undertakes to establish four theses of mixed scriptural, academic and practical interest. He also proposes that I should give up my work here for two of the busiest weeks of the session, to provide intellectual stimulus or amusement for a Toronto audience, and a little cash for the W. C. T. U.! What a delightful conception he has of the ties and duties of a professor! Permit me to inform him that I have already commenced in the columns of

the liquor traffic, but on prohibition; that I confine myself to the thesis that a Dominion prohibitory law would indaily than in most cities of 25,000 to jure the cause of temperance as well as public and political morality; that it is our present duty to have clear views on this, because the government of our courry intends very soon to submitnope only to ratepayers—a plebiscite on the one question; and that as the question must now be voted on, it is in the interest of temperance and of the enforcement of any law which may be passed that there should be a full vote. The Globe has said that it will give as much space to those who ad-

vocate as to those who oppose prohi-

bition

the Globe a public discussion-not on

That is the only notice that I shall take of this challenging business. If Mr. Lucas wishes to come to Kingston he can get from me privately thei del Pilar and the grotesques of little names of men of repute, good Methodists and good temperance men, who will make all necessary arrangements beforehand to engage to pay over the receipts to the poor relief of the city or to the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Of course, he will not expect a fee, as, like myself, he is only a Canadian, not a star orator coming from a sober country to enlighten a drunken one as to the best methods of securing deliverance, at so much per night, carefully arranged for by the orator or his

agent. As my object in beginning this discussion was to elicit the views of calm God bless the soldier of our land, and independent laymen, who are not | The sailor on the sea; afraid of the insinuations, taunts, misrepresentations, insults and other kinds of verbal mud which a few mistaken friends of temperance are in the habit of throwing at all who do not identify temperance with prohibition. I shall now retire from the field for a time and allow others to be heard.

Historic Jewels.

tion about five columns more. The con- Rarest and Most Wonderful Gems in the World in England.

[Pall Mall Gazette.]

The South Kensington Museum, in London, contains what is probably the most remarkable collection of historic rings in the world. In this most exquisite and perfectly arranged of all treasure houses, the troth of kings, the romance and tragedy of famous lives, gives a keen personal interest to the cases filled with gems that are dividuals, have been proud of the repbeen made royal by the touch of roy-

alty. Amid the clasped hands and truelovers' knots we find one lined with Scottish arms, having on the seal the letters M. H.-Mary and Henry-the ness we cannot gather from any of her authentic portraits in the national gameries. We must conclude that some grace of expression that could

In black and white enamels on gold, with hexagonal bezel, we find the and that the virtue is more efficacious mournful token given by Charles I. on | in proportion to its possession of this the day of his execution to Bishop saving quality. When this proportion Juxon. grins in the center, surrounded by the | tionately weakened, and deprived of inscription "Behold the Ende-1-"! and around the outside, "Rather Deth

Than Fals Fayth. The silver wedding ring of Rienzi hibition for some charity in Rome, ing it the latter lays itself open to when Vatican and Quirinal and many a noble house had for the moment space in the center, where the king and queen received their guests, were poleon, the torn blanket of Garibaldi. and the wonderful dalmatic of Charlemagne, which proud Rienzi wore when

he entered Rome. But to return to our gems: One ring says "Never to be forgotten, 2nd Januray, 1777." Does anyone still remem-

With us the hair-ring period of mourning has given way to the still more dangerous jetted Mercury-winged window, and we have no use for the rings hollowed out like little bottles, to contain the tears which were a coquetry of ancient times. Certainly filling these was not as difficult a task as that prescribed in the savage country Grant Allen tells us of, where the bereaved ones are obliged to weep till they fill a bottle of certain size, and if they cannot are beaten until they

The inscription, "God help Maria!" makes us wonder who the donor could have been. Among the wedding rings is a type

that should become fashionable in America, for it binds a heart and a coronet. Simpler folk say: "As God decreed.

So we agreed": or, "God hathe wrought this choice in

So frame thyself to comfourth me.' Chaste and simple is this: "A Faithful Wife Preserveth Life"; more abrupt and brutal was the admonition, "Observe wedlock."

A Jewish wedding ring, with great bezels, lifts from the hand in full relief the model of the holy tabernacle "Bonnie Prince Charlie" smiles from

shopping. While she was away the carrying a ruby heart, and the legend: The great Merovingian and Saxon rings are among the rarest in the world. Seven hundred dollars was paid by the museum for the bent and brok-

of fifteen small crosses, was found on the fingers of a skeleton; it had no power to stay the hand of death. Of great antiquity are the Roman key-rings, used to keep the keys of precious chests or casks ever at hand. Of mystic rings there are many-the mediaeval circlet of "incantation," the

charmed "toadstone," and the South German silver set with wolf's teeth. A long, coffin-shaped ring with three cameos, the center one representing Cleopatra holding the asp to her heart. is almost identical with one worn by Cheiro, of palmist fame.

An ancient Venetian of three chains, holding a revolving turquoise, brown with age, is engraved on one side with a Venus Anadyomene, and the other with a Gnostic cipher. Amid more costly gems the turquoise holds its own with strange persistence. One great turquoise cameo of the Rape of Proserpine, in this collection, is almost large enough to cover the back of the hand, and there are some beautiful examples of those inlaid with Persian inscriptions.

In thumb rings the most splendid are those given by the popes to cardinalsthough they did not always accompany the scarlet hat, and Wolsey's great anxiety lest a ring should not be sent with his precious head-covering stands recorded. Of heroic size, they stand up several inches from the hand, and, of course, would be good in effect only when worn with massive vesture. Usually they are set in brass or bronze, with great cabochons, or uncut stones. One of the Lion of St. Mark in alto is crested with greenish chalcedony; those most prized hold a rough emerald or cabochon ruby. Thumb rings of a more painful sort are the "thumbkins," or thumbcuffs, used to hold the thumbs of prisoners while their clothes were being cut from them. The example of South Kensington was found behind the paneling of an old sixteenth cen-

tury house The "puzzle" rings Lord Lytton used to characterize as "ingenious stupidity." The baroque pearls of the Virgin jeweled men and animals are uningenious stupidity.

The collection is rich in superb cameo heads of those whom art has immortalized-in Greek and Roman intaglii, that in finest lines picture the loves and the woes of the gods; but before the wealth of precious stones the pen falls helpless, as we have no adequate words for these dazzling har-

A Christmas Prayer.

And bless that old red flag of ours Wherever it may be.

Come, pour Thy blessings down upon Our noble-hearted Queen; And with Thy gracious blessing, Lord, Long may she live to reign.

We know that Thou wilt not forget The cold and lonely hearth, Where weary is the patient heart

And silent is the mirth. And as our hearts with gladness throb. From feeling Christmas cheer,

That other ones are drear. Lucan. -Milt. Varley.

Teach us, O Lord, to not forget

SACRED HOSPITALITY. Embodying Man's Best Idea, It Is Often Abused.

Hospitality is a virtue-there is small doubt about that. It is more than a virtue, however; it is frequently a standard, says a writer in the Baltimore American. Nations, as well as inboth royal in themselves, and have utation for hospitality, and have striven to keep it up, for hospitality supposes a freedom from narrowness, a cordiality of spirit and a cheerfulness of heart, which all go to the making of an enviable character. No man who is mean is ever known to be hospitable, neither is one who is unusually selfish and selfcentered. There are few who would be otherwise than pleased to hear them-

selves termed hospitable. But the extreme of every virtue becomes a vice, and hospitality is no exception to this natural law. To every investigator it becomes apparent that each virtue has a sound, wholesome mixture in its essence of common sense. A hideous, monkey-like skull is lessened the virtue become proporthe bar to its going to extremes, is transformed into the opposite. This, then, is one of the dangers of the hospitably inclined. Charity endureth all brings to mind a strange and glorious | things, but this endurance ceases to be conjunction I once saw at a loan ex- a charm in hospitality, for by exercis-

> labuse It seems to be a law of human nature that anything which invites abuse is pretty sure to receive it. It is, unfortunately, a fact that a certain class in this world make a regular business of abusing hospitality and of presuming on its elasticity to a grievous extent. With not the slightest semblance of claim the members of this class will settle themselves down upon people of pospitable reputations, and with as much calmness and coolness transfer their own burdens to the shoulders of a thing to be resisted always and energetically; but, unfortunately, the people of a hospitable disposition are either reluctant or unable to take a decided stand, and to refuse to bear the burdens thus shifted upon them. They dislike to wound other's feelings, for it is proved by experience that those without the slightest regard for other's feelings have the most sensitive kind themselves. Or else, those imposed upon lack the moral courage to speak the plain refusal of unwarrantable demands.

SHOOTING. 'Peace upon earth, goodwill to men!"

So greet we Christmas Day. Oh, Christian, load your gun, and then, O Christian, out and slay! -Rudyard Kipling.

HAD DONE WHAT SHE COULD.

[Washington Letter.] A colored woman went to the pastor

of her church the other doy to com= plain of the conduct of her husband, who, she said, was a low-down, worthless man. After listening to a long recital of the delinquencies of her neglectful spouse, and her efforts to correct them, the minister said: "Have you ever tried heaping coals of fire up- H. BARTRAM, 93 Dundas street. rect them, the minister said: "Have on his head?" "No," was the reply, "but

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can.

The Trades and Labor Council held its regular meeting this week, a large number of delegates in attendance. Credentials were received from the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, and Building Laborers' Union, naming their delegates. A communication from "The great battle of the miners is Factory Inspector Barber was read, over, the smoke has cleared from the stating that he would be in London some time in January, and asking that the complaints regarding violations of the factory act be sent to him. One of the delegates reported that Mr. Barber had been in the city this week, and thought the inspector, if he were desirous of enforcing the factory act, should have waited on the officers of the council in order to ascertain where the act was being violated. After a good deal of discussion on the work of the inspector, a committee was appointed to deal with the matter, with instructions to complain to the department of agriculture if no satisfaction is received from Mr. Barber. The printers' delegates submitted a list of candidates for municipal honors who were favorable to the union label on city the unorganized miners of the country, printing, and also those who were opposed to it. There were very few of ers are now joining the organization the latter. As all the candidates had that never before belonged to it or not been heard from, action in several would take any part in its actions. It wards was deferred. The election of is estimated that at the present rate officers will take place at the next of organizing, the coming of next May meeting of the council which will be will find the United Mine Workers of held on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

Mr. Isaac Clark, who has been elected delegate to the international convention of Bricklayers' and Masons' Union, is an ardent worker in union circles, and will make a worthy rep-

At the last regular meeting of the Building Laborers' Union the following officers were elected: President, R. Hardy; vice-president, Jos. Hiscock; recording secretary, Wm. Burleigh (reelected); financial secretary, Geo. Leslie; treasurer, H. Sullivan (re-elected); sergeant-at-arms, Geo. Talbot (re-elected); delegates to the T. and L. Council, Barnett, Geo. Leslie. The Building Laborers' Union is in a sound financial condition and is increasing its member-

Building Laborers' Protective Union ings. meets in Boston on the second Monday in February next. It is probable that the local union will be represented.

GENERAL NOTES.

Detroit has two unions of bakers and confectioners.

The increase in the membership of the American Federation of Labor during the year was over 35,000. By unanimous vote of the city council

of Rossland, B. C., it was decided that municipal printing should be given to The eigarmakers of Detroit are en-

deavoring to defeat the eigarmaking ety; search parties were organized, and contract of the Marquette state prison, which leases convicts to make cigars at 50 cents a day.

Industrial conditions in Chicago are winter the army of idle men has been growing, until now it is something year rolled round, and during the sum-

The revival in business has not improved the condition of the tinplate trade as yet, says the National Labor Tribune. While other lines show many indications of improvement in prices, the tinplate industry is showing few signs of renewed activity.

The committee having in charge a memorial for Henry George has concluded to use the public subscriptions received to obtain for Mrs. George a perfectly satisfactory support for the remainder of her life. If any surplus remains beyond that amount it will be used to provide some kind of a permanent memorial.

There were 805 oil wells completed in Ohio and Indiana during the month of August last. Under the eight-hour plan this number of wells would employ 1,830 drillers and tool dressers; under the old twelve-hour plan only 1,220 men would find work on this num-

the amount of \$30,000. It is said that ands more.

At the next meeting of Detroit Typographical Union, Jan. 2, a vote will be taken on an amendment to the scale of prices—striking out "fifty-six" and inserting "fifty-four," a reduction of two hours per week in the book and the scale also on a reduction of 50 job scale; also, on a reduction of 50 cents in the weekly scale paid book and

The new law in regard to the employment of child labor in the state of Indiana, recently put in force, has already wrought a great change there in such employment, especially among the glass factories, where a good many boys under the proscribed age were formerly kept at work. State Factory Inspector McAbee, who has finished a tour of inspection through the glassmaking towns, reports that he found only about 50 children employed, against about 800 a year ago, and in every instance it was explained to him that the boy was the only support of a widowed mother.

An appeal for financial assistance has been issued by the American and Canadian Council of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, in behalf of their London brothers, who are endeavoring to establish an eight-hour day. This struggle has lasted nearly six months, and the cost to both employers and employes has been enormous. The employers in the engineering branches have announced that it is their ultimate purpose to "smash rades unionism" in Great Britain, at the cost. At the outset the Amalgamatea Society had \$1,700,000 in its treasury, and the total amount of money expended by the allied trades is given at over \$2,600,-000. The continental workers are responding to the appeals for assistance in a noble manner, the printers of Germany alone having contributed \$10,000.-[Typographical Journal.

The Chicago street car men are perfecting an organization under great difficulties. The treasurer of the national organization of street railway employes, who has been in Chicago for eight weeks, says: "It is the hardest fight to establish a union I ever encountered. The company is desperate, and stops at no means to prevent the organization of their employes. One of its moves was the employment of private detectives, or private burglars, who broke into my desk, and obtained a list | year reduced the number of hotels, but of seventeen members of our union. Each of these men was called into the office of the company and shown the list-the identical list that had been stolen from my private desk-and each of them was then discharged. This action was expected to terrorize the men and stop the work of enrolling mem-Over 50 men were discharged in as many days for joining the union."

The current issue of the Motorman and Conductor has this to say regarding the results of the miners' strike: battlefield, and we have time now to analyze the situation and to see what has been gained for trades unionism. Some critics say 'Nothing.' With them we disagree. First, the miners won 11 cents of an increase on each ton of coal they dig. When the organization entered the fight they were almost demoralized; their treasury was empty and they were some \$1,500 in debt. The operators were aware of this when they sought to force the reduction upthe miners, and it was estimated that they did not have over 15,000 or 20,000 members in good standing. The close of the strike finds them with 80,-000 men in goood standing, an increase of 11 cents per ton in their wages, nor has it stopped at that. The winning of the strike has given encouragement to and thousands and thousands of min-America with 200,000 paid-up members upon their rolls. If this is not a victory for trades unionism, we don't understand what victory is."

Ophir's Christmas Mail.

Recently, writes a correspondent from Denver, I was looking over the old mail pouches stored in the inspector's department of the Denver postoffice, and on one of them I noticed a card tied near the rusty lock. On it was written, "This pouch was in a snowslide on the dead carrier's back for twenty

months, near Ophir." Swan Nilson, a Swedish mail carrier, W. Burleigh (re-elected), Wm. Jeffries, was the man who bore that pouch to R. Hardy; auditors, J. Hiscock, Geo. his death. His route was from Silverton to Ophir, and on Dec. 23, 1863, a terrible storm was raging in that part of the Rocky Mountains. Nilson's friends advised him not to attempt the trip, The international convention of the but he would not listen to their warn-

> "I mus' go," he said. "I have Christmas things in my pouch, and I not disappoint the good friends at Ophir. It will not be Christmas there unless Swan

> Nilson brings the mail." So the brave carrier set forth, his mail-sack tightly strapped to his back, Norwegian snowshoes on his feet, and a long guiding-pole in his hand. At Ophir the miners of the camp were

waiting and longing for his appearance. Christmas Eve came and went, while the storm raged fiercely in the mountains. The morning cawned clear and bright, but the faithful mail-carrier did not come. Impatience changed to anxiwent out along the trails. There was nothing to be seen or heard of Nilson. The winter passed, and with the coming of the summer the search for the very bad. Ever since the beginning of lost carrier was renewed, but nothing could be learned of his fate. Another

> mer another search party was organ-On Aug. 13, 1865, at the bottom of a snowslide, the picks and shovels of the searching party uncovered the body of Swan Nilson, and still strapped to his back was the old pouch with the Ophir Christmas mail.

> > THE DIFFERENCE.

First Goose-What's the difference between a Christmas turkey, and a Christmas girl? Second Goose-I dunno.

First Goose-Why, one is dressed to kill, and the other is killed to dress.

A CLOUD OF WITNESSES

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ber of wells, making a difference of the most skeptical that South Ameri-Here's evidence enough to convince 10 men in favor of the eight-hour day. can Rheumatic Cure does all that is Following up the verdict in the court claimed for it. Mrs. Parkin, of Binof Judge Clifford in Chicago, Nov. 18, brook, completely cured of sciatica swarding damages against the Chicago with four bottles. W. McFarlane, of and Northwestern Railway to Fred R. Hamilton, laid up for several weeks Ketcham in the sum of \$21,600 because with acute rheumatism. Three bottles of blacklisting, there was filed in the cured him. Mr. Sinclair, of Hamilton, district court of Ogden, Utah, on the over 70 years old, could not raise his 3rd, the complaint of John O'Hara hand to head from rheumatism. Three against the Oregon Short Line Rail- bottles cured him. Mr. Adams, of road and the receivers of the Union | Hamilton-sciatica so bad could not Pacific Company, claiming damages to walk-cured in four days-and thous-

Mr. Thos. B. Scott, of Vanneck, Breaks a Lance With Dr. Grant.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: It is not surprising that the Paris Presbytery should disagree with Dr. Grant on prohibition. But even those job hands—from \$15, to \$14 50 on day differing with him must admire his work, and from \$16 to \$15 50 for night frank, out-spoken manner upon all subdiffering with him must admire his jects of public merality, never doubting but his conclusions are on rock bottom. He says: "We have been winning in the fight for temperance for 50 years; then, why in the name of common sense should we throw away the well-tried swords which have served us so well, for the rusty razors of prohibition?" In looking back over at least 40 of these years of temperance work, we notice many and great changes in temperance sentiment, which always calls for change of action. We remember how efficient were the sickle and grain cradle at that time; but I think the doctor will admit that these would make a poor showing in the great wheat fields of Manitoba. Common sense by common consent has abandoned these for the self-binder. We had not in these bygone days reached the moral sense of the people. The various temperance organizations did good work in the moral training of the people in temperance sentiment, until now we have almost the whole Christian Church arrayed against the traffic in liquor. The doctor has well pointed out the class we have now to fight. He says: "In Maine we have seen the law defied, a whole generation of lawbreakers schooled in evasion and shamelessness," etc. I believe the docter must admit that moral suasion is not the best for such a class as described. At least, no one, so far as I know, seriously thinks of moral suasion as the best treatment for thieves and murderers. The strong arm of the law must stretch their necks. But the doctor tells us that we have here a class too strong for the arm of the law, and yet corrupting and defiant to legislators, public officers and law courts, Fress. as shown in the close of his second letter. He proposes no cure except the well-tried sword of moral suasion, and in his two letters there is no moral limit to the traffic, except a small tax. He will oppose prohibition by pen and vote, and pronounces restriction a failure. By legislation we have year after

> hibition, and as far as the right to sell is concerned we are nearly all prohibited. What virtue is there in legislation that does not prohibit? If one thouone allowed to sell, would that one be harder to restrain than the thousand? If so we would know where to put him. If any class proclaim in this age and country that they will not and cannot be controlled by the laws of the country, they must be stamped as outlaws. Corrupting, dangerous and decannot intimidate the people, the pulfew and small, and the liquor party color. called us mean. Now we are a great army of men and women; threat and scorn are alike unheeded. Our watchword to all is, "Come, and we will do

a limit upon the days, hours, places and

persons to whom they may sell. All

men under 21 years are now under pro-

THOS. B. SCOTT, Vanneck.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

HENSALL.-Does the word "promulgation" in section 329 of the Muncipal Act of 1892 refer to money bylaws only? Ans.-Yes. Bylaws passed unto be promulgated, as they do not impose a rate.

