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Daily, going West	
Leave Winnipeg	8.45
Arrive Elm Creek	10.33
Daily, going East	
Leave Elm Creek	20.40
Arrive Winnipeg	22.30
CARMAN-WINNIPEG BRANCH	
Leave Carman	12.15
Arrive Elm Creek	12.45
Leave Elm Creek	12.55
Arrive Winnipeg	15.05
Leave Winnipeg	18.30
Arrive Elm Creek	20.40
CARMAN BRANCH	
Daily	
Leave Carman	9.45
Arrive Elm Creek	10.30
Leave Elm Creek	10.45
Arrive Carman	11.15
Leave Elm Creek	20.55
Arrive Carman	21.30

## Local and General

**Local and General**  
Trial Catarrh treatments are being mailed out free, on request, by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. These tests are proving to the people without a penny's cost—the great value of this scientific prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Catarrh Remedy. Sold by P. D. Alair.

**The Starkey House, Carman, School re-opens on Monday.**  
Postmaster Kennedy spent Christmas in Winnipeg.

**J. Sparling spent Christmas at Roland.**

**Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Graham spent Christmas in town.**

**J. Murray spent a few days in the city last week.**

**Miss Maggie Kennedy returned from Winnipeg on Monday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Staples spent New Year's Day at Culross.**

**Frank Humphries was in town on Tuesday.**

**Mr. and Mrs. Nix were in Carman on Tuesday.**

**We are pleased to note that Dr. Blakely is progressing well, towards recovery.**

**Mr. Thos. and Miss Maggie Guinan spent New Year's Day in town.**

**The first meeting of the new Council will be held on Tuesday next, January 7th.**

**MARRIED.**—On Monday, Dec. 30, by Rev. H. W. Ferrier, Frank Underwood to Letitia Tudge.

**Miss Waite visited Mr. and Mrs. Chard the early part of this week.**

**It is said that we have confidence in our banks. That's about all lots of us ever had in them.**

**All hunters having big game licenses must return same to J. Murray before January 15th.**

**When the Stomach, Heart, or Kidney nerves get weak, then these organs always fail. Don't drug the stomach, nor stimulate the Heart or Kidneys. That is simply a makeshift. Get a prescription known to druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Restorative. The Restorative is prepared expressly for these weak inside nerves. Strengthen these nerves, build them up with Dr. Shoop's Restorative—tablets or liquid—and see how quickly help will come. Free sample test sent on request by Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis. Your health is surely worth this simple test. Sold by P. D. Alair.**

**John Thompson, while carrying a block of ice on Christmas Eve, slipped and fell, breaking two of his fingers.**

**Geo. Simpson left on Christmas morning for San Francisco, having been called thither by the serious illness of his brother Will.**

**BORN.**—On Saturday, December 21st, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. H. Folson, to Mr. and Mrs. Björndhal, of Mandal, Sask., a son.

To check a cold quickly, get from your druggist some little Candy Cold Tablets called Preventics. Druggists everywhere are now dispensing Preventics, for they are not only safe, but decidedly effective and prompt. Preventics contain no quinine, no laxative, nothing harsh nor sickening. Taken at the "sneeze stage," Preventics will prevent Pneumonia, Brouchitis, La Grippe, etc. Hence the name, Preventics. Good for feverish children. 48 Preventics 25 cents. Trial boxes, 5 cents. Sold by P. D. Alair.

## Death of Mr. R. Patterson

Mrs. Joseph Wood received the sad news, last Thursday night, of the death of her father, Mr. Robert Riddell Patterson, at Clegg, near Morden, after only a few hours' illness, in the 67th year of his age. He came to Manitoba from County, Ontario, in the 1880s, and settled in the home which he died. He was one of the most prosperous and best respected farmers in the district. Over forty rigs followed his remains, which were interred at Hillside Cemetery, Morden, on Saturday. He leaves a widow and six sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

## Newspaper Cranks

It is the duty of the newspaper man to boom the town for all it is worth month after month and then see ten dollars' worth of printing go out of town because ten cents can be saved by so doing. It is the business of the newspaper to give every local enterprise enthusiastic and frequent send-offs, and then catch him because he failed to record the fact that some prominent citizen had his door step painted. To subscribe liberally to every public, charitable and church enterprise, advertise them for nothing, pay his own way to every thing and then be called prejudiced and mean spirited because a couple of columns is not devoted to that particular affair. Do you wonder there are so many cranks in the newspaper business? It is bound to make either a crank or a philosopher out of him.—Ex.

## Correspondence

The Editor does not accept any responsibility for the opinions of his correspondents. All letters written over a nom de plume must bear the writer's name and address, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

ELM CREEK, DECEMBER 30, 1907.

**TO THE EDITOR**  
DEAR SIR,

The man from the "Far North" claims that Smith's majority is too big. If that is the case, Mr. Smith was not so sure of it on election day, or he would not have exposed himself to the cold by standing on the roadside with one eye turned northward and the other southward. I guess if his friend would just probe the matter to the bottom he would easily find the cause of his using wet cloths round his head, and he

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The oven door of the Kootenay drops down and provides a shelf upon which to rest the pans drawn from the oven. The door is strongly braced and will easily support the weight of an extra heavy roast.

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To buy your Xmas Presents is at J. H. COCHRAN'S JEWELRY STORE, CARMAN. You have a \$12,000 stock to make your selection from, and our present prices are far lower than any of the city stores.

**We pay the Railway Fare of all our Elm Creek Customers.**

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THE LEADING JEWELER  
Carman - - - Man.

would then assure himself it was not the brain box that was heating. His examination would prove that it was the toothache from exposure. Poor boy, I feel sorry for him! I know his old mother would have wept for her son had she seen him. As for the man from the "Far North," no danger of his brain box heating, for there is too much space and not enough brain. The Ruddell party never asked a man to swear that he was entitled to vote as a British-born subject, knowing that he was an American-born subject, nor did they resort to any other foul means by encouraging a voter to vote unlawfully. It is against their principles to do so. The Hon. R. P. Storey, as he has been styled, acted the wise man. He paid attention to his own business, which showed a wise man's action.

Mr. Smith will need to widen his grades up north, or Tommy will not be able to put up a merry dance next season, and if it proves a wet fall next season he will also need gravel on the grades, and a pile of stock food on the end of his wagon tongue, if his poor bronchos can hold the pail high enough to keep it from dragging over the lumps.

As for the gravelling of the road leading from Mr. Baragar's place to Magnus, six inches of coarse gravel would be of little use until Mr. Smith has spent more of the municipal money clearing the so-called finished road of stumps and roots. As for the road from the end of the big ditch to Oakville, Mr. Bell would prefer that your Scotch friend remain at the corner store, even if he does charge mileage from the "Far North." As for Ruddell, he never exchanged drinks for votes—he does not deal at the corner store.

Yours truly,  
A RATEPAYER.

The Provincial Government has purchased the Bell Telephone Co's Manitoba system for \$3,300,000, and also acquired about \$103,000 worth of supplies.

**FIVE DOLLARS REWARD**  
Lost on November 9th, a large black and white setter dog. Anyone returning same to A. R. Houston, C.P.R. Agent, Pannystelle, will receive the above reward. 28.11.4

**FOR SALE**  
A warm, well built one-storey house, nearly new, and four lots, each 25 feet by 25 feet. Good well on the property. Cheap for quick sale. For particulars apply at this office. 28.11.4



## Little Girl In Blue.

By CHESTER FARRINGTON.

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"We sat in the big, dim-parlor watching the gray day come to its gray end. There had made us confidential. Phillips had thrice asked if I didn't want a light and had thrice received the same negative answer. I was loath to spoil the confidence."

"Now, honestly, Tod," said Phillips, "wasn't there ever a girl in your life who was different from the rest—wasn't there one who made you think and feel and plan as you had never thought or felt or planned before? Is that, Tod, at some time in your life, didn't the girl put in an appearance? I leaned forward eagerly."

"My dear Phillips, you certainly know."

"Think," snapped she. "I know just the ally speech you were going to make. I don't mean that boy and girl."



"Then why wasn't she?" I demanded. "Of ours you are always pleased to be so facetious about. I mean wasn't there been a real bit of romance?"

"I pretended to think portentously. Then I sighed."

"Confession is good for the soul," said I. "Therefore I'll confess. Yes, Phillips, there was one."

"I knew it—I knew it," said Phillips gleefully. "And you've never told me about it in all these years. She went on shuddering. 'Well, sir, open your chest now and disgorge the whole romance.'"

"I told my half consumed cigar in an ash tray and settled myself comfortably."

"I think it was something like eight years ago I first met her," I began.

"Eight years ago?" echoed Phillips. "And not a word of it to me in all this time?"

"She was very young then. As I say, I met her and fell in love with her."

"What was she like?" demanded Phillips.

"She was very beautiful, and she was dressed in blue."

"Phillips laughed. 'The first is very definite, and the second is very important,' she observed mockingly."

"She was dressed in blue," I repeated earnestly. "It is important. I shall carry that color to my grave."

"How romantic!" said she.

"I fell in love with her."

"So you said," she remarked impatiently, "but what made you fall in love with her?"