GOSFIELD.-1. Can any person close a mortgage, or is it necessary to employ a solicitor? Ans.-It is more prudent to employ a solicitor, but any-one may sell under the power of sale contained in the mortgage. 2. Please give form of notice that mortgagor gives to mortgagee. Ans.-The notice gagor. The form is too long for insertion. You can purchase printed forms at any city stationery shop. You will also find a form in Revised Statutes of Ontario, p. 924, which may be adapted to the special terms of the

mortgage in question. LOBO .- A gives his note to B, who sells and indorses same to C., When note is due C'agrees to let A have the money longer at a given rate of interest, without knowledge or consent of B. The note runs four years, A paying some interest and half of principal. A is now insolvent and C falls back on B for payment of balance. Did C's agreement with A constitute a settlement of note? Ans.—No, but it released B as indorser. Had C a right to prolong the time of payment and fix a rate of interest without B's consent? Ans.-No. Is B now liable for pay-

ment of note? Ans.-No. CREDITON .- What privilege has an Indian a white man has not? Have they any right to cut timber in any bush? Have they a right to walk along a small river or creek? Ans .- An Indian has no right to cut timber in any bush or to walk along a small river or creek which is not public property, unless on the Indian reserves or waters appropriated for Indian fishing. His property on the reserves is not liable to taxation, nor can such property be mortgaged or sold for a debt. No pawn of anything can be retained for intoxicating liquor. No presents given to Indians or property acquired by means of annuities granted to Indians can be disposed of, except by one Indian to another. The act for prevention of the profanation of the Lord's Day is not binding on Indians. Intoxicating liquor cannot be bought or acquired by an Indian, except for medicinal purposes. An Indian has no right which a white man has not, but is under certain restrictions for his welfare.

Reminder of an Old Custom.

Hundreds of old country people, especially of Irish birth, will remember the Christmas candle which is lighted and placed in the window at midnight of Christmas Eve and allowed to burn there on the successive nights until it is all consumed. It is one of the most Pain Annihilating Properties of South interesting of all the customs associated with the religious celebration of the Christian festival. It is symbolic, of course, of the "Light of the World." but some hold that, with the mistletoe, the holly and the festive practices of the season it goes back to Druid or pagan origin and is derived from some olden symbolism of the returning warmth of the sun. However this may be, it is not generally known that the custom has been observed in Canada to this day by a few old country people, comparatively speaking, to whom Christmas would not bear its holy message without the tall wax candle shining in their window.

Secret of the Desperate Conflict Between Two Aged Pioneers. They were two old pioneers of Up-

per Michigan entertaining the gullible When I first came to this place," said the veteran, who owns a log cabin, a flat boat and a turnip patch, "we had a good deal of trouble with bears.

They'd come sniffin' 'round the shanty They'd come sniffin' 'round the shanty at night, and you could go out any mornin' an' lay in a stock of bear beef. Bout the best luck I ever had was one fall when I was poking about just beyant the clearin'. I was shovin' a bullet home with an iron ramrod when I see a she-bear and three cubs comin' toward me. They see me at the same time, and all went up in a row on their hind legs. Of course, I was naturally excited, and banged away. When the smoke cleared there was them four bears strung on that ramrod and there wasn't a good kick left in none of 'em.' The other entertainer looked troubled

for a few seconds, but soon rallied and looked as honest as an owl. "Hank," he began, "you mus' recaleck that red cow o' mine. There was the beatinest critter I ever see. She could ketch more fish than airy a man in the settlement. She wasn't no expense, 'cause she could steal a livin' the year round. She could pick a lock with her horns, an' ole Jim Clay swears he see her climb a tree after a black bear once. I won't make no affidavy to that, but I know she used to bring in bear regaler. She could do more with them horns o' hern than any man could with a rifle. Wasn't she a korker, Hank?"

"I hain't spinnin' this here yarn, Lige," declared the other pioneer, who was plainly jealous, "but the only cow you ever owned since you came here was a mooley."

Though they are both old, they are as tough as pine knots, and it took five minutes to part them. The friendship o fyears is broken and each declares the other the prince of liars.-Detroit Free

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The many different methods to determine the cardinal points while on the mountains, in both heavy timber and small bush, or upon the featureless expanse of a great marsh, are exceedingly numerous and reliable enough for all practical purposes dursand men can be prevented and only ing an every-day life in the bush, unless a very long journey is to be made, which would require a number of days, and would make it necessary to hold on a very fine point while making so

long a distance. We will first take notes on the coniferous trees, pines, firs, spruce, cedars, fiant as we know that class to be, they always lighter in color, harder and dryer on the south side of the tree, pit and the press of Canada. Is it not | while it is in color much darker, is also ridiculous that if temperance legisla- damper, and often covered with mold tion is not subject to a few violations and moss on the north side. The gum it must be repealed. Murder trials have that oozes out from wounds, knotbeen in the courts everywhere. Why holes, etc., is usually hard and often have we never heard about the law be- of beautiful amber color on the south ing a failure? Every reverse discour- side, while on the northern side it ages eager, zealous new recruits, but remains sticky longer and gets covold veterans of 40 years ago can look ered with insects and dirt, seldom dryupon years of advance when we were ing out to more than a dirty gray in

On large trees that have rough bark, especially during the fall and winter months, the nests and webs of insects, spiders, etc., will always be found in the crevices on the south side. A preponderance of the large branches will also be found on the warmest or southern side of the trees. Also, the needless of all the abovementioned trees are shorter, dryer and of a yellowish green on the southern side, while they will be found longer, more slender and pliable, damper to the touch and darker green in color on the north side. The cedars and der section 479 of same act do not need hemlocks, as if trying to outdo the others, always bend their slender tops of new growth towards the northern

The hardwood trees are equally as communicative, and have all the characteristics, so far as regards their trunks, as the coniferous trees, except the absence of gums, but this is more than made up by the fungus growth of mold and mosses that is is given by the mortgagee to the mort- | very noticeable on the north side of these trees.

The ledges of rocks which may be part of stupendous mountains, or merely an occasional cropping out here and there in the woods, or, perhaps some great boulder alone by itself, a silent witness of the glacial period, all alike testify to the effect of light and shade. The sunny side will usually be bare, or at most only boast of a thin growth of harsh, dry kinds of mosses, that will only grow when having the light; while the northern side will be found damp and moldy, and often covered with a luxuriant growth of soft, damp mosses that love the shade, while every cre-vice will bear aloft beautiful and gracefully waving ferns.

The forest floor on the sunny side of hills, ridges, clumps of trees, bushes, big rocks, etc., is more noisy under the footfall than the northern side of such places, where the dead leaves and litter are soft and damp, holding more moisture than in places exposed

to the light of the sun. In an open country nearly void of timber clumps of small bushes during summer will furnish all the conditions found to exist among the leaves of the trees, being equally sensitive to light and shade as are the monarchs of the woods. The landscape, green with moving grasses and beautiful to the eye, which feasts on the countless numbers of wild flowers, representing every form and hue known to the flowery kingdom, also furnishes a reliable guide for locating the cardinal points, as most wild flowers, especially the long-stemmed varieties, hide their faces from the north, and, like the sun-flower, turn toward a southern sky. Large boulders, clumps of small bushes, mounds and small hummocks—all testify, too, for the ground around such places exposed to the sun will be burned nearly bare of vegetation, or parched up until of a dead grass color; while on the shady side it will be found quite green, and often here there are growing mosses and ferns of rare beauty, which thrive only where they have moisture and

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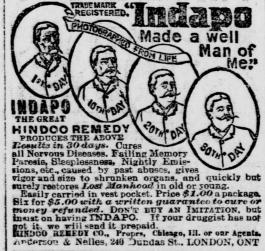
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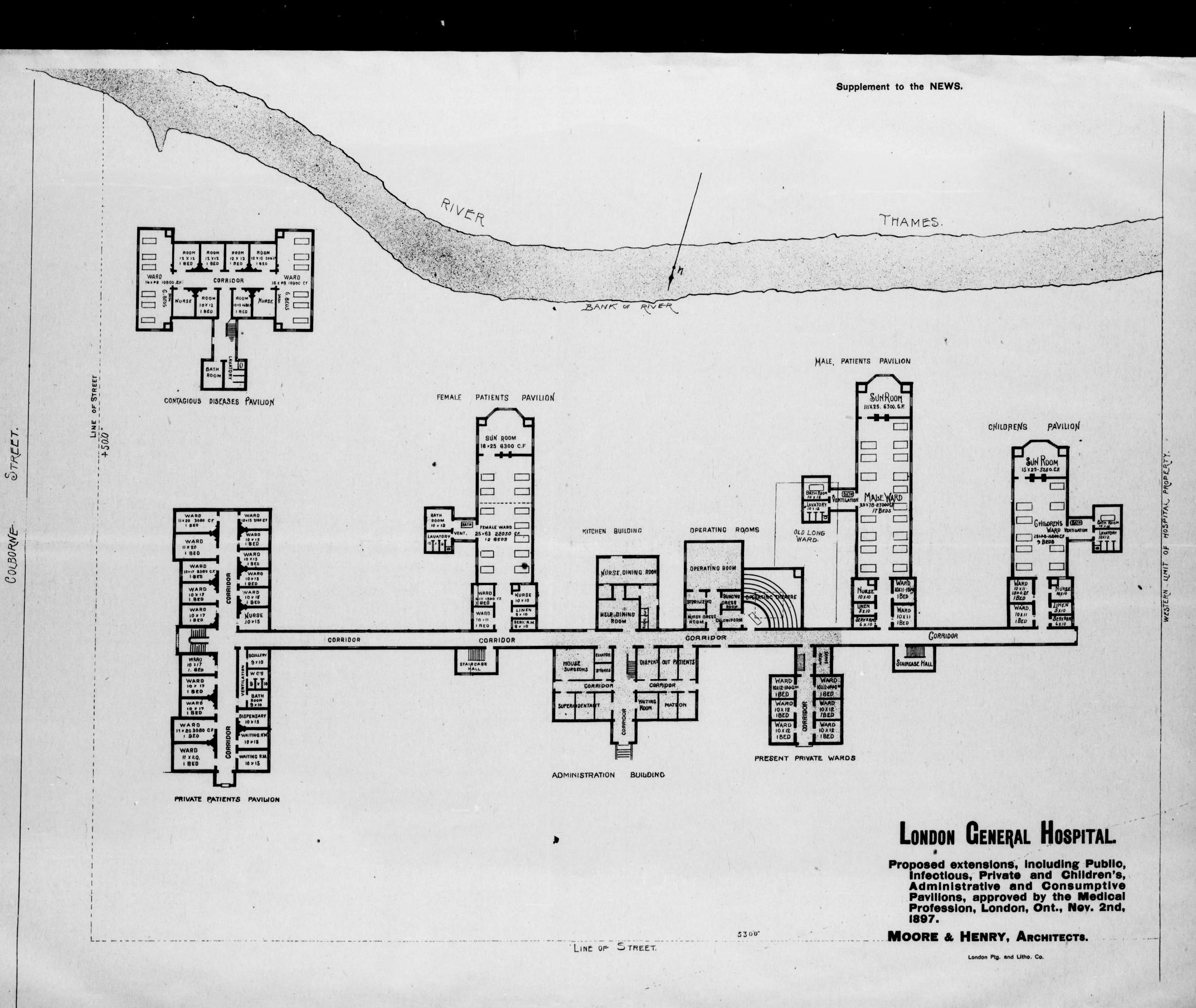
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R. L. Stevenson's Christmas Sermon.

By R. F. Horton, M.A., D.D.

of a crowded square in the Chinese quarter of San Francisco, is the fountain which the zeal of Americans has reared to the memory of that dauntless Bayard of the literary world, Robert Louis Stevenson Stevenson passed through San Francisco, and to have are there any people in this world passed through a place was enough to leave a trail of his indefinable charm, and to have raised up some hearts that loved him. And this fountain, the work of a rising sculptor, who was captivated by the romantic story of Stevenson's death and burial, now stands as a witness in the Golden Gate of the west. where the impetuous west is brought up sharp by confronting the east, which it has overtaken, that Stevenson, more than any modern writer, has an indefeasible claim to the hearts of the east and of the west, of the north from which he came, and of the south where he went to die.

With rare discrimination the sculptor has selected as the inscription on the fountain a sentence from Stevenson's "Christmas Sermon," the text of it one might almost say. Henceforth, the people who throng that cosmopolitan city, if, at least, they have learned the English tongue, will in quenching their thirst see looking into their eyes a soul that utters these brave words:

"To be honest, to be kind, to earn a little and to spend a little less; to make upon the whole a family happier by his presence; to renounce where that shall be necessary, and not to be embittered; to keep a few friends, but these without capitulation; above all, on the same grim conditions, to keep friends with himself; here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicaey.' And if the drinker at the fountain inquires who spoke these brave words,

let us hope the answer will be: "One who made them a reality." He may not read the books, written with such heroic resolution in the respites of illness. Indeed, the subjects of Stevenson's books can hardly claim to be of the immortal order, and it is not, perhaps, possible to live, except as a memory, on the mere strength of style. But this sentence, this text of a Christmas sermon, will be read, and no reader but will be the better for it, as long as the fountain stands.

To say that it contains the whole

duty of man would be extravagant. It has not, it must be owned, a theo- fine dews and fragrance of the soul. logical ring; and for anything that appears, one might hold its doctrines without being religious at all. But to with anything but affection one who homely virtues? Here is the off-hand description of one whom everyone is bound to love. Can God, who is love,

It is at Christmas-time that a creed of this kind commends itself and makes a bid to be accepted as the guiding principle of the year. And if it has not too much the air of a sermon such as we preach in pulpits, I shall beg leave to examine the clauses one

condemn one whom every one is bound

"To be kind." That is not by any means easy. At Christmas time we enjoy a favorable spasm of kindness. But that is a species of intoxication. 'When he gets drunk," I read of the Russian moujik, "which is whenever beneficent chance affords, he leans for hours against a fence or wall, smiling gently at the passers-by. If he makes any demonstration, it is to throw his arms around some other moujik's neck and kiss him. The drunker he is the more affectionately fraternal he be-In the semi-inebriety of Christmas festivities there is a great deal which passes for kindness in persons essentially unkind. But to be kind all the year round, and to all-to be kind, for example, to those whom it is your duty to rebuke, and to be kind when your nerves are fretted by pain and overwork-that makes a considerable demand upon you. It is a temper of mind which you will hardly hit, except by a strong religious principle. And if kindness be taken in anything like an absolute sense, you may be challenged to show an instance of it in one who is not a Christian. A charity "which suffers long and is kind" is a stream drawn from only one perennial fountain. That Stevenson himself was, in his later years, uniformly kind to Samoan or to European, to troublesome visitors and the home circle, we have abundant evidence. I should venture to infer from that fact alone that

Do you SUFFER when you EAT?

digestion your life might be a pleasant one.

only too well.

ministering to stomach troubles, is the pride of the gardens; boating and in order to travel comfortably she learned French during her leisure it has made happy thousands of dyspeptics.

Do you want the enjoyment of eating three meals a day and not suffering for it?

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Mrs. R. M. Dargavel, Dornoch, Ont., says: "I was troubled with some sort of recognition of the great event of the Christian year will be During the last year she has made dyspepsia for nearly a year, I could scarcely stand the pain of my inclined to get drunk then than at any through Denmark, Norway and Sweden

Far away in the west, in the center | he was a Christian. I have known, on the other hand, some people who pass as Christians guilty of almost incredible acts of unkindness, which suggest that all the vital sap of charity has been used up in a few directions, leaving the best part of the system dry.

"To earn a little and spend a little less." 'Tis an admirable trait. Frankly, more intolerable than the beggars who never earn, but live by sponging on the benevolent, unless they be those persons who do their share in earning but always overstep their income, and fall back on more careful friends to meet their deficits? I grant that generosity is a fine virtue, and the world offers fine opportunities of exercising it. But the whine of the impecunious, and the bland childishness of the spendthrift, do not train the virtue of generosity We give to them with the awful qualm that we are probably feeding the flame that is destroying them; we fling our money at them to be rid of them, and know in our hearts that we have won their hatred because we have not given enough. On the whole, I like no trait of character better than that which makes your generous Scot "earn a little and spend less."

"To make upon the whole a family happier by his presence." Oh! the delicate modesty of that "upon the whole." And oh! the exquisite spirit that conceives this among the primary and essential virtues, "to make a family happier by his presence." I imagine that hell is a place, not in itself uncomfortable or insalubrious, but entirely inhabited by those who have not made a family happier by their presence, and now those who have are withdrawn, and these are left to themselves, a big household of the morose. the selfish, the unsocial, reaping their appropriate reward.

"To renounce-and not to be embittered." This cuts down into the quick of life. Renunciation is so inevitable in this world, that is, it is forced upon you by such stress of circumstances that to renounce in itself is no better a virtue than to freeze in winter cold, or at the end of life to die. But in the renunciations which are not to be avoided, to retain the sweetness of those who do not renounce; to give up the joy and never to refer to it; to seriously believe that in the lopping and the pruning, in the pinch of heart, and the desolation, and the chill, lies precisely the best for you and for allthis in infinitely lovable, it distils the "To keep a few friends, but these without capitulation." Certainly, for spirit of this creed, certainly implies a demand their surrender. If you will great grasp of the essence of religion, have friends you do not fight for, or and must be the fruit of a very fine starve for, or suffer for, you will have theology. Is it conceivable that a none. Nay, they are searcely friends wise and righteous God could regard in the true and tried sense until you have refused capitulation for them, had lived in the practice of these and chosen death for yourself rather. It is a good test of a man to find how many of his friends are those whom he has had for years. One who has alienated many friends, and counts many foes that once were friends, reveals to you his own character in

recounting their perfidy. And "to keep friends with himself" without capitulation. That is not the slightest task of the man who would be beloved, nor does it make the least severe demands upon his fortitude and delicacy. Stevenson is not talking of self-complacency, but of that which is the secret of dignity and of sweetness, the frank admission to yourself that you are an imperfect fellow upon whom you must not be too hard, the cheerfulness which does not tolerate selfdisgust, the charity so wide that it at last returns to be charitable even to

Christmas is a good time for drinking at this fountain near the Western Gate, and for lifting up our eyes to this imperishable legend.

Christmas Bells.

Christmas bells are sweetly ringing, Telling of a Saviour born; Peace on earth, and goodwill bringing, On this happy Christmas morn.

Put away all gloom and sadness, Bid repining murmurs cease: Let our hearts be filled with gladness, For the bells are ringing "Peace!"

Not for us alone the chimes Echo back their sweet refrain; Stricken hearts in distant climes Listening, are revived again.

Merry Christmas! Joyful word! Sweet and clear the anthem rings; 'Till the inmost heart is stirred With the happiness it brings.

Peace on earth, goodwill toward men." With the words we'll end all strife. Taking up the threads again To weave a purer, nobler life.

-Emily H. Watson.

Christmas in a Hot Land. Christmas Eve in Calcutta is a very lively time. All the big European shops keep open till quite 12 at night, with lotteries, lucky bags and raffles in full swing; crowds of people go from shop to shop, meeting friends, spending money, and winning sometimes But for dyspepsia and in- valuable prizes; the roads are crammed with traffic; the shops brilliantly illuminated outside and in; and the animation everywhere apparent makes Christmas Eve in the The misery which these diseases produce you know of diseases produce you know of gardens are sure to be thronged with picnic parties, nice, quiet, merry-makers, composed, for the most part, of the better class of Europeans in Cal-Let's tell you of the cure. cutta, who come down in launches and drags to spend a pleasant time in ing through the spacious greenhouses, hours. and otherwise enjoying themselves.

status that allows her the dignity of noticed two yellow snakes in his hop attending church), she will strive and field. His first impulse was to kill save so that she may have "new them, but their actions were so odd

REMARKABLE HOP PICKERS.

They Have Neither Hands Nor Feet. and Receive No Wages.

[Vermillion (Ind.) Correspondence.] industries of this county, and gives employment to several hundred he tried them on the hop fields while persons each year. In 1896 the emthe pickers over the question of wages. them this year. Accordingly he hired The pickers wished to be paid by the | no hands, to the great surprise of his hour, but the hop growers wished to neighbors. Instead he turned the maintain the present scale by the snakes loose, putting 150 baskets on the piece. The matter, as a general proposition, is still unsettled, except by The experiment was a great success. one hop grower, Jacob Presley, on but Mr. Presley has incurred the dead-Deer Lick bottoms. He did not hire ly enmity of the Hop Pickers' Union, any pickers at all this year, and yet | the president of which, Bob Habernut, his hops are all picked and cured. The story is a curious one and be- snake-picked hops this winter.

so poor (provided she is of a social gins in 1895, when Mr. Presley first things" to sport in church on Christ- snakes would climb the hop poles and pick every blossom, throwing them upon the ground. Then they would extract a certain amount of hop from the stalk and pass on to the next one. This set Mr. Presley thinking if the snakes could not be utilized instead of men and women.

In the spring of 1896 he found a nest of thirteen yellow snakes down Hop picking is one of the principal by the creek and, capturing them it alive, he took them home. In the fall ployers had considerable trouble with success that he determined to use snakes loose, putting 150 baskets on the promises to put a boycott on Presley's

WOMAN AND THE WORLD

fronds. Greenness alone is pleasant her time abroad. with the thermometer at Arctic temperature, and if taken up with their Her knowledge of foreign languages native soil in the autumn and kept rea- has fitted her for broader work as a sonably damp, these shade-lovers are teacher, and she has left the public quite independent of sunny windows. in tiny pots, dotted here and there in a high school for young women. receptacle filled with moss, are decorative anywhere. The point of vantage, most ordinary plants seem to take on steadily in mind. the aspect of something rich and rare

in these high latitudes. A certain shelf thus arranged is particularly pretty. The platform on which without being religious at all. But to practice these doctrines, to live in the spirit of this creed, certainly implies a demand their surrender. If you will to test the use of electricity for cooking front and sides is of white enamel, with gold knobs at the intersections. Two purposes. Proper connection was mad of the bowls are of golden amber, with with the mains supplying electric lights the central one in deep red—this being to the building. After using the elecfilled with beautiful ferns, while the receptacles at each end hold very richly cooking most of the meals for a family colored foliage plants and graceful of six, the housekeeper in charge said: trailers. The shelf is the most effective "We were able to cook more rapidly, decoration in a very pretty room. Shabby picture frames can be bewitched into things of beauty by the or under-cooking. While we were using

application, not of gold paint, which is electricity every dish was perfect. more prosaic, but of a moderate quan- When I think of these advantages and tity of ivy or tradescantia in small bot- the cleanliness and convenience of the tles partly filled with water and fas- utensils, I sincerely hope that some of tened at the back of the picture. Small them at least may be retained in the bits of charcoal will keep the water house permanently." fresh, and renewal when it is low insures constant success. The effect has required less time and labor than with a charming air of mystery about it, heat from a coal range. Careful tests and gardening in water is far less were made to determine the relative trouble than gardening in earth.

corative corner, is not difficult for that cost 3.15 cents to cook with coal achievement. Any shaped table can be at \$5 per ton would cost 16.6 cents when used, but a square one is perhaps the electricity was used. Ironing was done most satisfactory. A carpenter will for the same household a number of make such a table for a moderate sum, times. The average time taken was and it should have a soft-wood top, in four hours, and the cost of ironing was which a round hole can easily be cut. 22.7 cents. An equal number of tests The opening must be large enough to were made using the coal range, the admit a tin pan with a turned-over fuel being carefully weighed. For the brim, and in the center of the pan three same sied wash, the ironing took five holes must be punched for drainage. hours, at a cost of 12.25 cents. At the The sides and slender legs of the table should then be painted with red enamel paint, picked out with gold, and a very cents per hour, the electricity is more dainty-looking receptacle is ready for the ferns.

care should be taken to put the taller Price thinks that electricity, where ferns in the center, while those of lower available would be of great advantage growth are prettier near the edge. for light housekeeping in small city When fully finished and furnished the apartments, and in larger houses durlittle fern-table will be pronounced well ing the summer; in boarding-houses worth the making.-Harper's Bazar.

MRS. NANSEN'S POPULARITY. States, is, like the doctor, one of the from fire, and could well be discarded pets of the people of Norway. The is for electricity, which is absolutely safe the favorite concert singer of that when properly installed, as well as country, and her voice, while being more convenient and better in not equal in grandeur to that of other respects. The electric flat-iron, Gina Oselio Bjornsen, the great oper- tea-kettle and curling-iron are desatic singer of Norway, surpasses it in tined, he says, to become essential in sweetness. Wherever she appears she the modern home.—Woman's Journal. Part of her success may be due to the sympathy she excites as the life partner of Europe's greatest explorer, but she deserves much by her own merit. She is a warm admirer of the music of her compatriot, Greig, and he permits and pain seem unanswerable. Why her to sing his music before it is put should things be so harsh, so anequal, into the type.

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Her first journey was made to England and Scotland, and was enjoyed so It's Burdock Blood Bitters, the lovely and spacious gardens, ad- and saved money for it during the miring the beautiful avenue of palms next two years. The second tour was In all these years of its which (after the great banyan tree) through France, Belgium and Holland,

> Returning to her school work she be During the Christmas month, dra- gan to study German, and at the end matic clubs will strive to provide some of two years was ready for a journey new entertainments for the public, up the Rhine and to Vienna, and original burlesques or well-known com- thence through Dresden and Berlin to edies; public balls and private dances will be heard of on every hand; the volunteer corps will hold camps at the end of two years she started for out-stations, where there is much Rome. She made the round of the Italand rowdiness; and ian cities, and spent a fortnight in plenies, and shooting expeditions are Switzerland. Two years afterward she the order of the day. All over India was in Spain, and was able to speak

scarcely stand the pain of my stomach and got entirely run down, after taking two bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters I was completely cured and my system built up. I highly recommend B.B.B. for the stomach and blood."

inclined to get drunk then than at any other time, so that they, also, may other time, so that they,

SOME TINY HOUSE GARDENS. | made six journeys to Europe, and learn-The most modest of ferneries, composed entirely of wild-wood designs, is a cheerful indoor sight when the book of nature is very short of leaves. Small expenses. Starting with a painstaking ones are more graceful and manageable study of the language of the country which she was to visit, and also preand make a pretty table decoration paring herself by a course of reading, with a few red carnations among the she has made the best possible use of

The reward for all this energy and perseverance has come in her 30th year. schools to take a position as instructor Small but exquisite greenhouse ferns in French, German and Italian in a There may be higher aims than those

ordinarily involved in foreign travel, however, for greenery of almost any but the persistency of this American kind is a shelf over a door, or just be- girl in carrying out her plans is worneath the frieze at the side of a room. thy of praise. It is a great gain in any The effect of this unique kind of gar- human life, if it is governed by a dedening is truly wonderful, and the finite purpose and keeps that purpose

> 2 2 ELECTRICITY IN COOKING.

Exhaustive experiments have been to keep the heat at just the right point, and could readily prevent ever-cooking

Ironing with the electricaly flat-iron cost of cooking with electricity and A little fern-table, which makes a de- doal. The result showed that the meal usual rate paid for froning, when it is donoe by the hour, fifteen to twenty economical than coal.

While the cost for the usual cooking In arranging these, after filling the of a family would be larger than would pan with wood-earth and a little sand, be ordinarily acceptable, Professor and restaurants for processes which require an even temperature, such as baking griddle cakes, boiling eggs, in Mme. Nansen, wife of the explorer, at present the alcohol flame is put, who accompanies her distinguished such as the afternoon tea-kettle, chafhusband on his visit to the United ing-dish, toaster, etc. This use of alco-

QUESTIONS.

The questions which come thronging to our minds in hours of great stress so unjust? Why should those who do well suffer, and those who do ill apparently go unscathed? Why, for all our earnest and determined efforts, do we never get ahead in life, or obtain a sure footing, while another, who makes no effort at all, outstrips up in the race? Why do we fall into pain and trembling when doing right for conscience lic school, she has taken private pupils sake? Why are we forever unsatisfied and lived frugally, and has been able we feel that the conflict is too hard and when we sorrowfully determine to give up the struggle, does something always come to spur us up to fresh efforts? And why do we forever feel that, however hard the fight for right, we must fight it? Why do we feel that, whatever the consequence of the right action, it must be done? Why do we know, with a sure knowledge, that somehow, although we cannot understand why, it must be all right?-Harper's Bazar.

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The World's Advance. Judge mildly the tasked world; and

To brand it, for it bears a heavy You have perchance observed the in-

ebriate's track At night when he has quitted the inn-He plays diversions on the homeward

Still that way bent, albeit his legs are A hedge may take him, but he turns not back

Nor turns this burdened world, of curving spine; "Spiral," the memorable lady terms Our mind's ascent; our world's ad-

vance presents That figure on a flat-the way of worms. Cherish the promise of its good intents, And warn it not one instant to efface Till reason ripens for the vacant

place. -[George Meredith, in Lippincott's Magazine.

N N A Morning Watch. A door clanks loose; the gust beats by; The chairs grow plain about; Upon the curving mantel high The carved heads stand out. The maids go down to brew and bake, And on the dark stair make

A clatter sudden-shrill-Lord, here am I. Clear of the night and ready for thy will.

All through the house come calling me Great voices as of yore; One of the fields, one of the sea One of the town before: Immeasurable, dread, and fine. Beyond the shops' black line, The marching East goes by-Which shall it be: Lord, which the road that is to thee nigh?

-[Lizette W. Reese. 2, X,

If Only. If only we were worthler found Of the stout ball that bears us round! Might one be healed from fevering

thought. And only look, each night On some plain work well wrought: Or if a man as right and true might be As a flower or a tree! I would give all the mind prim city's hoard can find-House with its scrap-art bedight, Straightened manners of the street. Smooth-voiced society-If so the swiftness of the wind Might pass into my feet; If so the sweetness of the wheat Into my soul might pass, And the clear courage of the grass-If the lark caroled in my song-If one tithe of the faithfulness, If the mother-bird with her brood, Into my selfish heart might press, And make me instinct-good!

-[Edward Rowland Sill. P. N. Kinghorn an' Lunnon.

[A Comparison.] The sichts we've seen! The punds my

Has spent instead o' bankit! But eh! we're back in bonny Fife, Sae let the Lord be thankit! An' Lunnon? Weel, ye ken, it's gay An' busy, nicht an' morn, man, An' there's a pickle fouk-but eh! It's no-it's no Kinghorn, man.

Ye'll wanner on, an' on, an' on, Through miles an' miles o' men, man, An' yet in a' the crood like yon There's a de'il a face ye'll ken, man. Na! Lunnon's oot the warl' ye see, For look ye, I'll be sworn, man Sic unco things could never be In ceevilized Kinghorn, man.

The shops? Ou, aye, there's shops, in-But faith, they're rale unhaundy:

Ane keeps yer butter, ane yer breid, An' yet a third keeps braundy. Noo here, gin ye be wantin' oucht, Boots, butcher's meat or corn, man, Shag, bonnets, breeks, they'll a' be boucht

The fashions? Weel, ye ken, we saw A wheen o' giddy hussies Paradin' in this duddies braw Upon the cars an' busses. But dinna think owre much o' yon, For sure as I am born, man,

Thegither in Kinghorn, man.

For style, it's no a patch upon Our floo'er show at Kinghorn, man. An' then sic' ignorance! Losh me, I'm feared ye'll no can doot it. But nane kent whaur Kinghorn micht

Nor onything about it. 'Tis awfu'! Yet 'twad seem to ca' For peety mair than scorn, man,

For mind ye, 'tisna gien to a' To live aboot Kinghorn, man. -[Punch.

Sagac ous Wolves.

Everybody knows what formidable foes a pack of wolves may become, but just how sagacious an enemy a wolf can prove is not as well appreciated. It is not an easy trick to rid a ranch of such pests as an instance lately given in the Macleod Gazette sufficient-

A colt belonging to a Mr. Warnock tablets and inserted them carefully in various parts of the body, which he

Rheumatism Banished Like Magic.

A Marvellous Statement - Relief from One Dose.

Mr. E. W. Sherman, proprietor of the aunt. herman House, Morrisburg, Ont is known by thousands of Canadians, hence the following statement from Mr. Sherman will be read with great interest and pleasure. "I have been cured of rheumatism of ten years' standing in three days. One bottle of SOUTH AMERICAN RHEUMATIC CURE performed this most remarkable cure. The effects of the first dose of South American Rheumatic Cure were truly wonderful. I have only taken one bottle of the remedy, and now haven't any sign of rheumatism in my system. It did me more good than all the doctoring I ever did in my life."—28.

left to be a prey to the marauding

For two days Mr. Warnock abstained from going near the spot, but when he did go he expected to see that some execution had been done. To his surprise +@+@+@+@+@+@+@+@+@+@+@+ not a wolf was to be seen, dead or

> Not that the colt had been neglected. The skin had been neatly stripped from the body, and nearly every particle of flesh eaten, as well as the ribs and all the smaller bones. The fore and hind legs had been wrenched off at the kneejoint and carried some distance, where everything mashable had been properly mashed. And yet, within a radius of a mile from the spot where the colt had been, there was not a dead wolf. Mr. Warnock returned home from his survey and spread out the skin of the colt, hair down, upon the ground. Then he saw, with some surprose, a small bunch of flesh untouched, and still adhering to the Mde. Inclosed in the flesh was the strychnine tablet. A closer examination showed that every one of the ten pellets had been carefully left alone by the wolves. Every shred of flesh around the spots where

away, but that which inclosed the poison was left. The explanation lay in the fact that Mr. Warnock had, before inserting the pellets, picked them up with his fingers, instead of with a pair of forceps, as was his custom. The wolves had scented danger.

the tablets had been placed was eaten

A Smile: A Laugn. Berkerkerkerkerkerkerkerk

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2 % Guest (in cheap restaurant)-Here, waiter, this meal is simply vile; I won't, pay for it. Where's the proprietor? Waiter—He's at lunch, sir.

He-I saw you driving yesterday with a gentleman. He appeared to have only one arm; is that all he has? She-Oh, no: the other was around some-

"It seems to me you are rather smart this morning," said an exasperated lawyer to a witness, who, though cleverly cross-examined, refused to contradict himself. "Well, sir," said the other cheerfully, "if I wasn't on my oath, I might say the same of you."

A traveler, meeting a settler near a house in the backwoods, the following | call a day, and sometimes it means colloquy occurred: "Whose house?" "What's it built of?" "Logs." "Noggs'. "Any neighbors?" "Frogs. "What's the soil?" "Bogs." "The climate?" "Fogs." "What do you eat?" "Hogs." "How do you catch them?" "Dogs."

When Lawson Tait, the English surgeon, and his wife were driving through to look into the matter, when I found the city of Montreal one hot summer that the Bible and geology agree in blocks of ice standing opposite each then the plants greened the earth; door, remarked: "See what a novel plan they have of keeping the air nice from minnow to whale, then the wings and cool by exposing small icebergs op- and throats of aerial choirs were colposite each door."

"Mamma," lisps a little tow-headed fellow, "did you ever tell a lie?" "I ing the church and the world, conam afraid I have, Arthur." "Did papa cerning a fight between Moses and ever tell a lie?" I guess he did." Agassiz? There is no fight at all. But "Did Aunt Hattie ever tell a lie?""Why, Arthur, what do you ask so many questions for?" "Oh, I was thinking how ing antagonistic to the theory of one lonesome George Washington and I week's creation in Genesis? No. A would be in heaven."

In small country newspaper offices, where the copy goes from the editor to the compositor, and, after printing, directly to the subscribers, the need of a holsterers, plumbers, gas-fitters, paproofreader is often felt. For example. in a Missouri office, a short time ago. the boy, in "making up" the forms got the galleys mixed. The first part of the obituary notice of an impecunious citizen had been dumped in the forms, and and the timbers of this world together, the next handful of type came from a galley in which was a description of a habitable and to furnish it for human

fire. The country folk were much start- residence. Remember, also, that all up led when they came to the paragraph: and down the Bible the language of "The pall-bearers lowered the body to the grave. It was consigned to the flames. There were few, if any, regrets, for the old wreck had been an that the world is round, when it's not eyesore to the town for years. Of course, there was individual loss, but that was fully covered by insurance."