"The blue dress and her smile," said I. "It was a most wonderful smile. It opened up worlds you'd never dreamed of. I remember when I first saw her she seemed different from all the other girls I'd ever seen. My heart slipped its moorings then and there. I could never call it my own afterward. It was hers."

"Did she know it?" asked Phillips.

"I can't say," said I. "Sometimes I think she did, and again I think she didn't."

"Why didn't you find out?" she demanded.

"I intended to in time, but I only knew her a year when," I paused.

"When what?" said Phillips, with a slight disregard of grammar.

"She died," I said very softly.

"Oh!" said Phillips, and then for a time we were silent.

"I was very, very lonely after that. Nothing was the same. There was a great aching void in life that nothing could fill."

"Why haven't you ever mentioned her before?" she asked.

"Well, it's rather painful."

"Of course," she said quickly. "Forgive me."

"If the little girl in blue had lived, Phillips," said I, "I think my life would have been very different. I know it would have been far happier. She was such a quiet, trusting little soul. She knew nothing of the world, nor of money, nor of ambition. She, I think, was quite content with me, and I was more than content with her."

"And you'll always be loyal to her or do her memory?" asked she.

"Always," said I sympathetically.

"We were about again for a time. 'Dear little girl in blue,' I murmured."

"I'm awfully sorry, Tod," she said softly.

"Perhaps I'd better explain that she didn't really die," said I. "To other people she simply changed—grew to mind and in worldly knowledge, but to me she died."

"Oh," said Phillips meaningfully. "She wanted more worlds to conquer when she grew. I went on. 'She was no longer content with me. Instead of my simple little girl in blue, there came a proud, ambitious woman, who demanded all the world could give—money, position, power.'"

"Did she get them?" asked Phillips.

"They were offered to her."

"Why didn't she take them, then?" she asked.

"That I don't know," said I.

"Perhaps she grew tired of pride and ambition," said Phillips. "Perhaps there were times when she wanted to be just the little girl in blue again."

"I wonder," said I musingly. "Let's have a light," said Phillips.

"Don't," said I. "I wonder if she'd ever want to be the little girl in blue again."

"Yes, she did," said she faintly. I sprang to my feet and began to pace up and down.

"Then why wasn't she?" I demanded. "Well, it was hard," she began.

"Does she want to be now?" I cried. "Let's have a light," said she weakly. I ignored the suggestion.

"Does she want to be now?" I said, stopping directly before her.

"Don't, Tod," she said. "You mustn't."

"She shall be if she wants to be," I declared.

"Think of all the plans that have been made for me, Tod. I mustn't. I mustn't. I mustn't. You shall be just what you want—just what you yourself want," said I.

"I felt her hand on my sleeve. Then she drew me toward her."

"I want to be the little girl in blue—your little girl in blue," she said, with something like a sob.

"In a minute she was in my arms."

"She didn't die after all," I said exultantly.

"No, Tod, dear. They tried to kill her, but they couldn't," she whispered.

"Now, now, please, let's have a light," I said.

"All right. Let's have a light," said I.

"And after we've got the light let's call in the family. There's bound to be a big row over this, Phillips, so let's get it over as soon as we can."

"Getting a Furlough."

The old excuse for obtaining leave of absence, proverbial among college students, was not unknown to the soldiers of the civil war, according to Major Hamilton's account given in the "Southern Historical Papers." Orders had been issued from headquarters to the effect that no furloughs would be granted save on the occasion of a death in the family of the applicant. Dalgetty, an Englishman, asked for leave on account of the death of his grandmother, and the request was approved.

Unfortunately for Dalgetty, the colonel of the regiment met him before he had a chance to get away.

"I am sorry to hear of your affliction," said the kind officer. "When did your grandmother die?"

"Thank you, colonel," replied Dalgetty, edging away. "She was very old and couldn't have lasted much longer."

"Ah, and when did she pass away?"

"It's quite an affliction," continued Dalgetty, still on the move. "We shall miss her."

"Perhaps you are hard of hearing," roared the colonel in a voice sufficient for a brigade front. "I asked you when she died."

"She's been dead forty years, sir," ejaculated Dalgetty, dismayed. "I can't lie about it, but I think I ought to have a furlough on it."

The colonel had to laugh, but he sent the soldier back to camp. A few days later, Dalgetty got a bullet in his leg. As he was carried off the field he shouted to his comrades, slapping his thigh:

"Thirty days' leave and no death in the family!"

Eight Flights Up.

When the first fire company, in response to an alarm, reached the big row of tenements, the fire captain at once jumped from his engine and endeavored to locate the fire. When he had ineffectually punted through three or four structures for it, he descried an old woman sticking her head out of a window of the topmost floor of an eight story tenement a little farther up the street.

"Any fire up there?" he yelled, when he had reached the pavement beneath this building.

In answer, the old woman motioned for him to come up.

Accordingly, the captain, with his men lugging their heavy hose behind them, laboriously ascended the eight flights and burst into the room where the old woman was.

"Where's the fire?" demanded the captain when no fire nor smoke became visible.

"Oh, there ain't none here," replied the old woman, dashing an ear trumpet. "I asked 'er up 'cause I couldn't hear a word you said way down there."

—Bobelman.

A Light Matter.

The little bugler wore a proud smile as he turned out on guard for the first time.

"Have you learned all the calls yet, my boy?" asked the officer encouragingly.

"Nearly all, sir."

"Do you know the sergeant's call?"

"Yes, sir."

"Do you know the assembly?"

"Yes, sir."

"And the fire alarm?"

"No, sir."

"H'm! Well, now what would you sound if a fire should break out?"

The bugler thought.

"E—e—lights out, I suppose," he murmured. —London Echo.

## "WHAT FOOLS WE MORTALS BE!"

The History of a Fool Can Never Be Written, Because it Never Could Record the Truth, and History Knows Naught-but Truth.

The immortal poet who asked this important and meaningful question was one of the keenest dissectors of human nature. One of the most striking illustrations of this truth came to light a few days ago, when a man lying on his dying bed with, comely brother and sister, in the presence of us, to take Psychine, as it had cured both of them, an hereditary predisposition to lung weakness, being somewhat strongly marked in the family.

The answer was, "Yes, if the doctor recommends it." But, as was to be expected, the doctor said, "Oh, I can give just as good medicine as Psychine." Result: The doctor's patient, who got "just as good medicine as Psychine," is in his cold, cold grave today, while his brother and sister, both of whom were pronounced as hopeless consumptives by the best physicians, through taking Psychine as healthy specimens of humanity as can be found. The brother who had been cured, said to the writer, beside the grave of his brother, "What fools we mortals be," referring to his brother's following the advice of an unwise medical adviser.

"I herewith send my photo and testimonial for Psychine. I was given up 18 years ago as an incurable consumptive," by Prof. Lyman, Rush Medical College, Chicago. I suffered several years after this until I heard of Psychine, and through it I was restored to perfect health, which I have enjoyed for the past ten years. My sickness began first with catarrh of the head. I readily advise catarrh and a gripper sufferers to take Psychine.

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Psychine (pronounced si-keen) is the most wonderful cure known to medical science for coughs, colds, influenza, pneumonia, pleurisy, grippe, catarrh, asthma, pleurisy, night sweats, chills, wasting diseases, consumption and stomach troubles. At all druggists, 50c and \$1.00, or Dr. T. A. Stocum, Limited, 179 King St. west, Toronto.

"Cyrus—Say, Mandy, yer know that we're the biggest fools in the world."

Mandy—What on earth are ye talkin' about now, Cy?"

Cyrus—Hain't we bin tellin' the young ones that there wuz er real Santa Claus an' we didn't believe it ourselves. Well, blame me, I see the old man walkin' erl in the store window in New York. —Pittsburgh Leader.

We All Have Missions in the World

—There is a work to do for every man on earth, there is a function to perform for everything on earth, animate and inanimate. Everything has a mission, and the mission of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is to heal burns and wounds of every description and cure coughs, colds, croup and all affections of the respiratory organs.

"You'll have to send for another doctor," said the one who had been called, after a glance at the patient.

"Am I so sick as that?" gasped the sufferer.

"I don't know just how sick you are," replied the man of medicine, "but I know you're the lawyer who cross-examined me when I appeared as an expert witness. My conscience won't let me kill you, and I'll be hanged if I want to cure you. Good day." —Philadelphia Ledger.

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has no equal for destroying worms in children and adults. See that you get the genuine when purchasing.

Willie Nabors—Ma wants ter borrow yer wheelbarrow.

Mrs. Houser—She probably wants it to wheel back the other things she's borrowed. Better still! I will send over the transfer man.

Itch, Mange, Prairie Scratches and every form of contagious itch on human or animals cured in 30 minutes by Wolford's Sanitary Lotion.

"I suffer dreadfully from corns," remarked an elderly citizen who was waiting for a car. "They make life a burden to me."

"I can tell you of a remedy," declared the man with mouse-colored whiskers, "that will drive away your corns within 48 hours."

"You kin?"

"I'll be eternally grateful to you, mister."

"Don't mention it, my good man. Whenever I can relieve a suffering mortal, I am only too glad. Now you just practise deep breathing."

But the elderly citizen snorted indignantly and walked off muttering.