Daniel Webster's oratory was not always of the ponderous order. Occasionally he would introduce a bit of humor very effectively, an instance of which the "Green Bag" gives as follows: Daniel Webster when in full practice was employed to defend the will of Roger Perkins, of Hopkinton. A physician made affidavit that the testator was struck with death when he signed the will. Webster subjected his testimony to a most thorough examination, showing by quoting medical authorities that doctors disagree as to and spread his map of the strata of the precise moment when a dying man rock in the presence of great audiis struck with death-some affirming ences; and Prof. Alexander Winchell, that it is at the commencement of the disease, others at the climax, and others still affirm that we begin to die as soon as we are born.

"I should like to know," said the opposing counsel, "what doctor maintains formulated, the hands of God packing that theory?" "Doctor Watts," said Mr. Webster, with great dignity. "The moment we begin to live we all begin to die."

Not His Day for Being Whipped. Little Johnny was eight years old, therefore he could look back to several Christmas holidays with a lively remembrance of what they were like, and what had taken place on those fes-

tal occasions. One of Johnny's ideas (not original with Johnny by any means, as many a parent can testify), was that it was a boy's mission to make as much noise as possible in the world, and in spite of having died, its owner thought to make frequent admonishings and more or less use of it in clearing off a few wolves. frequent whippings, he perseveringly He accordingly took ten strychnine carried out the idea on all occasions,

except when he was asleep.

up such a din and racket all the time. and if you don't stop I shall have to speak to your mother about it." "Huh! What good'll that do?" scornfully demanded Johnny.

"Why, she'll whip you if you don't stop," threatened the young man's t," retorted Johnny, with an air of triumph. "Chris'mas ain't my day fer gittin' whipped. I allers git

whipped the day before Chris'mas and the day after, but I never do on Chris'mas! SERIOUSLY AFFLICTED.

Frozen Oliver-It's tough ter be ill on Christmas. I'm sick, mum, can't story of the burning of our world at ye help me? Mrs. Golddust-What ails you? fire, and that the center of the globe is incandescent, molten, volcanic, a Frozen Oliver-Everyt'ing, mum,

ceptin' dispepsy.

Geology Of the Bible.

Sermon by Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D.

Dr. Talmage, in this sermon, discusses "The Geology of the Bible, or God Among the Rocks." The text is II. Samuel, vi., 6-7: "And when they came to Nachon's threshing-floor Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Uzzah, and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God."

A band of music is coming down the road, cornets blown, timbrels struck, be ushered in with the rending of harps thrummed, and cymbals clapped, all led on by David, who was him- ively entitled the "Rock of Ages." I self a musician. They are ahead of a this day proclaim the bonds of a marwagon on which ie the sacred box called the "Ark." Uzzah rushed forward and laid hold of the ark to keep it upright. But he had no right to do so. A special command had been given by the Lord that no one, save the priest, under any circumstances, should touch that box. Nervous and excited and irreverent, Uzzah disobeyed when he took hold of the ark, and he died as a consequence. In all ages, and never more so than in our own day, there are good people all the time afraid that the Holy Bible, which is the sacred ark of our time, will be upset, and they have been a long while afraid that science, and especially geology, would overthrow it. While we are not forbidden to touch the Holy Book, and, on the contrary, are urged to fondle and study it, anyone who is afraid of the overthrow of the book is greatly offending the Lord with his unbelief. The oxen have not yet been yoked which can upset that ark of the world's salvation. Written by the Lord Almighty, he is going to protect it until its mission is fulfilled, and there shall be no more need of a Bible, because all its prophecies will have been fulfilled and the human race will have exchanged worlds. The Bible account of the creation of the world and the geological account are different. One story written on parchment and the other on rocks, and yet in perfect and eternal accord. The word "day," repeated in the first chapter of Genesis, has thrown into paroxysms of criticism many exegetes. The Hebrew word "Yom" of the Bible means sometimes what we ages; it may mean 24 hours or a hundred million years. The order of creation, as written in the book of Genesis, is the order of creation discovered by geologists' crowbar. So many Uzzahs have been nervously rushing about for fear the strong oxen of scientific discovery would upset the Bible that I went somewhat apprehensively saying that first were built the rocks; then marine creatures were created, ored and tuned, and the quadrupeds began to bleat, and bellow, and neigh. What is all this fuss that has been fill-Agassiz? There is no fight at all. But is not the geological impression that the world was millions of years buildgreat house is to be built. A man takes years to draw to the spot the foundation stone and the heavy timbers. The house is about done, but it is not finished for comfortable residence. Suddenly the owner calls in up-

per-hangers, and in one week it is ready for occupancy. Now, it requires no stretch of imagination to realize years for the bringing of the rocks yet only one week more to make it inthe times was used-common parlance -and it was not always to be taken literally. Just as we say every day round. It is spheroidal-flattened at the poles and protuberant at the equator. Prof. Snell, with his chain of triangles, and Prof. Varin, with the shortened pendulum of his clock, found it \$6 25. was not round; but we do not become critical of any one who says the world is round. Let us deal as fairly with Moses or Job as we do with each other. Hugh Miller, the elder of St. John's Presbyterian Church in Edinburgh, and parishioner of Dr. Guthrie, told the world that there was no contradiction between the mountains and the church; and O. M. Mitchell, a brilliant lecturer before he became a brigadiergeneral, dying at Beaufort, S. C., dur- II. Samuel, i., 27, "How are the mighty ing our civil war, took the platform of Michigan University, and Prof. Taylor Lewis, of Union College, showed

mountains into great heights, and flinging down the seas into their great depths. But you do not really believe that story of the deluge and the sinking of the mountains under the wave? Tell us something we can believe. "Believe that," says geology, "for how do you account for those sea shells and sea weeds and ske.etons of sea animals found on the top of some of the highest mountains?

that the "without form and void" of

the first chapter of Genesis was the

together the land, and tossing up the

very chaos out of which the world was

But, now, you do not really believe that story about the storm of fire and brimstone whelming Sodom and Gomorrah, and enwrapping Lot's wife in such saline encrustations that she haited a sack of salt? For the confirmation of that story the geologist goes to that region, and after trying in vain to take a swim in the lake, so thick with salt he cannot swim it-Johnny was fubliffing his mission, the lake beneath which Sodom and with more vigor and enthusiasm than Gomorrah lie buried-one drop of the usual on Christmas morning, but no- water so full of sulphur and brimstone body paid any attention to him, except that it stings your tongue, and for his Aunt Jane, who was visiting John- hours you cannot get rid of the nauny's parents during the holidays, and seating drop-the scientist then digshe finally grew tired of the noise, ging down and finding suphur, brimstone on the top of brimstone, while "Johnny it is very naughty to keep all round there are jets, and crags, and peaks of salt, and if one of them did not become the sarcophagus of Lot's wife, they show you how a human being might in that tempest have been halted and packed into a white monument that would defy the

> But, now, you do not really believe that New Testament story about the earthquake at the time Christ was crucified, do you? Geology digs down into Mount Calvary and finds the rocks ruptured and aslant, showing the work of an especial earthquake for that mountain, and an earthquake which did not touch the surrounding region. Go and look for yourself.
> But you do not really believe that the last day? Geology digs down and

finds that the world is already on

burning coal, burning out towards the surface, and the internal fires have so far reached the outside rim that we do not see how the world is to keep from complete conflagration until the prophesies concerning it are fulfilled. The lava poured forth from the mouth of Vesuvius, Mount Etna, and Cotopaxi, and Kilauea is only the regurgitation from an awful inflammation thousands of miles deep. After geology has told us how near the internal fires have already burned their way toward the surface, it ought not to be a surprise to us at any time to hear the ringing of the fire bells of

a universal conflagration.

Thank God for the testimony of the rocks; the Ten Commandments announced among the split rocks of Sinai; the greatest sermon of Christ preached on the basaltic rocks of the Mount of Beatitudes; the Saviour dving on the rocks of Golgotha, and buried amid the limestone rocks of Joseph's sepulch"e; the last day to rocks, and our blessed Lord suggestriage between Geology and Theology, the rugged bridegroom and the fairest of brides. Let them join their hands, and "whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

But while I go on with my study of the Geology of the Bible, or God among the rocks, I get a more intelligent and helpful idea of divine deliberations. These rocks, the growth of thousands of years, and, geology says, of millions of years, ought to show the prolongation of God's plans and cure our impatience because things are not done in short order. Men, without seeing it, become critical of the Almighty and think. Why does he not do this, and do that, and do it right away? We feel sometimes as if we could not wait. Well, I guess we will have to wait. God is never in a hurry except about two things. His plans, sweeping through eternity, are beyond our comprehension. They have such a wide circle, such a vastness of revolution, such infinitude, that we cannot compass them. Indeed he would not be much of a God whom we could thoroughly understand.

But that was not a slip of the tongue when I said that God was never in a hurry except in two things. These two things are, when he goes to save a repentant sinner and comfort a praying mourner. The one divine hurry was set forth in the parables of the prodigal son, when it says, "the father ran." He was old, and, I suppose, he had as much as he could do to walk, but the sight of his bad boy coming home limbered the stiff knees and lengthened the shortened pace of the old man into an athletic "The father ran!" Put it into your oratorios. Sound it with full orchestra. Repeat it through all heavens: "The father ran!" O, soul, farthest off, come back, and God, your Father, will come out to meet you at full run! The other time when God in a hurry is when a troubled soul calls for comfort. Then the Bible represents the divine gait and swing and velocity by the reindeer, saying: ' thou like a roe or a young hart on the mountains of Bether." That parenthesis I put in, thinking that there some repentant sinner who wants to find pardon or some mourning soul who needs comfort, and therefore I mention the two things about which

God is in a great hurry. But concerning all the vast things of God's government of the universe, be patient with the carrying out of plans beyond our measurement. "From everlasting to everlasting thou art God." O man! O woman! so far as your earthly existence is concerned, only the insect of an hour, be not impatient with the workings of the Omnipotent and the Eternal.

From a Pastor's Diary.

In running through some old papers not long since, we came across an extract from the diary kept by Rev. Wm. Emerson, pastor of a church at that God could have taken millions of Conway, Mass., early in the present century. The entries herewith given are significant in showing the radical change which has occurred in temperance standards and in prices paid for country labor since the beginning

of the century: Jan. 1, 1800—Had much company. In the evening married a couple; fee, \$1 25. Had a cheese given me; value, \$1. Deacon Ware, a present of beef; value about twenty cents. Jan. 4-Attended to study. Bottle

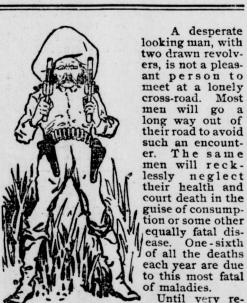
rum, fifty cents. Jan. 23-Married three couples; fee, Feb. 4-Paid a woman tailor for one

day, twenty-five cents. July 3-Bottle rum at Bardwell's store, fifty cents. Aug. 12-Two quarts rum at Wil-

liams' store, \$1 50. Paid for killing hog, seventeen cents. Oct. 10-Put in cellar for winter use thirty-eight barrels of cider; value

Dec. 29.-Lord's Day. Preached from

looking man, with two drawn revolvers, is not a pleasant person to meet at a lonely



fallen.'

cross-road. Most men will go a long way out of their road to avoid such an encounter. The same men will recklessly neglect court death in the guise of consump tion or some other equally fatal dislease. One-sixth of all the deaths each year are due

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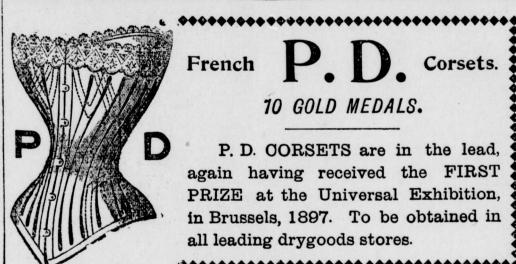


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Tale of a Glove

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Now the Burglar Will Have to Go Back to Kingston Penitentiary.

[Detroit Free Press.]

Yesterday afternoon a big, husky hand who had sailed with him from Buffalo, N. Y., on the Bulgaria, and said that the thief was to be found at Nick Miller's saloon on Cadillac Detectives Kane and High ously denied his guilt. The informer arms the danger awaiting them, but it planted to the roof of the house to

ne said, to Capt, McDonnell, "and I died at his poshave his prison trousers on inside of my own.

were ordered locked up to admit of vincial Detective Joseph Rogers, of Toronto, Ont., dropped in for a chat with Capt. McDonnell, and heard something about the escaped convict. - He asked to be snown the prison garment, and at once recognized it as part of the uniform worn by prisoners at the provincial penitentiary at Kingston, Ont. He telegraphed Warden Metcalfe there to know if he wanted a man anwering to the large man's description. In a couple of hours a reply was received saving that a convict named John Ireborn, who answered the description. had escaped from the Kingston penitentiary in company with another. about four months ago. It gave a perfect description of the big fellow, including some pockmarks on his face, and the mention of a representation of the crucifixion tattooed on his right forearm. Capt. McDonnell had the larger prisoner brought from the cells as soon as he had finished reading the dispatch. Detective Rogers was present at the time. When the man came in, the captain asked him his name.

"John Ireborn," he answered. "That's right, so far," said the captain. "Well, John, we've located you, and we're going to send you back where

Ireborn looked surprised, but said nothing as the captain reached over, and, turning up his right sleeve, disclosed a tattooed figure of a man on a cross

"You are an escaped convict from Kingston penitentiary, John," said Capt. McDonnell."Here's an officer here ready to take you back. Will you go with him, or do you wish to have the pleasure of waiting to be extradited?" "I'll go with him," said Ireborn. He afterwards acknowledged having been convicted of burglary at North Bay, Ont., and sentenced to five years at Kingston, of which he had served over three years. He was taken across the river last night and will be taken to Toronto today by Detective Rogers.

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HOW AFRIDIS FIGHT.

The Crafty Foe That the British Force Is Now Combatting. In any account of the ways the Afri-

dis fight, it is necessary to include in the description the military characteristics of the frontier natives without regard to differences of tribe. Their style of fighting is specially

adapted to the geographical condition of the country. Both at Fort Saraghari and at Fort Cavagnari I had an opportunity, with other officers, of learning the peculiar fighting ways of the trouble was called nervous dyspepsia. I Afridis. Every race, of course, has its own method of combat, and the Afridis conduct their operations against an enemy in a manner altogether their own. It is as shifty as it is effective. Few civilians can realize how deadly it may

It is bad enough when an enemy, creeping slowly up a hillside, lodges itself in sections behind huge boulders, and, under cover of these, pour volley after volley at the human targets-as those engaged in the task of guarding the summit become. Watching the advancement of a foe is not at any time an inspiriting occupation; it is worse to see the half-naked Afridis creeping slowly and slowly from boulder to boulder. This is what takes place in broad daylight, but even then the cunway in which Fort Saraghari fell. It occurred in broad daylight and within sight of the neighboring fort of Cavagnari, where the stealthy operations of the tribesmen were observed by the imperial troops. Attempts were made by means of signals to warn the defenders of the British flag of their danger, but to no avail.

Although considered impregnable, Fort Saraghara, built of square stone, with fatally defective in design. It had a fenders. The result was that while mining a breach in one of the bastions. But before this was sufficiently large

that Phillips told the truth, and both came superhuman. Many a sentry has a few seconds before he must go. fallen silently and mysteriously in the investigation. Not long after that Pro- Indian night. A naked form, moving stealthily in the dark as the sentry second ladder in position. It would not paces backwards and forwards, getting almost motionless as the sentry draws nigh; a sudden bound, followed by a dagger thrust; this is the end of many an Indian soldier, and the secret of many a tribal victory.-"An Officer," in London Telegraph.

HUE OF FEATHER AND SHELL Theory as to Why Birds' Eggs

Vary in Color. [Harper's Magazine.] I have often wondered why Mr. Wallace never adduced birds' eggs as examples of recognition colors, where, it seems to me, he might have made a better case. It is a well known fact that birds occasionally lay in one another's nests, and from what I know I am inclined to think that this most often happens between birds whose eggs are plain or closely similar in markings, so that a mistake might be excusable "as between friends." The supposition that the varied colorings are serviceable in enabling the owners to recognize their property would account for the whiteness of eggs laid in dark holes, where no markings could easily be noticed, and would give a reasonable explanation of the individual variety, within specific or tribal likeness, which characterizes all eggs. However near alike they may seem to our eyes, doubtless a mother-bird would be capable of selecting her own out of a hundred jumbled together, so that, on the whole, this theory seems to me much more tenable than the other one. I do not believe, however, that the coloration of the eggs of birds is truly explained by either of these hypotheses, however much nature may utilize the existing facts in the apparent direction of either, and even though I am willing to admit freely that the influences of natural selection may have been, here and there, instrumental in bringing out this or that color or pattern. I believe, on the contrary, that these colors and patterns are a by result of peculiarities of organization as of the shell, and that if natural selec-

so far as protective colors in eggs may sometimes have followed, as a secondary, or accidentally correlated "by product," the tendency to produce protectively colored plumage. In other words, there is a constant relation between the pigments that paint the feathers and those that paint the egg; sometimes they are suppressed altogether (but white birds often lay highly colored eggs, e. g., gulls); sometimes they produce a similar effect, giving the eggs the general tone of the mother's plumage, as in the whippoorwill, shore-birds and others; and sometimes they produce upon eggs a color effect entirely different from that of the parent's plumage. It must not be forgotten that the tint of a pigment applied to an eggshell might be widely into the composition of Parmelee's

> purely optical effects of interference of I WAS PAST RECOVERY.

dyeing a feather; and it is also neces-

sary to remember that many plumage

colors are not pigmentary at all, but

Doctors Said So, But South American

Nervine Has No Hopeless Cases - It Nurses Back to Health and Never Fails. Wm. Duggan, St. Albans street, Toronto, says: "We won't keep house without Ransom's Hive Syrup and Toiu little or no relief—they proclaiming my case past curing. South American Nervine was brought to my notice. I procured a bottle. The first few doses of furniture? He has professional gave me great relief. Its effect on me was wonderful, and I think it the

greatest cure in the market today for street. stomach disorders." Mrs. D. McArthur, Dundalk, Ont.

HEROISM AT A FIRE.

the Top of a Tall Building in Baltimore.

[Baltimore American

During the burning of a building at Baltimore a few days ago a fireman performed an act of daring in the rescue of a boy from the flames which stamped him as a hero of the most he-

The fire burst out without warning to the employes who crowded every floor, but they all escaped, except one lad, who was imprisoned on the top floor. He discovered all escape by the stairway to be cut off, and rushed to the ront windows. By that time a whirlwind of sulphurous-looking smoke was belching from all the windows of the front of the topmost story, while there was a succession of crashes of broken glass as the flames and smoke broke through all barriers and were blown hither and yon. Out from this mass of combustion came the little boy in shirt sleeves and knickerbockers. The building is taller than those surrounding it, and the boy was held a prisoner on the cornice, as not only were the roofs of the other buildings far bening Afridi can circumvent nature. low him, but they were at such an Take, as an illustration of this, the angle that an attempt to jump to them would probably have precipitated him to the street below. The boy's position on the cornice in the center of the building was untenable, the volumes of smoke threatening every minute to smother him. With admirable presence of mind he began to crawl along the narrow ledge to its westward ending. To the crowd below it seemed an age before he reached the end of the

cornice, and then it seemed that he two bastions at opposite angles, was could hold on but little longer, as the flames were increasing at an amazing 'dead" point underneath each bastion rate. After what seemed to be an age -i.e., a point from which an enemy to the keyed-up spectators, the boy could be neither seen nor hit by the de- reached the end of the cornice, and then, hanging on with his right hand, young man walked into Capt. McDon- the contending forces were firing swung his body around the corner to nell's office at police headquarters and against each other—the defenders in the wall of the building where the reported that he had been robbed of a the forts, and the assailants behind smoke and flame could not strike his \$1 50 pair of gloves by a fellow deck- some stone breastworks, and within ten body. There he hung, half suspended, yards of each other-a few native-born while the crowd sent up wild cries of "engineers" among the Afridis, who encouragement. While it seemed an had crept up to the "dead" point, were eternity before the department arrived, it was really but a few minutes. This was the situation when Hook went to the saloon, where the big fel- to admit the savage tribesmen to make and Ladder Company No. 2 arrived. The low pointed out a 19-year-old named their deadly rush into the fort, the un- celerity and discipline with which the Fred Phillips as the man wanted. The dermining operations were seen by the firemen acted were wonderful. Withlatter, with the complainant, was ta- small force holding Fort Cavagnari. out the loss of a second they yanked ken to headquarters, where he strenu- These signaled to their brothers in a big ladder off the carriage and had

stuck to his story, though, and orders the latter were too busily engaged in the west. Before this ladder was well were given to lock Phillips up. Then repelling the onslaughts of the enemy placed a stream of firemen ran nimhe became angry and turned on his to benefit by the telegraphic observa- bly up it. The second man carried a tions of their comrades. And so every lighter ladder, which he placed on the "This man is an escaped convict," one of the 21 Sikhs guarding Saraghari roof of the smaller building, leaning up against the blank wall of the All this took place on the afternoon building in which the fire raged. By of Sept. 12. If the Afridi were crafty this time the position of the boy was moment's examination showed in daylight, his cunning at night be- well nigh unendurable. It seemed but There was a cry of horror from the crowd when the firemen placed the

reach the boy by several feet. Then happened something for which the hero' should have medals and promotions. Ladderman Joseph Daly, of the company, without a second's delay, ran to the topmost round of the short ladder. On one end of it there were two Docket. curved iron hooks, meant to catch on window sills. Standing on the top round and holding to one of these hooks, the boy was at least two feet 4x4 inch billets from a pile in the above Daly's reach, while the ladder itself was on the extreme edge of the burning structure. "Jump!" yelled the fireman, bracing

himself for the shock. With cool calculation the boy swung as wide as possible of the building and launched himself into space. The strong right arm of the fireman caught the boy as he started to fall. For a moment, fireman, boy and ladder seemed to swing out over the street, trembling in the balance. Then by a mighty effort Daly recovered his equilibrium, while the crowd of firemen at the base of the ladder held hard against the strain. When the hero and the boy reached the roof in safety, the street echoed with the wildest applause, while the firemen went on conquering the fire as though it was an every-day in-

cident of their trade. THEIR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. "Say, guess what I got for a Christmas gift from my wife?"

"She give me the finest sealskin coat for herself you ever saw."-Boston Herald. "Hurrah!" cried the millionaire of Yukon City. . "See what Santa Claus

has bought me!" And the overjoyed Croesus waved a mutton chop in the air. It was indeed a blessed gift.-Harper's Bazar

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IN A SCOTCH POLICE COURT.

The Thrilling Rescue of a Lad From Human Nature the Same There as in This City.

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Mrs. Kelly (carrying an infant sucking at a "baby's soother")-We are married two years come the 20th o' next July. It was a' ower the heid o' the grocer's bill. He kent about it. It was after he went over to the grocer's that he leathered me. He's an engineer's fitter, and has been idle. I do naethin' unknowns to him. He takes a guid deal o' drink, but it's too bad that he should leather me. He's done it twa or three times.

Robert-Aw, Mery, but never onything like this! I-I never left ony marks, Mery! Magistrate-T'm inclined to let your husband go this time. Will you try and live harmoniously together? Robert-I will! I will!

Magistrate-Now, he has promised to do well. Mrs. Kelly-But I canna depend on

Robert-Ah, but I'll keep my word this time, Mery! Mrs. Kelly-I would rather leave him if he would maintain his child. I am willing to work for myself. Robert-Aw, Mery, alloo me to go!

Mrs. Kelly (thinking)-Weel, maybe aifter a' he's got plenty. Robert-Noo, Mery, don't be hard on Mrs. Kelly-You know whit ye hae done, Robin! Weel, just let him away. Magistrate (taking a dip of ink)-If

Robert-Aw, depend on me! We'll mak' it up, wulln't we, Mery? Magistrate-Well, away you go. Now try and live peaceably. Robert-Thank you!-[Glasgow, Scotland, Weekly Mail.

it's not to be a case of making it up

LIFT TONS OF HOT STEEL

Giant Magnets in Use in a Chicago Plate Mill-Another Important Application of Electricity.

Think of a magnet that will lift five tons of red hot steel. Not only that, but a magnet that will pick up half a dozen huge steel plates and drop them, one at a time, with as great regularity as the farmer sows his corn. This is not what might be, but what actually is, and anyone who cares to visit the plate mill of the Illinois Steel Company at Chicago can see this electric marvel performed hour by hour.

The magnets seem almost endowed with human intelligence, so cleverly, o quickly, so quietly do they conduct themselves. No machinery could be more regular, and certainly none more satisfactory. One almost thinks to himself that the very attraction of gravitation itself is hardly more wonderful than the lightness and swiftness with which these great pieces of magnetized steel pick up the steel plates, that would require a derrick to hoist under any other circumstances. They pick them up as easily as you would a penny from the table and place them in the desired spot just as easily as you would place that penny in your

The magnets in use at the plate mills are of the double pore type. The first one was designed for loading stock yards upon cars for shipment. It was found, however upon putting this magnet into use that it did not operate on account of the billets being so thoroughly entangled in the pile. The magnets were then attached to a crane in the plate mill and used for handling plates as stated. As a matter of fact several other large concerns have followed the example of the steel

company, and with VERY SATISFACTORY RESULTS. Magnets for this work in connection with an electric traveling erane are specially well adapted for handling plates, as the connections to the magnets are placed on the bridge of the erane in the same manner as the connections for operating motors. After the magnet is placed on the plate to be lifted the electric connection is made by means of an ordinary switch placed in a convenient position in the operator's cage. The magnets are so designed that they are practically waterproof and can be used for handling plates and other materials out of The double pole magnets in use by the steel company can, as stated, handle with safety five tons of metal, and for this only requires about four amperes with a 200 volt current. One of the greatest difficulties that confronted the steel company when it first began to operate these magnets was the task of handling one of the plates one at a time. Of course, it was not desirable to pick up half a dozen plates with the magnet and throw them down in a heap somewhere. The system of handling plates required that one plate at a time be taken care of. witted electrician to solve the problem,

MADE A STUDY OF THE MATTER. It was not very long after the introduction of electricity for this purpose before the operator became very expert in managing the switch. It came to him one day just what ought to be done to bring the magnet up to the one plate standard. So, after the magnet had been lowered on to the pile of fies the blood. Clears the complexion. plates, and several plates taken up, the operator pulled the switch out, thereby 25 cents. Sold by all druggists. breaking the current for an instant. He found that by this operation one or two plates could be dropped off at each breaking of the current, the plates next to the magnet retaining sufficient magnetism to hold them to the steel of the magnet itself until the current was again switched on. This operation was repeated until only one plate remained attached to the magnet, and it was then an easy matter

to deposit it in the desired location. The concentric pole magnet, as one of those in use is termed, was especially designed for handling the hot plates and ingots of steel. In fact, there has been no difficulty whatever in handling a 6,000 or 8,000 pound ingot at a low red heat. This latter feature seems one of the most wonderful to those who visit the mill and see this marvelous accomplishment of electicamy a novelty to see one of these magnets lifting the red hot metal just as easily as it would that bar, which, if you placed your tongue on it on a frosty merning, would stick

CLOSER THAN A BROTHER THERETO. As a labor-saving apparatus the huge

magnets are beyond compare. They work swiftly and silently, and save an immense amount of time. In fact, the limit of their speed of action has never yet been discovered, because it has never been considered wise to test them to their fullest capacity, the ordinary every-day rate of speed being considered sufficient to fulfill all requirements. Previous to the introduc-

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tion of the magnet the work which it accomplished required a far greater expenditure of time, both of men and machinery, and on no occasion was the work done so efficiently. The effective use of electric magnets

in this manner has been limited. But where the iron or steel is to be handled in such shape that it is possible to get a good contact, there is no doubt whatever that it is the most economical and rapid method of handling. A great many concerns have been afraid to put magnets into use on account of the apparent danger of dropping the material and thus endangering the men who might be at work. In years of experience the company supplying the magnets does not know of a single case where anyone has been injured by the material dropping, and it firmly believes that it is the safest way possible of handling certain classes of iron and steel products. The magnets are so designed that it is impossible for the

men who are placing them TO RECEIVE A SHOCK. Electricians who have studied this matter say that this is the beginning of a new era in the appliance of electricity to mechanical purposes. Inventive genius is making it more and more possible every day to utilize this powerful factor, and at the same time place it beyond the power of persons who are working about it to receive even the slightest injury. When this fact has been thoroughly demonstrated it is believed that electricity will find

are seemingly barred to it at present. Nansen, the Arctic explorer, was asked in Boston what had most impressed him in his tour of the United States, and replied that he considered Niagara Falls more marvelous than any feature of the country.

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COMMERCIAL.

Local Market. [Reported by A. M. Hamilton & Co.] London, Friday, Dec. 24. Wheat, white fall, per bu....83c to 84c Wheat, read, fall, per bu.....83c to 84c

Wheat, spring, per bu83c to 84c Wheat, spring, per bu....811/2c to 823/4c Oats, per bu......23%c to 24c Corn, per bu.....34c to 36c Barley, per bu......29c to 31c Rye, per bu......33½c to 36½c Buckwheat, per bu...........60c to 60c

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Toronto Produce Market. Toronto, Dec. 24.-Wheat dull and for No. 1 hard, grinding in transit, and dwelling house on the Bostwick line, 98c. Sarnia and Midland. Flour is quiet | Westminster. He was remanded until roller west. Millfeed, barley, rye and of age, and well known at Governor Oats firm at 23c to 231/2c for mix- dated. ed and 24c to 241/2c for white west. Peas steady at 441/2c to 45c west. Baled hay and straw dull and unchanged. Eggs-New-laid in active demand; scarce and firm at 17c to 18c; held fresh and cold storage slow at 14c, and limed dull at 13c to 131/2c. Butter-Large rolls plentiful and easier at 14c to 141/2c for the trolley car the farmer turned quickly best. Poultry-The offerings are larger, the demand is slow, and the market is sleigh swerved round and struck a weaker and lower for turkeys at 8c to 8½c; ducks, 40c to 75c; geese, 6½c, and chickens, 30c to 45c.

American Markets. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—No. 2 Dec., 99c; Jan., 95ic: May 94ic. Corn—No. 2 Dec., 26ic; Jan., 26ic: May, 20ic: July, 30ic. Oats—No. 2 Dec., 22ic; May, 23ic to 23ic. Mess pork—Dec., 22ic; May, 23ic to 23ic. Mess pork—Dec., 37 .0: Jan., 28 75; May, \$8 97i. Lard—Dec., \$4 45; Jan., \$4 57i; May, \$4 72i. Short ribs—Dec., \$4 42i; Jan., \$4 42i; May, \$4 57i. C sh quotations were as follows: Flour, firm; winter patents \$4 70 to \$4 80; straights \$4 20. winter patents, \$4 70 to \$4 80: straights, \$4 20 to \$4 40: spring specials, \$5 50; spring patents. \$4 40 to \$4 80; straights, \$4 10 to \$4 40: bakers'. \$4 40 to \$4 80; straights, \$4 10 to \$4 40; bakers', \$3 50 to \$3 80; No. 2 spring wheat, 89% to 901ct No. 3 spring wheat, 82¢ to 91c; No. 2 red, 99c; No. 2 corn. 27c to 27½; No. 2 yellow corn, 27c to 27½c; No. 2 oats. 23½c; No. 3 white, f. o. f., 24½c to 34½c; No. 2 rye, 47c; No. 2 barley, 27c to 38¢; No. 1 flaxseed, \$1 15½ to \$1 19½; prime timothy seed, \$2 70; mess pork, \$7 70 to \$7 75; lard. \$4 57½ to \$4 60; short rib sides, \$4 42½ to \$4 47½; dry salted shoulders, 4½c to 4½c; short clear sides, \$4 65 to \$4 95; angar, cut loaf, \$5 95; granulated, \$5 32; eggs, firm; fresh, 21c.

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Jan., \$4 351.	
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DETROIT, Dec. 24.—Wheat, No. 1 white, ash, 92½c; No. 2 red cash, 92½c; Dec., 92½c; TOLEDO, Dec. 24.—Wheat, cash, and Dec., 95te: May, 95c. Corn—Cash, 28c: Dec., 28c; May, 29tc. Oats—Cash, 22tc: May, 23tc.

MILWAUKEE, Dec. 24. - Wheat, cash, 88c;

NEW YORK. Dec. 21 — Flour — Receipts 20.264 bbls. sales, 2.800 packages: dull but firm. Rye flour—Quiet. Wheat—Receipts, 163,725 bu; sales, 340.000 bu: options firm on 163,725 bu; sales, 340,000 bu options firm on general covering and firm private cables; Jan., 99% to \$1; May, 95 3-lic to 94%; Dec. \$1 02 to \$1 02½. Rye—Pull; No. 2 western, 50c c. i. f. Buffalo. Corn—Receipts, 13,650; sales, 75,000; options fairly active and stronger on a demand from shorts; May, 34% to 31%; Dec., 32% to 33%. Oats—Receipts, 278,400; options dull but sseadier; state white, 29c to 33;. Butter—Receipts, 23% packages; very firm; state creamery, 15c state white, 29c to 33t. Butter - Receipts, 3.233 packages; very firm: state creamery, 15c to 224c; Elgins, 124c; other grades unchanged. Cheese—Reseipts, 1,178 packages; steady and unchanged. Eggs—Receipts, 3,212 packages; irm and unchanged. Sugar—Raw, strong, fair refining, 34c, centrifugal, 96 test, 44c; refined, firm. Hops—Steady, Lead—Firm.

PETROLIA, Dec. 24.-Oil opened and closed NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Petroleum-Pennsylvania crude, no market; nominally at 85c.

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live Stock Market CHICAGO, Dec. 24.-Prices in cattle showed no particular change; sales largely at \$4 35 to \$5; very common dressed beef steers around \$4 60 to \$4 75, while a few fancy cattle brought \$5 50; calves, \$5 75 to \$6 50 for better grades. Hogs-Bulk of sales at \$3 321/2 to \$3 40; heavy packing lots, \$3 20 to \$3 30, and prime medium, \$3 42½ to \$3 47½. Lambs, \$4 to \$4 50 for culls, up to \$5 50 to \$5 60 for choice flocks, while yearlings brought \$4 50 to \$5; sheep, fancy, \$4 60 to \$4 75, but pretty much all the trading was done at \$2 75 to \$4 50; heavy export sheep were dull, at \$4 to \$4 25. Receipts-Cattle, 2,500; hogs,

30,000; sheep, 5,000. EAST BUFFALO, Dec. 24.—Cattle-Receipts, 3 cars; the market ruled with a moderate demand and prices were about steady to firm. Hogs-Receipts, 53 cars; fairly active demand; prime selected light Yorkers, \$3 65 to \$3 70; mixed packers' grades, medium weights and heavy hogs, \$3 60 to \$3 65; roughs, \$3 to \$3 25; stags, \$2 60 to \$3; pigs, \$3 25 to \$3 60. Sheep and lambs-Receipts, 14 cars fresh arrivals and 5 loads that held over: the market ruled fairly ac-

tive and strong for good lambs, with fair, also firmer, and sheep in good demand and strong for handy weights; lambs, yearlings, choice to prime, \$4 70 to \$4 90; fair to good, \$4 50 to \$4 65; culls to common yearlings, \$4 25 to \$4 40; native lambs, choice to extra, \$6 25 to \$6 40; fair to good, \$5 75 to \$6 15; culls to common, \$4 50 to \$5 60; native sheep, choice to selected wethers, \$4 50 to \$4 75; good to choice mixed sheep, \$4 25 to \$4 50; common to fair, \$3 85 to \$4 15; culls to common sheep, \$2 50 to \$3 75.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.-Beeves-Receipts in two markets, 1,930 head; 28 cars on sale; active; steers, 10c higher; rough butchers steady; firm; native steers, \$4 25 to \$5 10; exports today, 200 beeves. Calves-Receipts, 20 head; active; veals, \$6 to \$8 50; grassers, \$3 to \$3 50; city dressed veals firm, at 11c to 121/2c per lb. Sheep and lambs-Receipts, two markets, 1,710 head; 121/2 cars on sale; sheep little firmer; lambs, better feeling, but no higher; sheep sold at \$3 50 to \$4 80 per 100 lbs; lambs, \$6 to \$6 55; dressed mutton, 61/2c to 81/2c per lb; dressed lambs, 81/2c to 101/2c. Hogs-Receipts, 1,602 head; higher, at \$3 80 to \$4 10 per 100 lbs.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

-Hon. David Mills, minister of justice, is spending Christmas at his home in South London. -Mr. W. E. Mullins, chief clerk to

Superintendent Fitzhugh, Toronto, formerly of this city, is visiting friends here -Dr. Arthur Magee of Niagara Falls, formerly of London, arrived home last

night to spend Christmas under the parental roof. -Mr. Donald C. Carrell, of the firm of Santo & Carrell, has returned from an extended business trip through Quebec

and the Maritime Provinces. -Dr. W. A. Piper, of Leamington, Chicago, are spending Christmas with relatives in and around this city. -Assistant Superintendent Jones, of the G. T. R., has left for his home at

Moserly, Mo., to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Jones has been there for some time. -Half a dozen tramps were arrested on Dundas street last night while beg- touch at. ging. One of the number was John Murphy, the tramp who had just completed a ten days' term for begging, and passing off as a one-armed individual. He was drunk, and when his

solicitations met with refusal, he grossly insulted pedestrians -Charles More, of Westminster, was committed to jail last night by Squire Toronto, Dec. 24.—Wheat dull and J. B. Smyth on a charge preferred by easier at 82½c to 83c for red winter William Sadler, of the same township, west. Manitoba wheat quiet at \$1 03 of willfully setting fire to a vacant and easy at \$3 80 for cars of straight Tuesday next for trial. He is 21 years buckwheat nominally unchanged. Corn Boston's boarding house, where he has steady at 27c to 28c, Canada yellow on previous occasions been accommo-

> -A runaway accident happened at the corner of King and Richmond streets yesterday afternoon. A farmer and his wife were driving along when their rig collided with Hunt's coal wagon. Both horses bolted, and to avoid a collision with a passing in towards the sidewalk, when the telegraph pole, smashing the vehicle. The farmer and his wife were thrown out, the latter striking the telegraph pole head first. She was carried into Wright & Co.'s wholesale unconscious. Dr. Moore was summoned, but the lady regained consciousness before his She was uninjured beyond a severe shaking up. The horse broke sion as to annexation to the United loose when the sleigh struck the pole, States and collateral subjects. but was recaptured after a short run.