Wigs—Do you still keep up your friendship with the Joneses?

Digs—We see them very little, but we annoy each other with Christmas presents every year. —Pittsburgh Leader.

The Earnest Word.

"You never can tell," observed Uncle Allen Sparks. "What lasting results may be accomplished by an earnest word spoken at the right time. Many a man has had the shape of his nose changed for life, by calling another man a liar."

Cliver Retort.

"Yes, I am going to marry Mr. Bulloch."

"Why, he is old enough to be your father?"

"I know he is, but unfortunately he doesn't seem to care for mother."

Black Eyes.

Miffing—It is said that aggressive, impulsive people usually have black eyes. Biffkins—That's right. If they haven't got them at first they get them later. —Exchange.

## LYDIA DARRACH.

Lesley House, Philadelphia. Where She Played the Revolver.

One of the favorite stories connected with the Revolution is the tale of Lydia Darrach's patriotism, which story, like others of similar import, has been discredited by the discriminating historian. Notwithstanding the cold douche thrown upon the tradition it remains popular with all who know it.

The house where the famous eaves-dropping on the part of the Quakeress took place is not so well known.

Those who have heard or read the story of Mrs. Darrach hardly need to be informed that she and her husband lived in what was called the "Loxley house," once at the southeast corner of Little Dock and Second streets.

Little Dock was the thoroughfare which runs in a southwestern direction from Dock street to Second street. The ground upon which the Loxley house stood was acquired by Benjamin Loxley, a well-to-do carpenter, who owned practically a whole square in this vicinity, from George Clymer in April, 1769, and the queer little house was erected immediately. It was a speculation, for there is nothing to show that the owner ever lived there.

The house gained its fame from its peculiar facade, which was unlike anything in the city, and from the anecdote which connects Mrs. Darrach with the place. The great preacher Whitefield is said to have addressed the multitudes from the balcony on either his sixth or seventh visit to this country—1763 or 1769.

The Revolution had long since been over and most of the patriots in their graves before the tale of Mrs. Darrach's bold adventure, which is believed to have saved Washington and his army from capture by the British, became known. In the first number of the first volume of the American Quarterly Review, issued in March, 1827, there it is credited to "Garden's Anecdotes of the American Revolution."

The author of the story in the American Quarterly Review, however, must have had access to Major Garden's manuscript, for the story was not published in his book until the second series was issued in the latter part of the year 1823.

## STORIES OF TENNYSON.

Showing Some of the Odd Ways of the Famous Poet.

In the memoirs of the late William Allingham, the English poet, appear some interesting reminiscences of Tennyson. Allingham's first sight of him was at Twickenham, where Tennyson was then living. He says: "Soon came in a tall, broad shouldered, swarthy man, slightly stooping, with loose dark hair and beard. He wore spectacles and was obviously very nearsighted. Hollow cheeks and the dark pallor of his skin gave him an unhealthy appearance. He was a strange and almost spectral figure. The great man peered close at me and then shook hands cordially, yet with a profound quietude of manner. He was then about forty-one, but looked much older."

"In 1886 Allingham visited Tennyson at the latter's home, Farringford, in Freshwater, Isle of Wight. One morning they were talking on the downs together, and Allingham said that he felt happy. Tennyson said gloomily, 'I'm not at all happy—very unhappy.' The reason, as Tennyson afterward explained, for his particular unhappiness was his uncertainty regarding the condition and destiny of man. Allingham was very anxious to photograph him on this visit, but Tennyson positively refused. 'You make bags under my eyes,' he said."

At another time during this visit, as Allingham writes, they talked of dreams. "Tennyson said: 'In my boyhood I had intuitions of immortality—impressible! I have never been able to express them. I shall try some day.' I said that I, too, had felt something of that kind, whereat Tennyson, being in one of his less amiable moods, growled: 'I don't believe you have. You say it out of rivalry.'"

Allingham describes Tennyson's fondness for strange antics, such as jumping round and round like a pigeon, and adds: "He is the only person I ever saw who can do the most ludicrous things without any loss of dignity."

Feet of the Ancient Greeks.

A walk through the British museum and a close examination of the pedal extremities of ancient art there show they are all about the feet. "The Disk Thrower," a celebrated specimen, has particularly bad examples of inelegant union joints. If the foot of the Fardese Apollo, used as a model in most art schools, represents the foot of the average Greek corns and bunions must have been common in that classical country.

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Anaemia is most common among young women and is marked by pallor, weakness, indigestion, irritability, spells of dizziness and fainting, heart palpitation, severe headaches and feelings of extreme lassitude.

The blood is lacking in the elements which go to form energy, vigor and strength and demands such assistance as is best supplied by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

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## A PIECE OF STRING.

It Plays a Prominent Part in the Life of Japan.

Writing from Japan, an American says: "You must come here to appreciate some of the quaint customs and usages which contact with other peoples has not yet driven out. To read about them, gives you only a poor idea. For instance, did you ever know what an important thing a piece of string is here? The children, workmen, idlers, servants, all carry pieces of string for use in case of emergency. With us the emergency would arise only when a parcel had to be done up, but the Japanese piece of string as a first aid to the injured, to repair a rent in his clothing, to fix a broken down Japanki, to mend tools, to take measurement, and in fact, the string is his universal tool chest. The queerest use to which it is put, according to my way of thinking, is when a police officer arrests a man, ties a bit of string about the arrested man's wrist and then leads him, by the loose end of the thin hempen fetter to the lockup. You ask, 'Why doesn't the Jap crook break the string and find a gateway?' He could, but he would not. That's where his respect for the law comes in, and the bit of string holds the man as securely as though he were manacled by our own humane chilled steel, nickel plated and snap locked method."

A Thought.

A woman's sweetness and gentleness are her greatest charms and her strongest weapons. To be hard and bitter and cynical is to lose all lovable things. —Home Chat.

Suitable.

"What would be a suitable birthday present for my little boy?" inquired the fond mother.

"Let me think," returned the star boarder, who occasionally liked to sleep late in the morning. Then, with the glad, confident smile of one who has solved a problem, he added, "How would a gag or a straitjacket do?"

Arousing the Lion.

If we want to educate that sturdy, stolid, unresponsive thing, the British public, a scheme has to be mildly diluted with pleasure, masked by brilliant pictures, like the bitter pill we hide in our children's jam. We have compulsory schooling, of course, but as a nation we are not and do not want to be educated. —London Bystander.

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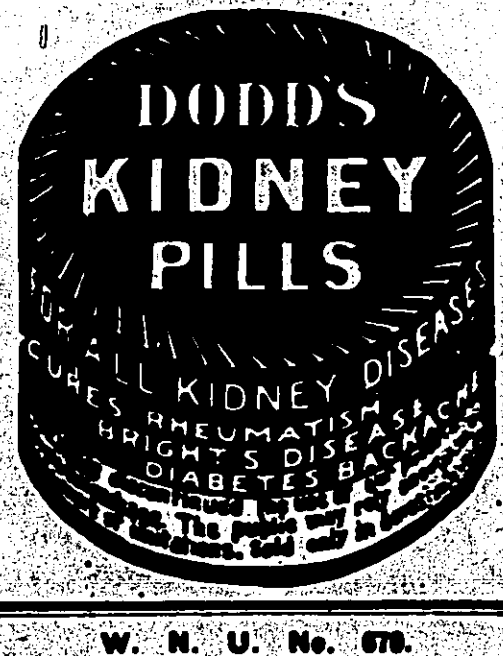
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## A NAVAL SCANDAL NOW IMPENDING

Court-martial Threatened Which Will Expose Scandal in United States Navy

Washington.—The resignation of Rear-Admiral Brownson, it is learned from authoritative sources, is only the surface indication of internecine warfare among the bureaus of the navy department, which may result in a general upheaval of the national scandal.

The writings of Henry Reuter, who were merely froth and gossip picked up on the outskirts of officialdom and set in cold type. Reuter had nothing but an evanescent knowledge of what is going on and is merely a tool of certain disgruntled bureaucrats who told him only a few facts which are now leading the bureau into a ferment.

It is understood the president is keenly cognizant of the volcano slumbering underneath, and he is taking every step to prevent a general alighting of the subject.

It is known that certain powerful influences in the navy department will demand that Surgeon-General Rixey be court-martialed for statements regarding Admiral Brownson's resignation. Should there be a court-martial, it would, as it is declared, rend the navy department to the very foundation and cause a scandal such as the department has never known. The safety valve upon the situation is the attitude of the retired admiral, Brownson, that it is entirely a matter for the president to discuss.

### Hospital Ship Being Equipped

Washington.—With the greatest rapidity possible, and every possible attempt at secrecy, the government is assembling the hospital ship at Washington and San Francisco ready for installation upon the United States hospital ship relief, which is being hastily placed into commission for service.

When plans are completed, which are expected within thirty days, a staff of about twenty doctors and thirty nurses, with a full complement of hospital stores and surgical instruments, will sail out of the harbor of San Francisco and steam south until it meets the fleet which Admiral Evans is taking to the Pacific coast. The hospital ship has a capacity of about 600, and will be one of the finest service ships in the world.

### Big Rush in Canadian Mails

Ottawa.—Judging from the experience of the Ottawa postal authorities the financial stringency has not affected the Christmas giving. At the post office it was stated that the amount of mail matter received and handled during the past week was unprecedented. Mails from Great Britain have been particularly bulky and the staff got so far behind in handling and deliveries that mails from Canadian points were practically untouched. A heavy snow storm interfered somewhat with the delivery but with the best weather conditions the usual staff could not have dealt with the matter received.

### To Discuss Trade Matters

Ottawa.—A prominent government official recently confirmed the report that Canada will be represented at the convention of delegates from the West Indies held in January to discuss trade and other matters. It is not likely that a cabinet minister will be able to go, but some one more closely in touch with West Indian conditions will be sent. The name of W. G. Parmelee, deputy minister of trade and commerce, is mentioned as the probable representative of the Dominion.

### Population of France

Paris.—The complete figures of last year's census of France show that very wearily and slowly the population of the republic is approaching the 40,000,000 mark. For years it was 38,000,000, then 39,000,000 and last year's figures were 39,252,245. Only 750,000 more are wanted to round up the 40,000,000. Divorces are becoming more and more popular, as 10,573 were recorded last year. The increase seemed to be about 500 every year, and as marriages are only a little over 300,000, there will soon be one divorce out of twenty marriages.

### Discovers Documents

Mexico City.—Dr. Herbert E. Bolton, an American historian, discovered here eighteen of the twenty-one documents taken from Lieut. Zebulon M. Pike, of the United States army, by Spanish soldiers in 1806, when he was captured while making the famous trip up the Arkansas river, visiting Osage and Comanche Indians, at the instance of General James Wilkinson, then governor of Louisiana.

So important the discovery is considered that the United States Secretary of State Elihu Root wired Dr. Bolton his congratulations.

### C.P.R. Will Reach Chicago

Chicago, Ill.—The Canadian Pacific railway is on the verge of realizing its long cherished dream of gaining an entrance into Chicago, according to well defined reports. It will come in over the Chicago Great Western tracks and the interests are gaining control of Great Western through financing outstanding gold note obligations. Negotiations are pending with English controlling interests through Mr. Stickney for an alliance with the Canadian Pacific.

### Muir Mortgage Discharged

Toronto.—The veterans of '66 have handed over to Mrs. Alexander Muir a discharge of the mortgage on her home and \$200 in cash. The \$1,000 raised for the purpose was the veterans' testimonial to a man who wrote the "Maple Leaf."

### Macleod Exchange Sold

Macleod, Alta.—The price being paid by the Alberta government for the local telephone plant is \$1,000, according to a statement by the president.

## DEPENDS ON EVIDENCE OF KING'S SISTER

Berlin.—Interest in the famous Harden libel trial now centres on Princess Charlotte, sister of the Kaiser, who was unexpectedly brought into the case by the assertion of the editor that it was upon information from her that he based his accusations against Count Kuno von Moltke. Public opinion, which had been gradually turning against Harden during the last week, because of the seeming weakening of the defence in its failure to substantiate many of the accusations against von Moltke, is now returning to the cause of the editor. It is agreed on all sides that the testimony of Princess Charlotte will probably prove the crisis in the Harden case. It is not known yet whether her evidence will be taken in court or by commission in private, but in any event will serve one of the most important features of the trial. If she testifies under oath to facts which will uphold Editor Harden's accusations of immoral practices against Count von Moltke, it is expected such evidence will go far toward exonerating the editor from any liability for libel. As she is the sister of the emperor, such testimony will go far toward aligning the Kaiser to the side of Harden, for it is pointed out that he cannot do otherwise than accept the statements of his own close kin.

### Guardian Supporting Canada

London.—Another leading ministerial organ, the Manchester Guardian, joins the Westminster Gazette in pointing out the important effect the removal of the Canadian cattle embargo might have in restricting the manipulation of Chicago beef houses, and tend to bring down the prices of beef here which have risen 15 per cent since July. The Guardian says: "Seeing no suspicion of pleuro-pneumonia among the Canadian cattle landed in Great Britain for 17 years, and seeing also that the Canadian precautions against the disease are as rigid as the British, it is difficult to contend against the prevalent Canadian opinion that the embargo is really a veiled fiscal protection to British cattle breeders. It admits this is but a flimsy basis for regulations affecting the supply of food of the working classes." The Guardian adds: "The board of agriculture here intimates they are giving the subject attention. This is very different from the former attitude of flat refusal."

### Depend on England

Edinburgh.—In a speech recently Mr. Haldane compared the British and American credit, having reference to the prophecies of a few years back that within a measurable time the centres of the money market and the sources of credit would migrate to New York. Mr. Haldane said that the Americans had just shown an instinct for hoarding, with the result that the banks had no reserves. In Great Britain, on the contrary, money was placed in the banks and thence with the Bank of England, creating a reserve on which the credit of the whole world depended. That was a remarkable outcome of a remarkable instinct, he declared. Perhaps it was just because the British government did not superintend the country's credit arrangements that these arrangements were the most successful of any of the nations. The Bank of England, the speaker added, was a private concern, yet it always succeeded in maintaining its universal character of being the greatest repository in the whole civilized world.

### Will Save Time

Ottawa.—The department of trade and commerce has decided on a change in the manner of handling its foreign trade inquiries. Heretofore weekly reports to the department containing these inquiries have been sent all over the Dominion, which required time and involved much delay. Hereafter business men who are interested in any of these inquiries, may after he has received the weekly report which contains them, apply to the secretaries of Winnipeg, Vancouver or Halifax boards of trade. This will bring them information in a much shorter period of time.

### America Interested

Washington, D. C.—The diplomats to all the countries here are greatly interested over the point raised and the questions asked in connection with the report so quickly denied, that the British Admiralty contemplates sending a fleet to the Pacific. American public men and foreign diplomats alike say they can never believe that the intent of the treaty signed by Lord Lansdowne and Baron Hayashi in London, August 12, 1905, contemplated that Great Britain might be called on to join a war on the United States, yet it was that very treaty which resulted in such distrust between the United States and Great Britain that James Bryce was sent as British ambassador to the United States. He came to counteract the effect of that document.

### Lemieux to Return Soon

Ottawa.—As a result of cables which have recently passed between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. R. Lemieux, Canada's envoy to Japan, in connection with the immigration troubles, the latter will sail for home on Friday, January 3. It is understood that he will come via San Francisco. When Hon. R. Lemieux started for Japan, he planned to return via India, Suez Canal and England, but the urgency of the situation necessitates his immediate return in order to lay his report before parliament.

### Royalty's Christmas

London.—King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the Prince and Princess of Wales spent the day at Sandringham palace, Norfolk. The grandchildren of the King and Queen received numerous costly presents of all kinds. The tenants of Sandringham received presents from the King and Queen. The Queen visited all the old women living on the estate and distributed clothing and other useful articles.

### Two Millions for McMaster University

Toronto.—It is reported that John D. Rockefeller will give \$2,000,000 to McMaster university for the establishment of a medical department.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson I.—First Quarter, For Jan. 5, 1908.

### THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, John 1: 1-18—Memory Verse, 3—Golden Text, John 1: 14—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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We now enter upon a study of the good news as recorded by John (Weymouth). Jesus Christ is not revealed in this gospel as the king or the servant of the man, as He is in Matthew, Mark and Luke, but in the full orb of glory of the Son of God, God manifest in the flesh, the eternal God walking with man. John begins with the great uncreated God on the throne of eternity and brings Him down to walk on earth with man (blacky). He tells us in chapter xx, 31, that He wrote those things that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing, we might have life through His name. Because He said that He was the Son of God, making Himself equal with the Father, the Jews said that He ought to die, and they killed Him (chapters v, 18; x, 33; xix, 7). Remembering His word to Thomas, "He not faithless, but believing," and to Martha, "If thou wouldst believe, thou shouldst see" (chapters xx, 27, 29; xl, 40), "ye rejoice to believe" and say with Nathanael, "Thou art the Son of God: Thou art the King of Israel." Some of the great words of this gospel are: believe, love, life, light, the first being used ninety times, the next two over forty times each and the last over twenty times. The last carries us farthest back in the Bible, for the first recorded utterance of God is, "Let there be light," and it is this that the uncreated light, the light which comes by the entrance of God's word (Ps. cxix, 130; 11 Cor. iv, 4, 6).

The first words of this gospel take us back to Gen. i, 1, and unless we believe that God is we cannot come to Him, but Jesus lived and died and rose again that He might bring us to God (Heb. xi, 3; 1 Pet. iii, 18). The first three verses reveal God creating all things by Jesus Christ, who is the image of the invisible God. "All things were created by Him and by Him all things consist" (Col. i, 15-17). His name, "The Word," takes us on to Rev. xix, 13, where we see Him coming in power and glory, with all His saints, to bind the devil in the pit for a thousand years, while He subdues and regenerates the earth and makes it the new earth of Isa. li, 17; xvi, 22; 1 Pet. iii, 13; Rev. xxi, 1.