CHRISTMAS EVE IN THE CITY.

Dense Throngs of Shoppers Down Town

-All Heavily Laden. Christmas, the gladdest day of all the year, is here once more, and the preparations for its celebration have this year been far in excess of what they were a year ago. The streets all tribes. yesterday afternoon and last night were thronged with masses of merry shoppers. Many thousands of citizens struggled home heavily laden with the hundred and one things destined to fill the stockings and gladden the hearts of the little ones, who for the past week have thought of little else than Santa Claus and his bundle of toys. The stores for the most part were constantly jammed with eager purchasers. The amount of candy purchased at the different confectionery establishments was enormous. As an instance of this, nearly nve tons, or 10,000 pounds, of candy was sold at Wood's Fair. All day yesterday seventeen girls were employed from early morning until late at night parceling gumdrops, chocolates and Over 80 pails were disposed of between the hours of 4 and 6 o'clock. None of the merchants found fault with the condition of business, and the majority of them are highly delighted, as their receipts this year are largely in excess of those of 1896. The scene at the railway depots, all of which were crowded on the arrival and departure of every train, reminded one of Fair week. At the G. T. R.station a denizen from a western village awaited the arrival of the train from the east. He was heavily laden with parcels, and had partaken too freely of the festive bowl. He staggered round the platform, and the longer he waited the worse he seemed to get. His parcels became disarranged, and dropped in rapid succession one after the other. One of these contained several pounds of nuts, and when the bag struck the platform the nuts rolled in all directions. In his attempt to regain these he lost his balance, and fell. The poor fellow was assisted to his feet by an onlooker, and when he gained his equilibrium the end burst out of another parcel, and a string of Frankfort sausages rolled down. The train pulled in meanwhile, to which he made his way with the string of Frankforts hanging over his arm. The incident created a great deal of amusement.

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Russia Trying to Oust British and German Officials in China - The Dervishes Defeated-Reported Massacre of Portugese.

TERRISS WAS RICH London, Dec. 24.—The estate of the late actor Wm. Terriss is estimated at between £40,000 and £50,000.

BISMARCK BETTER. Friedrichsruhe, Dec. 24.-Prince Bismarck, who for the past few days has been unwell, is now again enjoying satisfactory health, and will spend Christmas with his family. RIOTING IN PRAGUE RENEWED.

London, Dec. 24.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Czechs yesterday made an attack on a German school near Werschowitz, a suburb of Prague, and began to demolish the building. The police fired upon the rioters, killing one. FLATLY DENIED.

Rome, Dec. 24.-The announcement contained in a special dispatch from Rome, published in London yesterday, to the effect that a cabinet meeting has decided to send an Italian squadron, to China, was pure invention. There has been no cabinet meeting since Dec. 20.

GERMAN INSTRUCTORS FOR

CHINA. Berlin, Dec. 24.-The Neuste Nachrichten says that since the occupation of Kiao Chau Bay the Chinese government has engaged German instructors, and is now arranging for fitting receptions of Prince Henry of Prussia at the different Chinese ports he will

DERVISHES DEFEATED. Suakim, Dec. 24.—The native levies

bara, on Wednesday, and drove out the dervishes with great loss, capturing the post, a number of camels, a quantity of stores and many cattle. Two dervish emirs were killed. The dervish post at Asabri has also been invested. BRITAIN AND JAPAN.

London, Dec. 25.—The Daily Mail publishes a dispatch this morning from Tokio, which, it claims, evaded active censorship. The dispatch says: England and Japan, without entering upon an actual alliance, have arrived at a complete understanding, which will probably result in a joint naval demonstration at the entrance of the Gulf of Pechili. In diplomatic circles at Tokio the probability of a conflict is regarded as extremely distant.

ERE'S NONSENSE. London, Dec. 25 .- The New York correspondent of the Morning Post says: The Canadian government, at the request of Great Britain, has ordered the confiscation of seditious publications. This is primarily due to a desire to prevent the Canadian independence movement from stimulating disaffection in India; but it will have the effect of suppressing all public discus-

PARTY OF PORTUGUESE MASSA-CRED. Lisbon, Dec.24.-Further advices from St. Paul de Loanda, Portuguese Lower Guinea, announce that the Portuguese officer who, with a number of men, has been massacred by the natives of the Humbe Plateau, is Count Almoster, a grandson of the Duke of Saldanha. The Portuguese killed and derers were Heroese and Ovampse

WILLIAM AND BISMARCK. Berlin, Dec. 24 .- The weekly journal, Zukunft, combats the statement that Prince Bismarck has suddenly become an enthusiastic supporter of the Chinese expedition, and that during his William confided to the prince his most the Chinese policy is solely the emmen that this fact should not be obscured, and these zealous persons who Bismarck as a secret collaborator in the changing experiments of a new course will assuredly get no thanks either from Potsdam or Friedrichsruhe. RUSSIA OUSTING ENGLISH AND

GERMANS. London, Dec. 25.-Russia, according to a special dispatch from Shanghai, is preparing temporary headquarters for ten thousand troops at Port Arthur. She has obtained a half-promise from the grand council at Pekin to dismiss Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs and other high customs officials, in addition to the British railway officials and the German officers and instructors. Fifty of the latter, the dispatch says, received notice yesterday (Friday) that they would be paid off at the termination of their contracts. Contrary to the general report, the dispatch asserts that there is good reason to believe that Great Britain will actively oppose the Russianization of Corea and Northern China.

GERMANS IN CHINA.

Japanese Newspaper Comment on the

Seizure of Kiao Chau London, Dec. 24 .-- Commenting upon the Kiao-Chau affair a Japanese paper says that the action of the Germans in having suddenly seized Kiao-Chau, on the pretext of the murder of missionaries is outrageous, and that it disturbs the peace of the far east. admits of no discussion. Japan being near the scene of the trouble, cannot regard the matter lightly. Sooner or later a line of policy to be pursued toward the affair must be decided. The foreign office has therefore given instructions to the Japanese minister in various foreign countries to make reports concerning the matter. "Japan | is indebted to Germany in many shawl. It was taken to a foundling ways," says the Chugai Chogyo. "Her asylum. military organization has been copied after Germany, and her constitution and local legislation is founded on the German system. Besides, in framing the laws and adopting medical science, etc., Japan owes a debt of gratitude to Germany. Lastly, Germany has now shown Japan another instance of her kindness. That is the seizure of Kiao-Chau Bay. We need not dwell upon the particulars of her kindness here, but the seizure of Kiao-Chau may give Japan the right of a per-manent possession of Wei-Hai-Wei." Vilress 752 York street for Year as We ther Strips.

RISING TEMPERATURES.

Toronto, One., Dec. 24.-11 p.m.-The high pressure, with its accompanying weather from the west, is now passing over the lake district towards the Atlantic. The low pressure area, which has for several days hovered over Alberta and Assiniboia, has started eastward, and is now central over Manitoba. It is accompanied by higher temperature, and is nearing the lake

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimalt, 38-44; Calgary, 24-28; Qu'Appelle, 4 below-18; Winnipeg, 10 below-22; Port Arthur, 2 below-20; Toronto, 6 below-10; Ottawa, 8 below-: Montreal, zero-2; Quebec, zero-2; Halifax, 16-24.

Probabilities.—Toronto, Dec. 25—1 a. m.—Lower lakes: Southeast to southwest winds; fair weather, with gradually rising temperature.

A Terrible Fire in Chicago.

The Immense Coliseum Reduced to Ruins in 20 Minutes.

Several People Perish-Great Loss of Exhibitors' Goods.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.-The Coliseum, the great building at Sixty-third street and Stony Island avenue, in which W. J. Bryan was nominated, was totally destroyed by fire tonight. The exhibits of the Illinois Manufacturers' Exposition, which was opened in the building recently, were also totally destroyed. Two "Midway" dancers are reported to have been burned to death. While responding to the alarm, engine No. 19 was struck by a train on the Lake Shore road and several firemen badly hurt.

The fire was one of the quickest ever seen in Chicago. From the time the fire originated, by the crossing of two electric wires, until the Coliseum was a pile of twisted iron and hot bricks was not more than 20 minutes. The building had been rented for an exhiof the Kassala garrison surprised a bition of a manufacturers' elibit, dervish post at El Fasher, on the At- and was filled from end to end with booths, all of which were destroyed. with all their contents. It is supposed that a number of persons were lost in the flames, and although no bodies have been recovered, the following are missing and have undoubtedly per-

A girl named Pauline, surname not known, seen to enter the building in search of her mother, whom she said girl and her mother were employed in two men making away with the grain. 4. All northbound steamers call at VANwas imprisoned by the flames. The the Irish village, the former as a one man got away through the door, dancer and the latter doing chores.

One man got away through the door, and the other fellow jumped out of comme cod to run from VANCOUVER. Two women dancers in the Midway exhibit, seen in the building just befor it collapsed.

Two men seen in the center of the building by firemen during the fire. L. Ladanye and his son conducted a sausage booth in the building. Ladanye entered the structure during the fire to search for his son, who he declared was pinned in by flames, and neither has since been seen. Both lived at the Columbian Central apartment building. The number of injured is large, many people being severely burned.

The fire originated in a booth which was used for an exhibition of X rays, the booth being managed by M. J. Morley and Wm. Robertson. The two men were examining their Roentgen machine, when they were startled by a sizhling noise behind them, and upon turning saw a part of their exhibit ablaze. Crossed arc light wires, which were over the exhibit, are thought to have caused the flames. They at first tried to smother the flames, but before they had secured water the fire had spread throughout the entire booth. Morley, realizing that he and his partner would be unable to cope with the flames, made an endeavor to save some missing number 21 persons. The mur- of the most valuable of the X rays paraphernalia. Running to the machine he grasped two Crookes' tubes, and then, with Robertson, began fighting his way out of the building. Before he reached an exit, the tubes which he held in both hands exploded from the heat, severely burning him about the head. Robertson was burned about the face, About 300 persons were in the building recent visit to Friedrichsruhe Emperor at the time of the fire, and at the first alarm there was a rush for safety. secret plan. It says: "Emperor Wil- Fortunately the aisles were wide, and liam and Prince Bismarck did not ex- owing to the comparatively small change a syllable as to politics, and number of people in the building, there was little difficulty in reaching the peror's. It is in the interest of both doors. Within the ten minutes after the fire began the roof was ablaze, and in a very short time after the fire are always trying to represent Prince | had appeared on the top of the building one of the large arches that spanned the building gave way with a tremendous report, and then another and another, each one going down with a sound like the report of a cannon. The building fell very quickly, as after the first arch went down the weight was too great for the arches next to it, and

all collapsed. The Coliseum cost \$250,000, and was twice as large as the Manison Square Garden building of New York. It had a floor space of seven acres, including the ground and gallery floors, was 770 feet long by 300 feet wide, and contained 2,500,000 pounds of steel; 1,200,-000 feet of timber and 3,000,000 bricks.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

It is announced in New York that the new cracker trust has ordered an advance in the prices of its product. It is reported that Abe Orpen has just sold his patent of a bottle that lustrated by stereopticon views. cannot be refilled to a big Chicago brewery for \$25,000.

The Chicago police are looking for Miss Hattie Inman, of Fond du Lac. Wisconsin, who is an heiress to an estate valued ae \$500,000.

Rumor has it that on Jan. 1 the Amprices in proportion to the increase in sidewalk. wages recently granted its employes. This will be about 15 per cent. Walter Boyle, of New Canaan, is the tallest man in Essex county, if not in

the county. He has lifted 1,200 pounds and can do it again. Among the queer things to be found on the bargain counter of a Chicago

drygoods store one evening this week was a tiny baby, wrapped up in a

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

Grain Robbers Near Lambeth Discovered by Dr. Routledge-One

Accidentally Punished. Robbery is said to have been attempted a few nights ago at Tighe's Corners, near Lambeth, on the Longwoods road, and the marauders would probably have been successful but for the timely detection of them by Dr. Routledge, of Lambeth. The doctor was driving to see a patient, and as he passed the residence of a friend his suspicions were aroused. A horse and rig was standing by the roadside, and there were indications that someone was paying an unbidden visit to the barn. Dr. Routledge drove on a short distance and returned on foot. After taking the strange horse from the rig, he led it down the road and tied it. Then, returning, he went to his friend's house and told him someone was steal- 3. VANC UVER is the terminus of the C. P. ing his fowls. The doctor and the farmer went to the barn and found leg. "Hold on, Bill," he said; "my leg is broken"; but Bill didn't "hold on."

The Angel's Message.

No action was taken.

In the solemn midnight hour. Midst sublime, yet silent, power, An angel from above Came and spoke in accents mild Of the birth of Christ the Child,

Pledge of God's great love. He to shepherds in the field Jehovah's wondrous grace revealed-His great redemptive plan; How a Shepherd, good and great, To save from sin and death's estate, And rescue fallen man

Had come from heaven in human form, Helpless, dependent, and was born Of a poor village maid: And while he told the mary'lous news Their minds grew troubled and confused, For they were sore afraid.

An angel band in bright array-Bright as the orb that rules the day-An unknown multitude, Mingled their heavenly voices clear; The mountain echoes far and near Swell their beatitude.

And this the anthem that they raise: "Glory to God and highest praise, Peace and good-will to man." The simple shepherds' fears subside, And joy within their hearts abide: To Bethlehem they ran

To see this thing that's come to pass;

They found the stable, and, alas!

Truth-than fiction stranger-The earth-born Son of Heaven above, Infinite God! Incarnate Love! Cradled in a manger! They saw what kings desired to see, And prophets long foretold should be,

But died without the sight. Their timid hearts grew strong and bold To spread the message angels told At that first Christmas night. Their message is forever true-

Our heart may be a manger, too,

In which the Christ may dwell. Bad as it it and full of sin, If we but let the Saviour in Who shall its rapture tell? Angels wll join in glad refrain And swell the chorus once again,

"Glory to God on high!" For man on earth hath heaven's peace, His life renewed shall never cease, And good-will never die. GEORGE W. ARMSTRONG London, Ont.

-At the men's meeting in the Auditorium tomorrow afternoon, Rev. Robt. Johnston will give the closing talk of his series on "Pilgrim's Progress," il-

A VETERAN'S LUCK.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 24.-Jeremiah L. Ryan, one of the survivors of the charge at Balaklava was awarded \$1,-000 damages against the city of Chicago today. Ryan fractured his knee erican Window Company will raise its cup by a fall caused by a defective

QUEER KLONDIKE EXPEDITION. Solon Springs, Wis., Dec. 24.-A queer expedition will leave here in January for the Klondike gold fields. Ontario. He stands 6 feet 8 inches. He It will consist of about 150 Chippewa says he can lift more than any man in Indians all of whom live in this neighborhood. They will go under the leadership of a veteran warrior. Running Wolf, who has already been over the overland route which the expedition will take.

DISCOURAGEMENT. [Judge.]

"What makes you cry so bitterly, lit- JUSTICE tle boy?" asked the kind gentleman. "De t'ree Sunday schools I j'ined is goin' ter have der Christmas treats all on de same night," wailed the little coal is carefully screened and any foreign 'Boo-hoo!"

Some people use a jackass to draw conveyance and others employ a There were four thousand people at the Buffalo firemen's ball at the arsenal on Thursday night.

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Mrs. Trent had brought in her wools, and was knitting busity; but in her face there was a curious, restful watchfulness only equaled by that which glittered in Theodora's eyes as, every two or three seconds, she raised them quickly and surreptitiously, and fixed them upon the engrossed face of the old lady.

It would be impossible to describe the thoughts of any of the group, because over all still lay the shadow of selfish anticipation. So much depended on the words which that quill was forming! Until they knew them, how could they judge of Lady Lawrence, you. Unfortunately, Honore Crayen's or how could they form an opinion as intelligence in this matter was no to their own parts in the past or fu-

The ten minutes had stretched themselves to twenty, when Lady Lawrence put down her pen, and raised her head with a glance which took in the whole

"That is finished," she said, in the quick tones which reminded them of Mrs. Payte. "Now let me read you my

Her motions were as rapid as her ords, when she took up, one after another, the sheets of paper which she had covered only on one side. "To Mrs. Isabella Trent, of Deergrove-that name is right, I know,-I leave one thousand pounds, to defray the expenses of a short and fashionable mourning for old Myddelton's sister. Though I do not suppose she will ever again be tempted to lay aside her naturally expensive habits, I hope this sum may be sufficient for the purpose. To her daughter, Theodora Myddelton Trent-is that name correctly entered?"