He will use us to help bring this glad time if we will believe His love and let Him become our life. There is no real life except in Him, for He is our life. (Col. iii, 4). See also 1 John v, 12. He also is light, and in Him is no darkness at all, but all else is darkness (1 John i, 1-5). John the Baptist came to reveal Him to Israel as the light of the world (verse 8), and we also are here to make Him manifest in our lives to those who will not read His book, epistles of Christ, known and read of all men (11 Cor. iii, 2, 3). The life is still the light, and the people who sit in darkness will see it wherever it is shining, yet the god of this world will do his best to blind their minds.

That the world which He made would not recognize Him and the people whom He made specially His own would not receive Him shows how effectively the devil wrought, and he is still at it.

Thank God for verse 12! By it I learned how to become a child of God and to know it. Here is the second use of the word "believe" (compare verse 7) and a simple definition of it—to believe on Him is to receive Him, or according to chapter ii, 24, "Commit one's self to Him," for the same word "believe" is there translated, "commit unto." All such are born of God by the blood of the Lamb, but human blood, however good the heredity of the family may be, nor any or every effort of man can give or obtain this life which is found only in Christ (Tit. iii, 5; Acts iv, 12; Rom. vi, 23).

As truly as God dwelt in the tabernacle and in the temple in the midst of Israel (Ex. xxv, 9; so did He dwell or tabernacle in the body of Jesus, saying, "A body hast Thou prepared me" (Heb. x, 5). When we truly receive Him, then He comes to dwell in us, live in us, walk in us, manifest Himself to others in our mortal bodies (John xiv, 23; Gal. ii, 20; 11 Cor. vi, 16; iv, 11). The law, which is the manifestation of death because of its unattainable holiness by sinful man, bringing us all in guilty before God, was perfectly fulfilled in Jesus Christ, who becomes the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth (Rom. x, 4). In Him we see the truth concerning the righteousness which God demands, and by contrast we see how far our best efforts come short of that righteousness; then, pleading guilty and casting ourselves in our helplessness upon Him, we become justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. iii, 24). All His fullness becomes ours: we are filled full of Him, blessed with all spiritual blessings, and all wholly undeserved by us. We are saved by grace, stand in grace and wait for more grace when He shall come again (Eph. ii, 8; Rom. v, 2; Heb. ix, 16; 1 Pet. i, 13). It is the riches of His grace all the way through till we have shared the riches of His glory (Eph. i, 7, 18). Every manifestation of God, from the garden of Eden story, has been through the Son of God.

### Will Work All Winter

Edmonton, Alta.—Dr. Martin Murphy, of Saskatoon, government engineer in charge of construction on the G.T.P. between Saskatoon and Edmonton, and that construction work on the G.T.P. will be continued all winter. Foley Bros., the contractors, have three or four gangs of men at work on the grading between Battle river and Clover Bar, a large force of men is also employed on the substructure of the G.T.P. bridge over the Battle river. With a plentiful supply of laborers on hand, work both on the Battle river and Clover Bar bridges will be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible this winter, and a great deal of grading between Battle river and Edmonton will be finished. The work of laying steel on the line east of Saskatoon has been stopped on account of the scarcity of ties.

### Report on Milk Tests

Ottawa.—The inland revenue department has issued a bulletin on the inspection of milk from 343 samples collected during July and August. The samples represent all the inspection districts of Canada with the exception of Manitoba. The average percentage of genuine samples is 82 which is higher than any previous inspection. Toronto and British Columbia stand out prominently as the districts in which the milk supply is of a very low quality. The percentage for Toronto is 43; that for British Columbia is 53. Calgary, London, Ottawa and Kingston head the list with 100 per cent. Montreal comes next with 97, New Brunswick 90, Nova Scotia 83, St. Hyacinthe 77, P. E. I. 73 and Quebec 69. Of the 343, 171 were normal, 111 abnormal, 36 skimmed or partly skimmed, 1-watered and 4 doubtful.

### Naval Experiments

London.—The long-expected gunnery experiments on the battleship Hero have formed the principal subject of discussion among naval people since the Beresford-Scott incident became stale. There is no need to wonder at the great interest taken in the matter, for it is not given to many nations thus to sacrifice a valuable war vessel.

Italy certainly did not long ago fire off all the guns of an obsolete ship to see the effect, and found that the simultaneous broadside started every rivet in the vessel. The British Admiralty made the same experiment with the brand new Dreadnought and only broke a little crockery. In the Hero it has sacrificed a 6,000-ton ship which might still carry the flag without shaming it.

### Wealth of Central America

Washington.—The result of the conference of delegates from the Central American republics, which has been in session at Washington for the last four or five weeks, are entirely practical, and if they stand, if the agreements reached are carried out in good faith, that section of God's footstool, so rich in resources, so prolific of products of great value, will become one of the most prosperous and wealthy and progressive of the world. As Secretary Root said just before he declared the conference adjourned, every husbandman in the fields, every laborer in the mines, every lumberman in the forests and every child in the schools, will realize the value and importance of the action that has been taken here.

### Blackhand Gang Caught by Police

Pittsburg, Pa.—While they were absorbed in receiving instructions as to the exact spot in which to plunge a stiletto in order to insure instant death, 17 would-be blackhand assassins and their instructor were surprised in a large underground cavern in this city by two scores of detectives. The raid was assisted by detectives from all parts of the United States. After a desperate battle the blackhanders were overpowered and landed in the cells. The police believe the raid will break up the organization, not only in Pittsburg, but all over the country. The story of the raid rivals a dime novel for thrilling details.

### Mounted Police for Hudson Bay

Ottawa.—A detachment of mounted police which left Melfort, on the line of the Canadian Northern railway, a few days ago for Fort Churchill on the Hudson Bay will proceed as far as Norway House where they will meet a detachment from the Split w'l meet a detachment from Fort Churchill, which will carry the mail to the latter post. The Melfort contingent takes with it to Norway House a reliever of the Indian, Fiddler, who choked an Indian woman to death to dispel an evil spirit with which the tribe thought she was possessed.

### Now License Law in Georgia

Atlanta, Ga.—Georgia is now on the verge of one of the greatest changes in the history of the state. From the beginning of January the legal sale of liquor throughout the state and the new no-license law go into effect. The bill which was passed by the most sweeping majority ever given a prohibition measure in any state, is a rigid one. It allows no opportunity to sell liquors of any kind, except in the smallest amounts, and then only on the prescription of a physician.

### Edmonton and C.P.R. Rates

Edmonton.—F. W. Peters, the C.P.R. freight and traffic manager west of Winnipeg, met the Edmonton business men at the board of trade rooms and discussed with them the changes they desired in a new freight tariff. Mr. Peters said he would give the matter due consideration. The principal objection is that the tariff discriminates in favor of Calgary.

### Temperance Spells Victory

Washington.—The growing force of the temperance movement which has been sweeping over the United States in the past year, is expected to culminate in a significant victory for congress before the end of the present session.

### Nosse Makes Denial

Ottawa.—The attention of Japanese Consul-General Nosse was called to a dispatch which appeared in a Winnipeg paper alleging that he has charged the Dominion government with a breach of faith in the negotiations on the oriental immigration question, and that he is in a "royal rage" with the authorities at Ottawa. Mr. Nosse characterizes the despatch as a fabrication from start to finish. He remarked: "I have never said to a living soul that the Canadian government has been guilty of any breach of faith. My relations with the authorities at Ottawa at all times, have been of a most friendly character. I am not in a 'royal rage.' On the contrary, at this joyous season of the year, I have nothing but feelings of good will towards all men. I am leaving Ottawa to-night for a visit to my native country, and in doing so shall carry away with me the kindest feelings for the people and the government of Canada, realizing at the same time that I have made many friends in the Dominion during my many years' residence here. I hope in the future, as in the past, to continue my efforts to promote closer relations between Japan and Canada, commercially and otherwise. To all my Canadian friends I offer the Japanese farewell 'Sayonara,' which may be interpreted as au revoir, not goodbye."

### Sweden's New King a Wise Monarch

Stockholm.—Sweden's new king, Gustav V. is directly opposite in character to his late father, King Oscar. He is austere, opinionated, formal, intensely moral, and lacks all the good fellowship that characterized King Oscar. Gustav has a love affair early in his youth with a maid, in waiting, which Swedish court etiquette compelled for state reasons to marry Princess Victoria, a daughter of the Grand Duke of Baden. The marriage was the opposite of a love match. Gustav's interests in the good things of life vanished when he lost his maid-of-honor sweetheart. From his marriage he devoted himself entirely to the stern business of kingship, and all the kindness of his nature has gone. To rid himself of sorrow he spent all his time studying statecraft, industry, commerce and all the knowledge which should go into the making of a king. Women had no more attraction for him; he became a man of iron. Gustav has the reputation of knowing more about the kingdom than any other European monarch. He is the kind of a king the country needs in a big crisis. He is gaining in popularity.

### November Death Roll Very Large

Ottawa.—Industrial accidents occurring to 372 individual work people in Canada during the month of November were reported to the department of labor. Of these 142 were fatal, and 230 resulted in serious injuries. In addition three fatal accidents were reported as having taken place prior to the beginning of the month, information not having been received by the department before November. The number of fatal accidents reported in November, 1907, was two more than the previous month, and twenty-five more than in November, 1906. Of the 195 returns received during the month, giving the age of the victims of industrial accidents, twenty-three referred to persons under twenty-one years of age, 44 to persons between twenty-one and forty-five, 12 to persons over forty-five. One hundred and sixteen persons were over twenty-one years of age, but their exact ages were not specified.

### Mutiny on High Seas

Mexico City.—Details of a thrilling adventure, in which a handful of determined officers and well known members of the British colony here, chided all the sailors of the steamship "Lonsdale," who mutinied on the high seas, have just reached the capital. When the ship arrived at Santa Cruz she was manned only by officers, the crew being in irons. According to the captain's story quick action was taken on the first signs of the mutiny and as he stood by under the officers and a passenger, A. W. Donnelly, all of whom were heavily armed, they mounted the bridge and, covering the discontented crew, forced them into subjection. The officers then bound the men and delivered them to the port authorities. The "Lonsdale" is one of the Mexican Pacific line boats and plies between Canadian and west coast points.

### Nosse Going Home

Ottawa.—Japanese Consul-General Nosse has left for Vancouver en route to Japan where he will enjoy a six months' holiday. He has not had holidays for six years and some time ago applied for leave of absence, which has been granted. The action of the Japanese government in calling home its representatives at Washington, Ottawa and Vancouver is exciting some interest here. It is assumed that the government is desirous of bringing into close consultation all members of its diplomatic corps familiar with the Japanese immigration question as it relates to the United States and Canada.

### Investigate Coal Rate

Ottawa.—Chairman Killam, of the railway commission, leaves on Jan. 2 for Fort William, where he will hear on Jan. 4, the application of the Great Northern for a government tariff rate of \$2.50 per ton on coal between Duluth and Winnipeg. Additional evidence will be taken at Winnipeg on Jan. 5 and on Jan. 7. Chairman Killam will hear objections to the new C.P.R. freight schedules. Protests from some of the western boards of trade have been received against these by the commission.

### The Harvesters

The youth who sows wild oats, 'tis true, Must reap as he hath sown; But then his father ought to do Some threshing of his own.

—Catholic Times.

## IMPORTANT MOVE OF REFORM FORCES

Council of Moral and Social Reform Is Organized at Toronto—Officers Elected

Toronto.—The Moral and Social Reform Council of Canada was formally constituted at a meeting in the central Y.M.C.A. as the federation of moral and social reform forces of the Dominion. There was a very representative gathering, including members of the Lord's Day Alliance, Dominion Alliance, Trades and Labor Congress and Grange, and after the adoption of the constitution, officers were elected for the ensuing year. According to the constitution any church, denomination or society whose organization is intended to be Dominion-wide and in sympathy with the object of the council will be given representation as a unit on the council, if not objected to by a majority of the delegates of any unit already represented; each unit may be represented by not more than ten delegates. The object is to promote by educational, legislative, of administrative action, such moral and social reforms as are approved by a majority of representatives.

The officers elected are: Hon. president, Most Rev. Arthur Sweetman, D.D., D.C.I., archbishop of Toronto; president, Rev. Albert Carman, D.D., general superintendent of Methodists; church; vice president, Jas. Simpson, Toronto; secretary, Rev. J. G. Shearer, general secretary department of moral and social reform of the Presbyterian church; treasurer, Henry Moyle, Toronto, and a strong executive.

### Grand Trunk Pensions

Toronto.—The Grand Trunk railroad have announced plans for a pension fund, which will, become effective New Year's Day. The scheme is regarded as the most satisfactory, from the standpoint of the employees, of any workmen's pension system in vogue. The Grand Trunk proposes to establish a fund from its own resources and without expense to the employees. The beneficiary list will be made up of every person on the pay roll, from president to section hand, who fulfills the requirements. At the last annual meeting of the shareholders \$200,000 was appropriated as a nucleus for the fund, with the expectation that between \$70,000 and \$75,000 will be appropriated annually.

### Compelled to Arbitrate

Ottawa.—The first test of the compulsory clause of the Lemieux Labor act is being made as a result of the completion of the board of conciliation which will deal with the troubles at Springhill (N.S.) mines. The company declined to name an arbitrator so Sir Richard Cartwright, acting minister of labor, named Hiram Donkin, deputy minister of mines for Nova Scotia, to represent it on the board. R. B. Murray represents the men and Judge Patterson, of New Glasgow, is chairman.

### \$80,000 to Fight "White Plague"

Vancouver.—Over \$80,000 has been subscribed towards the tuberculosis fund and the committee is receiving encouraging reports from all parts of the province. In their appeal to the general public for assistance the committee points out that "We must care for the consumptive in the right time until he is cured, instead of as now in the wrong place, in the wrong way, at the wrong time, until he is dead."

### Australian Mutton for Canada

Vancouver, B. C.—P. Burns & Co. have chartered a steamer to bring frozen mutton from Australia. The vessel which will bring the mutton is the Orinor of 4,419 tons gross and fully equipped with large refrigerating chambers. She is said to have loaded 10,000 carcasses of frozen mutton at Sydney and she may have sailed from that port, although there is no definite word to that effect.

### November Arrivals

Ottawa.—Immigration figures for November show an increase of 18 per cent. over the same month last year. The totals were 13,598 for last November compared with 11,524 for November, 1906. The arrivals by ocean ports were 9,608 compared with 7,225 for November last year and 3,990 for the United States as against 3,229 for November, 1906. There was a decrease of 309 from the United States and an increase of 2,383 by ocean ports.

### Reserve on Unstaked Timber

Victoria, B. C.—The British Columbia government has placed a reserve on all unstaked timber in the province. An order-in-council became effective recently as a result of the decision by the government to conserve the timber and prevent timber being staked for merely speculative purposes. In all, 6,500,000 acres of timber have been staked and it is estimated that 150,000,000 acres remain.

### Alberta Seed Special

Red Deer, Alta.—Arrangements have been completed by George Harcourt, deputy minister of agriculture, with the C.P.R. for a special seed train for Alberta. The train will be in operation during the balance of the winter.

### Will Make Close Examination

Vancouver, B. C.—Private advices from Ottawa declares the Dominion government will next year send a large expedition of surveyors to the north to make a detailed examination of the Arctic islands found by Captain Bernier.

### Roosevelt May Run for Senate

Washington, D. C.—President Roosevelt will be a candidate for the United States senate in the event of Taft's election to the presidency. This can be accepted as authoritative and final.



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C. H. LEMMON, Editor.

ELM CREEK, JANUARY 2, 1908

## Grain Growers' Annual Meeting

The Elm Creek branch of the M.G.G.A. held their annual meeting on December 7th, in Whitlam's Hall. The minutes of last meeting were read, and the following officers were elected: C. I. Baragar, president; H. Graham, vice-president; J. M. Russell secretary; directors, James Ross, T. Wood, J. M. Kennedy, C. Rattliff, C. H. Dodds, T. Barton, and T. Kinney.

The following resolution was then moved and carried unanimously: "We, the members of Elm Creek branch of the M.G.G.A., ask the Dominion Government to own and operate the terminal elevators at Fort William and Port Arthur, and we also ask that the local legislature provide for a Government system of elevators for receiving, storing and cleaning grain at country points."

A motion was then moved and passed, asking the local legislature to maintain and also extend our present system of platforms now in use at country points for loading grain on cars.

We also ask the Provincial Government to pass an act requiring all railway companies to move all grain loaded for terminal points at the rate of fifty miles per day from date such grain has been loaded and billed ready to go forward; and, failing to move such grain at the required time, a reciprocal demurrage be levied on said company for failing to be deliver said grain at its proper time.

## Foresters Elect Officers

The annual meeting of C.O.F. Court Elm Creek was held in the lodge room on Monday evening. The chief business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, Bro. W. H. Johnston; vice-chief ranger, Bro. H. Baragar; financial secretary, Bro. C. Boardman; recording secretary, Bro. J. Gordon; treasurer, Bro. W. Mose; chaplain, Bro. G. Allward; senior woodward, Bro. J. Guppy; junior woodward, Bro. S. Thornbury; physician, Dr. Blakely; auditors, Bros. R. J. Wilson and J. Guppy; representative to District High Court, Bro. W. Mose.

Following the election of officers, a committee was appointed to arrange for the annual "At Home" to take place some time in February.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members adjourned to the Grand View Hotel, where an excellent oyster supper was partaken of.

## School Entertainment at Sunnydale

On Monday night of last week the schoolhouse at Sunnydale presented a gay and festive scene. Under the able direction of Miss Bell, the school principal, the scholars had arranged a Christmas tree, which, for tastefulness and display has rarely, if ever, been equalled in this district. The school itself was decorated in true Christmas fashion. Festoons, Chinese lanterns, and evergreens of every description lent enchantment to the scene.