"Quite correctly." answered Theodora, in a faint, anxious voice. "I leave one thousand pounds, in acknowledgment of the delicate tion she paid me being here first to await me. To Phoebe Myddelton Owen"-the busy voice paused after each name, waiting for its corroboration, then continued, as if uninterrupted-"I also bequeath one thousand pounds. Her wardrobe is at present an anxiety to her, and this sum will add fifty pounds a year to her allowance, and save her, perhaps, from future debt and trouble. To Jane Myddeiton Haughton I leave the same sum, knowing it will be cautiously and scrupulously garnered; and feeling that-to be garnered so-one thousand pounds is as useful as one hundred thousand. To her brother, Lawrence Myddelton Haughton, I bequeath two thousand pounds, with which he can

A flame of wrath rose in Lawrence Haughton's cheeks, but no one connected it with anything beyond the natural anger excited by this legacy. "To Hervey Myddelton Trent," continued Lady Lawrence, unmoved, "I

speculate (according to a fancy he has

for)-his clients' benefit.'

leave the same sum. To one who has been so confident of a large fortune, I know it will appear triffing; but it may possibly supply him with cigars ronto observatory. The first tremor for the term of his natural life—and a was registered at 9h., 38m., 16s (75th good cigar, he once told me, was the essence of comfort. "I think I have remembered you all

save Honore Craven, and I decline, for reasons of my own, to accept her as a legatee. There are other bequests here," continued the old lady, glancing down one of the well-covered pages, but they will not interest you, referring as they do only to those who have served me faithfully. As to the bulk of my property, and the whole of old Myddelton's money-for these legacies are to be paid from my own jointure -I have now to speak of that. As you are aware, my brother's weath has accumulated to an almost fabulous extent; and now the fortune, destined for the heir I choose, amounts to more than a million of money, besides other property. You may judge, then, how anxious I have been to return to England in time to choose my heir, and how anxious, too, that I might meet with one in whose hands this wealth would be-well, would be safe, and I can scarcely say more than that. I knew that two of my relatives were young men, and I felt that my choice would lie between these two. I would choose a man of honest thought—so I determined—a man of blameless life and earnest purpose; simple, manly, natural; one who knew the good that could be done with such vast wealth, and would be brave and earnest to do it. So the curse shall be removed, I said, and a blessing fall upon the money which I hold. And if both are generous, upright men, the

"Lawrence Haughton and Hervey Frent, you know whether I found you Such men as I have described. Neither of you has any idea of the true value of money-its highest, noblest use, I mean-or the great responsibility it brings. One of you would save and emass it as my brother did, serving his own ends the while, and using it only for his own purposes; the other would calmiy smile and sleep, and let it all melt through his idle fingers. One would tyrannize over the number of hirelings and dependents which such a position would bring; the other would forget their very existence, except as ministrators to his ease and comfort. Was it strange that, seeing this, I should feel that I must look around one more, and choose and heir-

ess instead of an heir? "I did look around, thoughtfully and anxiously, among my women relatives. I saw who would devote it to herself and I saw to whom another would give it. I saw who knew no more than a baby that money was not all coined to be spent on woman's dress, and I saw who would grind her tenants and servants, whatever number she might have. I saw who was dw to pour into any strange ear aints of those who made her and I did

into any strange ear daints of these who made her and I did not wish to feel that ser on, just such complaints wo as naturally uttered of myse I saw who treated her me thouse as her siave, and I h. wish to choose one who presently nould treat me so. "But I saw more," the old lady's eyes, which had been bent upon the desk, were raised here, and every one could see how warm and earnest they had grown—"I saw more, and again I need not particularize. Those whom these caps fit will feel them just the

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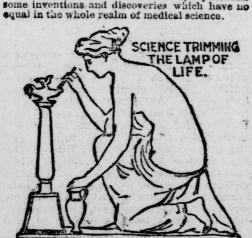
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To the Editor of The Advertiser: Ratepayers, especially in No. 3 ward, would do well to find out how candidates stand on the hospital question, before deciding how to vote. I underfaint hope of finding you more kind stand Mr. Winnett is hand-in-glove and courteous here? You know with with Dr. J. D. Wilson in the attempt to throw cold water on the hospital bylaw, in the hope of getting the hospital away from No. 3 ward and building a new and costly affair away up on will all my own property, minus the legacies aforesaid, with old Myddel- the extreme porthern limit of the city ton's money entire, to Honore Myde What do the residents of No. 3 ward think of this scheme? I know the parties referred to beat about the bush, and when asked if they are in favor of the bylaw, instead of giving a straight "Yes" or "No," they raise side issues to get out of giving a straight answer. But when the opportunity is favorable, they belittle the present site, and speak of it as a "mud hole," although 45 of the 50 doctors in the city say that the site and the hospital are all right, and can be enlarged and improved, and made up-to-date for half the money a new building on a new site would lips in a perfect torrent of wrath. Lady

On nomination day, let these men say squarely if they are for or against the bylaw as it are the the bylaw as it stands. If against it, then plainly their object is to kill the present institution, and to remove it to another place, and saddle the city with an elephant in the shape of a new hospital, the alleged cost of which will only be as a drop in the bucket before the city gets through with it. Let the ratepayers of No. 3 ward resent, by their votes at the polls, those attempts to discredit their ward and rob them of the hospital. Yours truly,
HENRY HUSSEY,

241 Colborne street. London, Dec. 23, 1897.

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Sir Cornelius Kortright, R. C. M. G., Dies at Barrie.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 24.—One of Barrie's most prominent citizens passed away in the person of Sir Cornelius Kortright, K.C.M.G., aged 80 years. Since a severe illness in September he had been confind to his house, and gradually wasted away, till the end came, as above stated. He was at one time governor of British Guiana, and filled other positions in the British diplomatic service. After retiring he came to Barrie to reside twelve years ago. Five sons and two daughters survive him, Lady Kortright having died several years ago. The daughters are Miss Ida, at home, and Mrs. Wm. Campbell, of Stayner. The sons are Percy, in England; Hugh, of the British army Guiana, now home on furlough; Earnest A., of the Bank of Toronto; Charles W., and Reginald at home.

DINGLEY SPAT UPON IT

Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, Says What He Thinks in Regard to the Lumber Duty.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.-Arthur Hill, the well-known Saginaw lumberman, who has extensive interests in Canada, in discussing the Ontario Government's timber policy, says: "It is the natural outcome of a \$2 lumber tariff, for if the Canadians could not sell their lumber in this country they would naturally resist the transfer of the lumber business, in which many of them have been engaged for a lifetime, out of their hands into that of American manufacturers. The whole movement for a lumber duty was, in my judgment, a great mistake for the Saginaw Valley. Within a week one of the larger factory owners said to me that the lumber which he bought had advanced, but that he was finding it impossible to get prices for his finished product to cover that advance, and was, therefore, doing business without a profit. I have not myself favored the restriction of exportation of logs, having preferred and advocated an export duty on lumber, or a

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TWO VICTIMS.

Series of Serious Explosions in a Jersey City Gas Factory.

New York, Dec. 24 .- A succession of xplosions at the United States Acety- hand by every family. line Liquefying Company, Jersey City, eaused the loss of two lives and \$20,000 damage to the works today. There were only three other employes in the building at the time of the accident, and they received more or less serious injuries. James Leeb, who was working half a block away, was badly injured by a piece of the boiler, and another fragment of the boiler tore the roof from a trolley car some distance away, without injuring any of the passengers. It is said that the first explosion was due to the boilers bursting, and as the fire spread to the various acid tanks there was a succession of deafening re-

HELPED THEMSELVES TO CHRISTMAS BOXES. Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 24.-Eight United States mail boxes in this city were broken into and robbed of their contents last night.

TRAINMEN KILLED. New York, Dec. 24.-A drill engine and a train of flat cars on the Central Railroad of New Jersey collided in Communipaw today. Brakeman Collis Haycock was killed, Fireman John Higgings was fatally injured, and Engineer William Murtagh was so badly scalded that the flesh came off with his clothing in great stripes.

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Freight Tonnage at the Soo Beats All Records. Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 24 .-During 1897 there was an increase over any previous year of nearly 2,000,000 tons in the amount of freight traffic through the United States and Canadian canals. The freight tonnage in 1897 was never less than 2,000,000 tons each month, except during April and December, during which months the

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While there is a decrease of 1,447 in the number of passages in 1897, as compared with 1896, there was an increase of 370,515 in registered tonnage this year, showing a remarkable in-crease in the size of lake vessels. A comparative statement of the traffic for the two years is given: Passages, 1897, 17,168; 1896, 18,615; registered tonnage, 1897, 17,619,933; 1896, 17,-249,418; freight tonnage, 1897, 18,218,411; 1896, 16,239,061; passengers, 1897, 40,213; 1896, 37,066.

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THE PROOF

What do you think of it? Forty. three of the following pupils were placed between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 1897. As we have prepared these, so we can prepare you and help you if you prove yourself worthy,

of it.

1. A. D. Skeels, a former pupils, as teacher of Penmanship, Troy Bus-

iness College. 2. A. Burch, a former pupil, as Commercial Teacher, Grand Rapids Business University. 3. F. B. Corwall, a former pupil, teach-

er of Shorthand, Evansville Business College, Indiana. 4. George West, as manager, business epartment, Tacoma Bus lege, Washington.

5. Bessie Dunkley, as stenographer, with Michigan Chair Company, Grand Rapids. 6. Delbert Wigle, as bookkeeper, with

Grand Rapids knitting works.

7. Sara Towl, stenographer, J. B. Stringer & Co., Chatham.

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9. Hattie Paul, office assistant, Dean Printing Co., Grand Rapids. 10. Wm. McTavish, stenographer for Mr. Pratt, secretary, Y. M. C. A.,

11. Walter Oliver, bookkeeper, Me Lachlan & McFarlane, Hall's Siding, British Columbia.

 P. F. Ross, as stenographer with New York Belting and Packing Company, Chicago. 13. Lizzie Thompson, as bookkeeper and stenographer, Watson & Frost, Grand Rapids.

 Evelyn Miller, stenographer, Viava Medicine Company, Grand Rapids. 15. Jennie McLachlan, stenographer, Chief Justice Drake, Victoria, B. C. 16. Flora Fuce, stenographer, Herald office, Montreal, Que. 17. Fred McCarthy, stenographer, Wal

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Rapids Gas Company. 21. Harry Weatherway, stenographer, Agriculture College, Lansing, Mich. 22. John V. Morrison, stenographer, Manitoba Trust Company, Win-

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27. J. W. Warner, stock clerk, Wooden Grocery Company, Grand Rapids. 28. Jennie Daniels, stenographer, West Michigan Furniture Company, Hole land. Mich.

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of the old lady. It would be impossible to describe the thoughts of any of the group, because over all still lay the shadow of selfish anticipation. So much depended on the words which that quill was forming! Until they knew them, how could they judge of Lady Lawrence, you. Unfortunately, Honore Crayen's

The ten minutes had stretched themselves to twenty, when Lady Lawrence put down her pen, and raised her head with a glance which took in the whole

"That is finished," she said, in the quick tones which reminded them of Mrs. Payte. "Now let me read you my equests.

Her motions were as rapid as her ords, when she took up, one after another, the sheets of paper which she had covered only on one side.
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A flame of wrath rose in Lawrence Haughton's cheeks, but no one connected it with anything beyond the natural anger excited by this legacy. "To Hervey Myddelton Trent," continued Lady Lawrence, unmoved, "I leave the same sum. To one who has been so confident of a large fortune, I know it will appear triffing; but it good cigar, he once told me, was the

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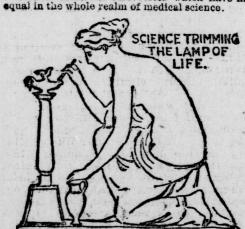
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Taxpayer in No. 3 Ward Speaks Out.

The Denunciation of No. 3 Ward and General Hospital and What It Means.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: Ratepayers, especially in No. 3 ward, would do well to find out how candidates stand on the hospital question, before deciding how to vote. I underfaint hope of finding you more kind stand Mr. Winnett is hand-in-glove and courteous here? You know with with Dr. J. D. Wilson in the attempt with Dr. J. D. Wilson in the attempt to throw cold water on the hospital bylaw, in the hope of getting the hospital away from No. 3 ward and building a new and costly affair away up on will all my own property, minus the legacies aforesaid, with old Myddel-What do the residents of No. 3 ward think of this scheme? I know the parties referred to beat about the bush, and when asked if they are in favor of the bylaw, instead of giving a straight 'Yes' or "No," they raise side issues to get out of giving a straight answer. But when the opportunity is favorable, they belittle the present site, and speak of it as a "mud hole," although 45 of the 50 doctors in the city say that the site and the hospital are all right, and can be enlarged and improved, and made up-to-date for half the money a new building on a new site would

On nomination day, let these men say squarely if they are for or against the bylaw as it stands. If against it, then plainly their object is to kill the present institution, and to remove it to another place, and saddle the city with an elephant in the shape of a new hospital, the alleged cost of which will only be as a drop in the bucket before the city gets through with it. Let the ratepayers of No. 3 ward resent, by their votes at the polls, those attempts to discredit their ward and rob them of the hospital. Yours truly,

HENRY HUSSEY, 241 Colborne street. London, Dec. 23, 1897.

DEATH OF A DIPLOMAT.

Sir Cornelius Kortright, K. C. M. G., Dies at Barrie.

Barrie, Ont., Dec. 24.—One of Barrie's most prominent citizens passed away in the person of Sir Cornelius Kort-right, K.C.M.G., aged 80 years. Since a severe illness in September he had been confind to his house, and gradually wasted away, till the end came, as above stated. He was at one time governor of British Guiana, and filled other positions in the British diplomatic service. After retiring he came to Barrie to reside twelve years ago. him, Lady Kortright having died several years ago. The daughters are Miss Ida, at home, and Mrs. Wm. Campbell, of Stayner. The sons are Percy, in England; Hugh, of the British army in Guiana, now home on furlough: Earnest A., of the Bank of Toronto: Charles W., and Reginald at home.

DINGLEY SPAT UPON IT.

Arthur Hill, of Saginaw, Says What He Thinks in Regard to the Lumber Duty.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 24.-Arthur Hill. the well-known Saginaw lumberman, who has extensive interests in Canada, in discussing the Ontario Government's timber policy, says: "It is the natural outcome of a \$2 lumber tariff, for if the Canadians could not sell their lumber in this country they would naturally resist the transfer of the lumber business, in which many of them have been engaged for a lifetime, out of their hands into that of American manufacturers. The whole movement for a lumber duty was, in my judgment, a great mistake for the Saginaw Valley. Within a week one of the larger factory owners said to me that the lumber which he bought had advanced, but that he was finding it impossible to get prices for his finished product to cover that advance, and was, therefore, doing business without a profit. I have not myself favored the restriction of exportation cated an export duty on lumber, or a

logs exported. "I wanted to see conditions equalized so our firm could do business in Canada under the conditions substantially of the McKinley bill, which the Dingley bill repudiates. The genius of Blaine wove into the McKinley bill a thread of reciprocity, which really meant fair dealing with our neighbors to the north. McKinley gracefully accepted it as part of the texture of the measure, but Dingley spat upon it, and new, instead of friends to the north, we have a nation so aggrieved as to be ready to enact the most hurtful legislation."

TWO VICTIMS. Series of Serious Explosions in a Jersey

New York, Dec. 24 .- A succession of explosions at the United States Acetyline Liquefying Company, Jersey City, caused the loss of two lives and \$20,000 damage to the works today. There were only three other employes in the building at the time of the accident, and they received more or less serious injuries. James Leeb, who was working half a block away, was badly injured by a piece of the boiler, and another fragment of the boiler tore the roof from a trolley car some distance away, without injuring any of the passengers. It is said that the first explosion was due to the boilers bursting, and as the fire spread to the various acid tanks there was a succession of deafening re-

City Gas Factory.

HELPED THEMSELVES TO CHRISTMAS BOXES. Oswego, N. Y., Dec. 24.-Eight United States mail boxes in this city were broken into and robbed of their contents last night.

TRAINMEN KILLED. New York, Dec. 24.-A drill engine and a train of flat cars on the Central Railroad of New Jersey collided in Communipaw today. Brakeman Collis Haycock was killed, Fireman John Higgings was fatally injured, and Engineer William Murtagh was so badly scalded that the flesh came off with his clothing in great stripes.

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BANNER YEAR. Freight Tonnage at the Soo Beats All

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Dec. 24 .-During 1897 there was an increase over any previous year of nearly 2,000,000 tons in the amount of freight traffic through the United States and Canadian canals. The freight tonnage in 1897 was never less than 2,000,000 tons each month, except during April and December, during which months the

canals were in operation only a few While there is a decrease of 1,447 in the number of passages in 1897, as compared with 1896, there was an increase of 370,515 in registered tonnage this year, showing a remarkable increase in the size of lake vessels. A comparative statement of the traffic for the two years is given: Passages, 1897, 17,168; 1896, 18,615; registered tonnage, 1897, 17,619,933; 1896, 17,-249,418; freight tonnage, 1897, 18,218,411; 1896, 16,239,061; passengers, 1897, 40,213;

1896, 37,066. Topics of the Day. Everyone is surprised at the rapidity and efficacy with which Nervilinenerve-pain cure-relieves neuralgia and rheumatism. Nerviline is a specific for all nerve pains and should be kept on hand by every family.

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ARE YOU AWARE OF THE FACT

That this institution is doing more for its pupils than any other school of the kind in the Dominion?

115 PUPILS

Secured good positions in the eleven months, ending Aug. 15, 1897,

43 PUPILS

Secured good positions in the months of September and October

of this year. We always like to back a statement with the proofs. Here is the list, and we would like you to note the class of positions secured, also that six or seven of them have engaged as teachers in other busi-

THE PROOF

ness colleges.

What do you think of it? Forty. three of the following pupils were placed between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31, 1897. As we have prepared these, so we can prepare you and help you if you prove yourself worthy,

of it.

1. A. D. Skeels, a former pupils, as teacher of Penmanship, Troy Business College.

2. A. Burch, a former pupil, as Commercial Teacher, Grand Rapids Business University. 3. F. B. Corwall, a former pupil, teach-

er of Shorthand, Evansville Business College, Indiana. 4. George West, as manager, business department, Tacoma Business Col lege, Washington. 5. Bessie Dunkley, as stenographer,

with Michigan Chair Company, Grand Rapids. 6. Delbert Wigle, as bookkeeper, with Grand Rapids knitting works.

7. Sara Towl, stenographer, J. B. Stringer & Co., Chatham. 8. Fred Verkerke, bookkeeper, C. A

9. Hattie Paul, office assistant, Dear Printing Co., Grand Rapids. 10. Wm. McTavish, stenographer for Mr. Pratt, secretary, Y. M. C. A., Toronto.

 Walter Oliver, bookkeeper, Mc-Lachlan & McFarlane, Hall's Siding, British Columbia. 12. P. F. Ross, as stenographer with

New York Belting and Packing Company, Chicago. 13. Lizzie Thompson, as bookkeeper and stenographer, Watson & Frost, Grand Rapids.

 Evelyn Miller, stenographer, Viava Medicine Company, Grand Rapids. 15. Jennie McLachlan, stenographer, Chief Justice Drake, Victoria, B. C. 16. Flora Fuce, stenographer, Herald office, Montreal, Que. 17. Fred McCarthy, stenographer, Wal-

ters & Son, Grand Rapids. 18. Annie Clark, stenographer, Mr. Jeil barrister, Rodney. May Burdick, stenographer, W. E.