Before the denuding of the tree an excellent programme was gone through. Mr. Wells, of Winnipeg, was in the chair, and a right good

chairman he made. Some good songs were sung by Messrs. Geo. Sumner, Andrew Bolton, Tom Pringle, T. Wood, and Bertie Wood, and Misses Olive Wood and Gladys Williams. Recitations were given by Miss Myrtle Williams, Leslie Bell, Tom Bell, and Andrew Bolton. The chairman gave a humorous reading, which showed him to be an old hand at the business. A laughable farce, by Mr. and Mrs. Mose, Miss Gertie Bell, and Mr. Sumner, was enacted in first-class style. Dialogues by Miss Gladys Williams and Miss Beattie Bell and Miss Myrtle Williams and Leo Kenny received well-merited applause. "The Coming of Santa Claus" was enacted by the scholars. The feature of the evening was the dialogue between Miss Gladys Williams, and Miss Beattie Bell. They were dressed up as old ladies having a quiet talk about things in general, and the shortcomings of their neighbors in particular, and it was acted to perfection.

The tree was soon stripped of its good things, and the expectant look on the faces of the children showed the keen interest they took in that part of the programme. There was something on the tree for everyone, young and old. Mr. Mose acted the part of Santa Claus; a part he is well fitted for. Mr. Baragar, in a neat and concise speech, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Bell for the treat she had provided, and the evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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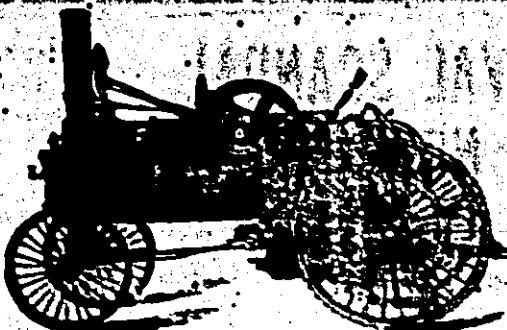
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## A. R. STEVENS



## Dan Cupid—Magician.

By HARRY HOODS.  
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In agency of apprehension Williams started to arrange his modest conjuring apparatus. A few hours earlier, his debut as a parlor entertainer had been a matter of joyous and ambitious anticipation. Now the broad walls of Senator Morgan's music room fairly threatened to close in and choke him, while the fragrance of household flowers oppressed him strangely. He wondered how he had ever dared to enter the vaudeville agent who supplied Mrs. Morgan and other fashionable hosts with talent to let him substitute for Thorpe, the eminent magician who had fallen a victim to the grippe. Of course he would fail. Mrs. Morgan would be furious, the agent would never give him another engagement, and his career would come to an ignominious end. The laughter and chatter of the children, dancing on the other side of the folding doors, sounded like the deathknell of his long cherished hope.

"Can I help you in any way? I am Miss Morgan. The servants are all busy with supper—and I thought—perhaps—"

Young Williams had never thought of needing help, but as he faced the clear-eyed, flower-like girl and the echo of her well modulated voice rang in his ears he felt that his one hope of succeeding lay in her presence. Men and women wiser in the social world than Frank Williams had fallen under the spell of Helen Morgan's rare sympathy and charm and wondered how this girl of high ideals and gentle manners could be the daughter of Senator Morgan, ponderous with the arrogance of newly acquired wealth, and Mrs. Morgan, who radiated commonplace attributes as her recently purchased diamonds scintillated light.

At Frank's faltering thanks Helen Morgan began quietly, but deftly, to carry out his instructions, placing a light gilt table over a taboret there, and where it would be within reach of the conjurer's hand a candle or a gleaming revolver. And though after Frank Williams could not tell how it had happened, before the settings for his act were prepared the girl had drawn out his tale of half tragic struggle, the poetic, hard banded father, storming over the visionary, inaccessible nature of his youngest son, the loyal mother secretly brooding over and abetting this odd child of her little stock, his constant endeavor to learn the secrets of magic and then to secure a hearing, even the rented dress suit and the gold watch which had been pawned that very afternoon to buy bouquets and gilded trinkets to distribute among his youthful auditors. And as he finished it seemed to Helen Morgan that she stood in the presence of a struggling genius. She had read such stories of poets, musicians and inventors. The tawdriness of the conjuring world faded, and tenderly her hand rested on the white satin cover of the young man's servant. It was a bit of his mother's wedding dress, sacrificed gladly to her son's art, a rich fabric yellowed with age and fringed with strips of rare old lace.

The performance was a great success. The children were duly mystified and more than delighted with the showers of trinkets and bouquets which apparently came from an inexhaustible source. Mrs. Morgan had condescended to express her appreciation, a footman had served a supper of such rare delicacies that Frank had longed to pack them all up with his paraphernalia and take them to his mother, and now as he walked down the broad avenue leading from the house he felt as if the house behind him was fairly laden indeed and Helen Morgan its princess.

But he was roused from his dream by a grim faced butler, who came hurrying after him.

"You're to come back to the house," was the brusque order, and re-entering his fairyland, Williams faced Senator Morgan, a glowering figure in the foreground, and Mrs. Morgan, a hysterical one in the background. But in the eyes of the third he read pity, the same tender pity which he had seen in her eyes when Helen Morgan had stooped to pick up his trick rabbit as the frightened animal, escaping from his pocket and trembling at the shouts of the children, had run to the girl for protection.

"It's all for you, young man, unless you produce my wife's rings. She left them behind the rock crystal vase in the music room, and we don't propose to have them 'disappeared' as you do handkerchiefs and rabbits."

The scene which followed was a horrible nightmare to the young magician—his own pretensions of innocence drowned in Mrs. Morgan's hysteria, Senator Morgan's orders for an officer, Helen's pleading for time to search and finally the discovery of the rings by a maid in Mrs. Morgan's dressing room. And when it was all over, Williams was thrust out in the night, through a side entrance, feeling more like a thief than an acquitted man. Then suddenly a gentle hand fell upon his arm, and a gentler voice murmured in his ear:

"Just a minute, please. I want to tell you how sorry I am. I hoped this would be the greatest night of your life."

For one long minute the young man who had his own way to make and the girl whose future had been assured as far as wealth could accomplish this feat looked into each other's eyes. And the next of the man's sudden burst of the divine tenderness of

Secret womanhood, which is a great power than mere physical beauty. He spoke quietly, but with a profound confidence.

"It has been a wonderful, wonderful night to me, and some day I am coming back to tell you why."

Under the chaperonage of a dowager duchess who knew how to turn her title to financial account Helen Morgan was "doing" the London season. In a Mayfair drawing room she sat, and beside her was a man with a monocle, an English accent above reproach and a patronizing air. Of course the Morgan millions would mean the remnant of his ancestral but crumbling castle, but then the utter indifference of this girl irritated him even while it commanded his admiration.

"I suppose you say Erskine in Paris. He's been the go over there—made by the American set. I understand. They say it's his manners as much as his art that got the women all going. He never speaks during his performance and has the most inscrutable eyes. Never could understand why women went in so heavily for eyes. Conjurers bore me, as a rule, but I'm curious to see this man."

Helen Morgan hardly heard what the man with the monocle was saying.

"Erskine?"

In a secret drawer of her jewel case there lay a card, "Frank Erskine Williams," the card of the man who had never come back, never sent her a message in five years, the man who had forgotten! But, no; this could not be, for the man who had promised had a ready tongue—yes, a ready tongue, as all men had—who promised.

A flutter of fans and a murmur of subdued interest announced that the lion of the evening had arrived. A quick inclination of the head, a snapping of long, slender fingers, and the performance was under way. With lightning rapidity and wonderful deftness the conjurer worked, and the breathless audience watched, not so much the tricks as the unsmiling lips, the inscrutable eyes, which seemed not to see either the sea of faces upraised to his nor even the assistant who did his unspoken bidding.

Only one person in the fashionable audience saw something more, and that a quivering, blue eyed girl who for one brief second had met and bided the magician's glance and seen burning in those inscrutable eyes a fire which had burned there on a night five years before, a fire lit centuries ago in the eyes of the world's first man—Adam.

The assistant called for a ring with which his master would work a new trick. Mechanically Helen Morgan handed him a magnificent hoop of pearls. Erskine took the ring gravely, raised a silver hammer and apparently smashed the trinket into a thousand pieces on an anvil of curiously wrought silver. Then he produced a sealed casket of water, in which swam a gold fish, and in the mouth of the fish he found the hoop of pearls. But the ring was not returned to its owner by the assistant. Instead, as the room rang with applause, the magician himself walked quietly down the aisle, formed by the parting of many silken skirts, and placed the ring on the girl's trembling white hand. Not even the man with the monocle noticed that the conjurer for an instant held the slim fingers in his with a pressure that threatened to crush them, nor did he dream that within the girl's palm lay another ring at which she shuddered and took.

Somewhat awkwardly she slipped on her long white glove. She was so deeply engaged in this operation that she did not even see the conjurer as he left the improvised stage. In the privacy of the hushed hours later she held the conjurer's ring under the light of a blazing electric fan.

"Such an odd—It was almost going to say ugly—ring," she murmured as she slipped it on her finger and turned it this way and that. A diamond, an emerald, an amethyst, a ruby, another emerald, a sapphire and a topaz formed the brilliant half hoop. Then suddenly her cheeks burned crimson. She had read the story of the many colored gems. Their first letters spelled "dearest," the message of the man who had not forgotten his promises.

With her chocolate next morning came an oddly shaped French gray envelope, bare of crest or monogram.