Stevens, barrister, Aylmer, Ont. Maud McNally, bill clerk, Grand Rapids Gas Company. 21. Harry Weatherwax, stenographer,

Agriculture College, Lansing, Mich. 22. John V. Morrison, stenographer, Manitoba Trust Company, Win-23. Essie Walford, bookkeeper, D. D. Hawthorne & Co., Toronto.

Wm. Garrett, stenographer, etc., A. E. Brooks & Co., Grand Rapids. J. E. McNeil, bookkeeper, Walkers ton Chair Company, Walkerton. Frances Reddick, stenographer, Hadley Lumber Company, Chat-

27. J. W. Warner, stock clerk, Wooden Grocery Company, Grand Rapids. 28. Jennie Daniels, stenographer, West Michigan Furniture Company, Hole land, Mich. 29. Annie McRae, stenographer, Goo

Angell, Wholesale Art Supplies, De-30. Belle Somerville, bookkeeper, F. Gonne, Chatham. 31. B. R. Pearce, stenographer, Business Furniture Company, Grand Rapids, W. B. Pelton, bookkeeper, E. Wigle, publisher, Grand Rapids. 33. Casper Baarman, assistant teacher,

Grand Rapids Business University. Cassie Yeates, stenographer, Frank Smith, barrister, Chatham. Gean Ripley, stenographer (tem.), Campbell Manufacturing Company, Harry Allgier, assistant teacher,

Grand Rapids Business Univer-37. Alex. Adams, bookkeeper, Metal Shingle Company, Preston. 38. Blanche Brown, Cashier, Pennell's (Millinery), Grand Rapids.

39. Lulu Lears, bookkeeper, C. Lears, Reed City, Mich. -Great variety in Carvers, Table 40. Maude Shipley, stenographer (tem.), Atkinson & Atkinson, Chatham. 41. Eva Payne, assistant bookkeeper, Kent Mills, Chatham.

42. Frank Leonard, stenographer, Grand Rapids Board of Trade. 43. Dayton McInnes, bookkeeper, R. S. Webb, Pork Packer, Detroit, Mich. 44. Geo. Easton, assistant bookkeeper. Austin Mining Company, Austin,

Miss Flora Puce, who was in the office of the Montreal Herald, has since been offered and has returned home to accept a position with the Sutherland-Innes Company, of Chatham, and makes the seventeenth pupil that we have placed with the same firm, the majority of them being still in their employ. Quite a number have been placed

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manhood, being over six feet in height

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ture, as the surrounding country is capable of supporting such a busi-

Christmas vacation consists of the

period from Dec. 24 to Jan. 6, both days

inclusive. During vacation the master

in chambers will sit at 11 a.m. on each

Tuesday and Friday, commencing on

Tuesday next, Dec. 28, and a judge in

chambers will sit each Tuesday, com-

At the corner of Dundas and Col-

borne streets about 8:45 last evening,

Mr. Wm. Moore, of the Mooralph Com-

pany, was driving south across Dun-

At the City Hotel-Judge W. W.

Fitzgerald, Fred J. C. Fitzgerald; E.

Totton, St. Marys; Mr. C. E. Carter,

and wife, Clandeboye, who are on their

At the Tecumseh-Dr. B. E. McKen-

zie, A. Elder, R. D. Kilgour, Chas. B.

Webster, Toronto; James Stevens, In-

gersoll; A. Andvier, Montreal; George

At the Grigg-A. B. Stuart, Goderich;

G. W. Brown and lady, Port Huron; J.

G. Armstrong and wife, Petrolia; A. A.

Matthews, Brantford; J. B. Jackson, In-

gersoll; Dr. J. H. C. Willowby and wife, Regina, N. W. T.; J. J. McCarthy, Buffalo; A. T. Westfall, New York;

SUCCESSFUL CANADIAN INVEN-

The following list of patents recent-

ly granted to inventors residing in Can-

ada, is reported for The Advertiser by

P. J. Edmunds, international patent

solicitor, London: H. Poole, Petrolia,

method of treating aluminum phos-

phates, etc.; R. J. Smith, Ottawa, chart

for drafting coats and vests; A. Pre-

fontaine, Chambly, Que., stone extrac-

tor; H. Ivers, Quebec, bottle filling de-

vice; T. Hogan, Toronto, non-refillable

bottle; L. Wurzburg, Halifax, N. S.,

jar and cover; H. C. McQuarie and

Wm. H. Greenwood, Stonewall, Man.,

bag holder: R. Curtis, Osnabruck Cen-

ter, foot rest for bicycles; the Cana-

dian Preparation Company, Montreal,

starch (trade mark); George S. Car-

son, B.A., Halifax, N. S., a primary

Lobo, Will Do So on Dec.

29-50 Years of Happy

Married Life

On Wednesday, Dec. 29, Capt. Henry

Squire Edwards was married on Dec.

minister. His bride was the daughter

stepped on the town line between Lobo

and London, the latter coming to this

On July 4, 1848, Mr. and Mrs. Ed-

wards settled on their present farm,

lot 10, con. 2, Lobo, where they have

enjoyed half a century of happy mar-

ried life, and the affection of their

family and kindred, the esteem of their

fellow-citizens and the kindness of

fortune. They have three sons and

one daughter-Mrs. J. D. Hodgins, of

London; Albert and Fred, both mar-

ried, living in Lobo township, and

The children, grandchildren, blood

relations and immediate friends of the

worthy couple, to the number of 40,

will assemble at the old homestead on

Wednesday, and there will be a grand

spread and other festivities. Mr. and

Mrs. Edwards continue in good health,

and will, no doubt, be hale and hearty

wedding ten years hence, as all hope

when they celebrate their diamond

Squire Edwards was born in Lobo

township, near his present home, 71

Their Colden Wedding.

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To Celebrate

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James, at home.

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mere hamlet in 1831.

John Sheppard and wife, Bothwell.

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wedding trip.

Chandler, Buffalo.

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GUESTS AT THE HOTELS.

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when they are the gladdest, and deserve heaven when they enjoy it. Shocked and Frightened.

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News About Town

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-The ice crop is almost ripe.

-Miss Tye, of this city, is visiting in Oil Springs. -Mrs. Barnea, of Bridgeburg, Ont.,

is visiting here. -The ice in the river is eight inches thick in most places.

-Miss Riddell, Oil Springs, is holidaying with her parents here. -W. B. Collins, Sarnia, is spending Christmas here, as is also Miss Carrothers of the same place.

-A handsome cocker spaniel dog was killed by the trolley on Oxford street yesterday afternoon. -Mr. and Mrs. Barr. of this city, are

visiting at the home of John McKen--Secretary Charles R. Sayer, of the Y. M. C. A., left for Hamilton yesterday afternoon, to spend a short holi-

day. -Mr and Mrs. John Simpson, of West London, left yesterday for Exeter, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

-The employes of the Wortman & Ward Manufacturing Company were each presented with a Christmas turkey on quitting work last night.

-Mr. W. J. Buskard, of Providence, R.I., returned home last night. He came here to attend the funeral of his father-in-law, Mr. Thos. Kershaw. -The junior members of the Y. M. C.

A. will indulge in a sleigh ride round the city this afternoon. The sports competitions will take place this morning, and keen contests are anticipated. -The young lady assistants at the free library were the recipients of many small Christmas tokens, among which were several boxes of the finest creams, from generous patrons of the institution.

-A special programme of sports has been arranged for the Y. M. C. A. Juniors in the gymnasium this morn- Squire Edwards and Wife, of ing, starting at 9:30. They will consist of races, jumping and tumbling. This is one of the series of contests for the silver medal for gymnastics.

-Chatham Banner's Thamesville correspondence: The Columbia handle factory will remove to London as soon as preparations can be completed. This will mean the loss to Thamesville of its best employing industry, and of several good citizens. We shall be sorry to see it go.

-The remains of Eliza, daughter of Wm. Hutchings, of St. Marys, and wife of George Morrish, who died at Aylmer on Wednesday, passed through this city yesterday, and were interred in St. Marys town cemetery. There of the first white woman who ever was a large attendance of sorrowing relatives and friends.

-Lovers of skating will find as smooth and fine a sheet of ice at the Princess Rink as they ever looked upon. There were few at the rink last night, but the ice was beautiful. Large crowds healthy nutriment, it becomes a pol-son to the system. Dr. Parmeles at London's ice palace this afternoon and evening, and Manager Holman has procured excellent music for the occa-

-When the hose wagon of No. 2 company of the fire department was going to the fire last night, it collided with a trolley car at the corner of York and Ridout streets. One of the lamps of the rig was knocked off, and the dash-board smashed at one side. The accident happened as the firemen turned the corner. The wheels slipped in the snow, causing the rig to slew into the car.

-The free library will be closed today (Christmas) for the first time on any holiday since it was opened. This has been deemed advisable by the board of managers, on account of the small patronage on holidays. Last Christmas Day only fwelve magazines were called for, against 77 the day following the holiday, and, in all likelihood, at the next meeting of the board the rules governing the institution will long time," says Miss J. Johnson, In-be amended so as to close the library nisfail, N.W.T., "and after trying differon all public holidays.

-London is to receive another Amer-

The Civic Nominations.

Where They Will Be Held in the Various Wards Monday.

City Hall Proceedings Start at 10 a.m. -A Lively Meeting Probable.

There should be a big crowd at the civic nominations on Monday.

The proceedings at the city hall, where the candidates for the mayoralty, board of water commissioners and board of hospital trustees will be nominated, begin at 10 o'clock sharp. Indications point to a lively meeting, and electors should be there early.

Candidates for the council and school board will be nominated between 12 and 1 o'clock, at the following places: No. 1 ward-City hall, north committee room.-J. W. Smyth, deputy. No. 2 ward-James Percival's store, Queen's avenue. George Fewings,

No. 3 ward-Mrs. Macdonald's house, 346 Colborne street. William Wilson, deputy. No. 4 ward-Wiliam Rychard's house,

468 Dufferin avenue. William Lind. No. 5 ward-East end hall. Arscott Isaac, deputy. No. 6 ward—Trebilcock's Hall. Jas. Thorburn, deputy.

and heavy in proportion. Mr. Brown was an alderman for his city for sev-Another Triumph eral years, and was nominated for the mayor's chair, but declined. It is his intention to open a produce business For London. after the new year, and the premises situated at No. 113 Dundas street

The City's Credit Reaches the Highest in Its History.

Sewer Debentures Sell for \$98 95-An other \$5,000 Saved on the Sewerage System.

Score another London!

Her financial credit has reached the highest point in her history. Her administrators have achieved another triumph.

Yesterday afternoon the finance committee met and opened eight tenders for \$120,000 worth of sewerage debenvehicle was struck by a west-bound tures, 3½ per cents, maturing in forty Rectory street car. Fortunately, the years. car was not moving very rapidly, and Immediately afterwards the council

the motorman managed to slow up suf- met to receive the committee's report.

ficiently to break the force of the col- Mayor Little announced that the tenlision. The sleigh, though not over- der of the Confederation Life Assurturned, was carried a short distance in ance Company, being the highest, had front of the car fender, which was bad- been recommended for acceptance. ly bent by the impact. Mr. Moore was Their offer was \$98 95 for every \$100 worth of the debentures—the best sale ever made by the corporation. The price obtained for the previous issue was \$94 87. On this figure Auditor Jewell based his estimate of the sum the present issue would yield the city. The result is that it sold for \$4,896 more than he figured upon-another saving of practically \$5,000 in the sewerage construction. This means a total saving of \$35,000 on the entire

system. "I question if a higher rate has been paid any other city in Canada," said Mayor Little.

The council then passed the bylaws providing for the purchase of the Kent, Thomas and Dunnett properties for city purposes. After being wished a merry Christmas by the mayor, the aldermen adjourned.

The Doctors Speak.

Believe the London General Hos pital Should Remain in No. 3 Ward.

Favor the Bylaw to Provide Ample Hospital Accommodation on the Present Site.

The following appeal to the ratepayers of London, it will be observed, is signed by 42 members of the medical profession of the city, or almost the entire body. It will no doubt be perused with interest by the taxpayers: The undersigned medical practitioners of the city of London beg to appeal to the citizens for their votes and influence in behalf of the bylaw to provide the sum of \$70,000 to enable the hospital trust to make such additions to the city hospital as the present and future requirements of the public so urgently demand.

We believe that the site of the present hospital is the best available; that the hospital buildings and grounds are, for hospital purposes, too valuable an asset to be sacrificed; and that it Edwards, J.P., of lot 10, con. 2, Lobo would be impossible to provide equal township, will celebrate his golden accommodation elsewhere for an outlay of \$70,000. The proposed additions will give the citizens, at the least possible cost, a practically new hospital, 29, 1847, to Miss Rachel Harrison, of upon the present spacious and attracthe fourth concession of London town- tive grounds, capable of accommo-

ship, by Rev. Wm. Wilkinson, Baptist | dating 160 patients. There is no question as to the pressing need of increased hospital accommodation, and it is hoped that the claims of the sick and the suffering district with her parents from York- will secure for the bylaw the hearty and generous indorsation of the citizens of London.

W. H. Moorhouse, J. Wishart, Macarthur. J. A. Nelles, C. P. Jento. J. Hutcheon Hogg, A. Cline. J. H. McLellan,. F. Neu. R. Ferguson, W. J. Weekes. Hadley Williams, B. F. Butler, B. Campbell P. Westland, John R. Flock. Edwin Seaborn, F. R. Eccles, W. J. Stevenson C. E. Jarvis, M. English. Alex. Graham, J. Teasdall. W. E. Waugh, J. M. Piper, A. Hotson, Geo. Hodge, H. Meek.

W. A. Thomson, R. Ovens. Benjamin Bayly, Chas. S. Moore, A. MacLaren, A. E. Woodward, W. S. Macdonald, H. A. Stevenson, Edgar Macklin, R. M. Cooper. N. R. Henderson H. A. McCallum, Cl. T. Campbell.

my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believed it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented monies whenever necessary in regard years ago. He recollects London as a "I was troubled with earache for a ent remedies without success, used Hagyard's Yellow Oil as a last resort, was with reluctance that I consented monies whenever necessary in regard ican citizen for a resident. Col. George and I can really say that it cured me B. Brown, of East Orange, N.J., has descided to locate in London and enter earache since."

was with reduced to such a trial as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

to all arrangements during the ball. The standard bearer will precede his own group when it is presented to



Dundas and

Carling Streets,

Victorian Era Ball.

London Ladies and Gentlemen Who Will Attend.

The Party Organized by Mrs. Capt. Carpenter-Brilliant Affair To Be Given by Their Excellencies, the Governor-General and Lady Aberdeen.

A party of London ladies and gentlemen will attend the Victorian ball to be given by the governor-general and the Countess of Aberdeen at Toronto on Tuesday. The affair promises to be a most brilliant one. There will be six groups, representing the various phases of the Victorian era. and each has a distinctive dance, which will add greatly to the success of the ball. In the group to represent "Sports and Amusements," Mrs. Carpenter, of this city, has charge of the hunting section and is getting up the party from this city. It comprises Capt. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. and Miss Gibbons, Miss Mary Gartshore, Miss Marshall, Miss Kathleen Hutchinson, Miss Amy McDonough, Miss Edna Gartshore, Major Smith, Messrs. Richardson, F. Harper, and P. Mackenzie.

The following is the official gramme, giving the groups in their order and the names of the ladies who are getting them up:

Group I. (March) The Empire.-India and North America, Australasia, Government House; Europe, Mrs. Nordheimer (Toronto); Africa, Mrs. Crerar (Hamilton). Group II. (Old-fashioned quadrille)-

Victorian costumes.—First Period, Lady Kirkpatrick; Second Period, Mrs. Hardy and Mrs. Forsyth Grant (Toronto); Third and Middle Periods, Mrs. Edgar; Aesthetic Period, Mrs. Walker. (Toronto). Group III. (Lancers)-Literature and

from-Mrs. Irwing Cameron. (Toronto). time before. Group IV. (Country Dance)—Science and inventions—Electricity, Mrs. Sweeney (Toronto); Postal Progress, Mrs. E. B. Osler and Miss Kingsville (Toronto): Invitations, Mrs. Cattanach (Toronto). Group V. (Minuet)-Art-Pictures-

representing various pictures painted in the Victorian Era, Mrs. Cawthra (Toronto). Stage-representing various famous actors in their principal characters, Mrs. Barwick (Toronto). Group VI. (Sir Roger de Coverly)-Sports and Amusements-Harvesters. Mrs. Aritum (Toronto); Yachting, Mrs. Ross (Toronto); Games, Mrs. J. K. Kerr (Toronto); Hunting, Mrs. Carpenter (London).
The master of cerer LIFE SAVED .- Mr. James Bryson

Cameron writes: "I was confined to Major Denison, who will be assisted

lown group when it is presented to

their excellencies. After the presentation it will be re-formed and led back to its allotted position in the ball-Each set in each group will appoint

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its own herald, who will present the members of the set by name and character to their excellencies. These functionaries will doubtless

add much to the picturesqueness of the occasion. A bugle call will sound for the beginning of each Victorian dance. At the conclusion of the presentations the vice-regal court will lead the procession to the supper room; in view of the capacity of supper room, the procession will consist only of the ladies and gentlemen of the various Victorian groups, who will follow in the same order as before, led by the Empire group. The doors of the supper room will then be closed. They will be reopened and closed in turn in the same way for the convenience of the guests. During supper there will be the extras-the usual dances. The second portion of the programme for the evening will consist of the usual modern dances. This will begin as soon as the vice-regal party returns from the supper room in similar procession as before.

A CHRISTMAS BLAZE.

Holly and Santa Claus Supplies Burned in Pigot & Bryan's Window.

A small fire occurred at Pigot & Adam Beck, J. D. Kilgour, Harold Bryan's establishment, Dundas street, last night, about 6 o'clock. The gas in the west window ignited the profusion of holly and toys, and completely destroyed the pretty display. The prompt response of the fire brigade prevented what might have been a disastrous conflagration. The store was packed with busy buyers at the time, and considerable excitement resulted, which, however, was of short duration, for a few minutes afterwards business resumed as if nothing had happened The loss will be trivial.

> DIED 55 MINUTES AFTER HER HUSBAND.

South Bend., Ind., Dec. 24.-Chas. S. and Mary Charlotte Chapman, husmusic.—Scott, Mrs. Law, Lady Thomp- band and wife, died here vesterday. son (Toronto); Rudyard Kipling, Miss | he first, and she but 55 minutes later. Kingsville (Toronto); George Eliot, To- Apoplexy caused his death. Mrs. Chapronto University Women's Literary So- man died from pneumonia, ignorant of ciety; Gilbert and Sullivan-characters the death of her husband such a short

rest for tired mothers in a warm bath with CUTICURA SOAP, and a single application of CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure. The only speedy and economical treatment for itching, burning, bleeding, scaly, and pimply humors of the skin, scalp, and blood.

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