"Forgive my temerity of last night," ran the message within, "but for years I have been carrying that ring in my pocket, waiting for our meeting. They were the first gems I bought when success came my way, and I gathered them one by one, each perfect in its way and worthy the one woman in all the world. Yet last night I heard you were to marry the Earl of Warburton. If this is true, do what you will with the ring. If it is but an idle rumor, drop me a single word to the Hotel Cecil. Come."

Erskine laid aside the morning paper, heralding him as the fashionable world's new found idol, to answer a summons to the phone. To his surprise at the other end of the wire faltered, then grew firm and strong: "Come. I could not wait to write."

Pythagoras.

Undoubtedly Pythagoras was one of the greatest men of all time. We know very little of him, but we know enough to warrant us in giving him a place in the front rank of the world's thinkers. He was the first moral philosopher and one of the earliest of the world's mathematicians. It would require too much space to go into the details of the celebrated theory of "numbers," but by "numbers" Pythagoras meant nothing more or less than mathematics. As though he had said, "The first principle of all things, physically speaking, is mathematics."—New York, American.

## KAISER HAS MAGIC RING.

Relic of Crusades Which Preserves Owner From Harm.

The Kaiser brought to England on his recent visit the famous Hohenzollern talisman, which for centuries has been credited with a supernatural power to protect its wearer from harm of any kind.

This Imperial talisman, a massive gold ring with a square, dark-colored stone, which the Emperor is said to wear on the middle finger of his left hand, has a highly romantic history, dating from the far-off days when his ancestors, the margraves of Nuremberg, followed their leaders to the capture of the holy sepulcher from the Moslems.

The ring, which was captured in a hard fought battle under the walls of Jerusalem, came into the possession of Margrat Ulrich, from whom it has descended to his successors, generation after generation, as a highly prized heirloom. The sentence from the Koran which adorned the ring when worn by Saladin and his successors has been removed and a Latin cross engraved in its place.

The Kaiser has three nicknames. To his soldiers he is "Alarm Kaiser," because he will rouse a garrison or a fort unexpectedly at any time of the day or night; to the sailors he is "Gondola Billy," for his knack of being anywhere and any everywhere on the boats; and to the general public he is "The Traveling Kaiser," on account of his propensity for unwearying journeyings to and fro.

Nice nicknames, upon my word," said His Majesty one day. "However, they all depict me as a busy man, so I like them, after all."

Unlike King Edward, who is a great connoisseur of cigars and smokes little else than the choicest Havanas, the Kaiser, although a heavy smoker, cares little about which brand of cigars he smokes. He by no means cherishes to even a cheap and common cheroot, and rarely pays more than three pence for them.

In the King of Portugal had even worse taste in the matter of cigars, which were usually not only black, rank, and strong, but had a habit of burning on one side like the typical "cabbage leaf." The present King of Portugal, too, has a penchant for long and strong cigars, while people who have been treated to one of the long green cigars which the Emperor of Austria likes so much have been glad to avoid a second one, for they are far from being a mild smoke.

The Czarina, Queen Amelie of Portugal—whose mother, the Countess de Paris, smokes a mild cigar quite as frequently as a cigarette—the Queen of Roumania, and the Queen Mother of Spain all are habitual cigarette smokers.

## POPULAR FALLACIES.

Mr. A. S. E. Ackermann Hastens the End of Cherished Delusions.

To unlearn is a much harder task than to learn. So, at least, we are assured by Mr. A. S. E. Ackermann, whose recently published volume, entitled "Popular Fallacies," has undoubtedly hastened the end of many cherished delusions which hitherto seemed fated to die a lingering death.

In his preface, Mr. Ackermann states that his object is not merely to outline the fallacies—from which, by the way, he rigidly excludes all superstitions—but, as far as possible, to show exactly how they have arisen, and in the main he has succeeded.

Here, for example, is how Mr. Ackermann disposes of the very common fallacy "that the sun when shining upon a fire in a grate or stove puts it out."

If it be a bright sunny day, whether in the autumn or winter, one does not feel so cold as on a day of the same temperature which is damp and dull; consequently the fire does not receive the assiduous attention it does on the dull, damp day, and it expresses its feelings by going out or getting very low. Again, the contrast between the firelight and the dim light of the dull day; hence the fire appears to be burning less brightly when the sunlight is on it than it really is; and if you will take the trouble, next time the opportunity occurs, of pulling down the blind, so as to darken the room, you will find the fire appears "brighter" at once. It could not have "burned up" in the minute it took you to let the blinds down.

Literary misconceptions, Mr. Ackermann reminds us are more numerous than we are inclined to think, and the examples he gives, under the heading of "General Misinformation," appear to bear out his contention. How many of us have cherished the fond delusion that the "Land of the Leal" means Scotland, and that the "Heart of Midlothian" is another name for Scotland's capital? As a matter of fact, says Mr. Ackermann, the "Land of the Leal" isn't Scotland at all.

It is a mythical land of happiness. Lady Nairne in her poem of that name has now become an accepted one. "Heart of Midlothian" is not Edinburgh, but the old jail of that city. Some Englishman once bent on saying something pretty in a public speech about Mr. Gladstone, hoped he would soon return to the "Heart of Midlothian."

A Nice Job.

A poor laboring man was recently fined and bound over to make his wife, a very garrulous and quarrelsome woman, keep the peace for six months. It would be curious to trace how the unfortunate husband accomplished such a feat, but it was doubtless achieved through the pressure which magisterial authority had placed on his unfortunate shoulders.

Silenced the Sultan.

Sir Charles Euan Smith was once the British minister in Morocco. On one occasion he found it necessary to make some strong remarks, which gave great offence to the Sultan. "I could kill you for less than that," exclaimed the sultan, "but I am a Christian, and I cannot do that." "Of course you could," replied Sir Charles, pleasantly, "but you did there would never again be a Sultan of Morocco." The Sultan said no more.

Causes and Effects.

"Goodness!" exclaimed Mrs. Subbula, coming home from church. "The minister gave us nothing but are and brimstone today."

"I thought he would," said her husband. "I saw their servant girl going down to the station with her trunk just after you started for church."

## PHOTOGRAPHING BABY.

Don't Curl His Hair or Dress Him in an Unnatural Way.

It is a mistake to curl or dress a child's hair in some fashion different from that employed every day, as it will make the picture seem unnatural.

This same idea applies to clothes worn. If a child is in the habit of being dressed in very fancy clothes, well and good, but if only its best clothes are rumpled and betrimmed the mother must decide whether she prefers a good picture of the child or one of the clothes.

Sometimes the best photographs are secured by leaving the baby entirely to the photographer's care. He will often understand, by reason of his larger experience, just how to secure a baby's attention and to catch just the right expression on the little face.

Often this is impossible if he is interfered with by numerous, loving aunts and grandparents, in addition to the mother.

The Madonna pose of mother and child may be made very pretty and artistic, but the mother should always be careful to wear something pretty and soft and white to get the real artistic effects of such a pose.

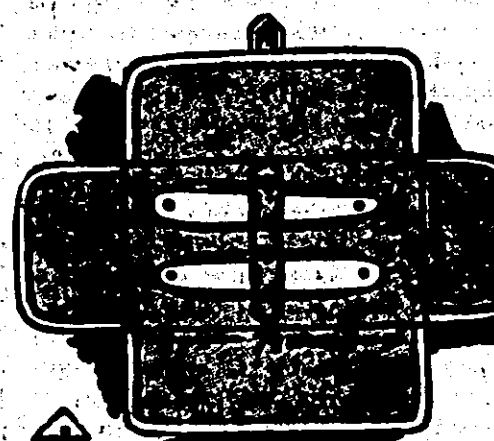
When a child is first able to stand alone a very pretty pose is to get him to stand on a chair of the open wicker variety and allow him to lean over the back, with his arms resting on the back of the chair.

Little baby hands are so often outstretched for various articles that a very pretty picture is the result if baby, when in position, is induced to stretch forth his little right hand naturally by holding out to him some pleasing object.

## A NEAT RAZOR CASE.

A Useful Present For the More Man's Acceptance.

The difficulty as to the choice of a little present for a man might be solved satisfactorily by making for him a razor case of the kind shown in the accompanying illustration. This neat case is made in art serge, lined with soft leather and bound at the



edge with silk ribbon. The dimensions for this useful case are marked on the sketch. The center straps for holding the razors in position should be made of leather, stitched at the extreme edges, and there should also be a small strap of leather and a button to fasten the case when folded.

The Emergency Woman.

The new London invention of "emergency women" will probably have an important bearing on the servant question. It promises to be a new and profitable occupation for capable women.

The function of the emergency woman is to visit any household where there is a sudden need for special services. Let us suppose that the servants in your house have fallen ill or gone off without notice or it may be that a batch of cousins have paid you a surprise visit and you are at your wits' end to cope with the extra work occasioned. You send at once for an emergency woman.

In short, one can think of innumerable domestic crises where the arrival on the scene of an intelligent, capable woman could be of inestimable value to you as helper and adviser. There is plenty of room for such women, but they should be level headed and efficient. And they cannot have too many accomplishments.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Fashionable New Scents.

"Nerve scent" is the newest form of dressing for the smart woman. Her "vanity bag" is furnished with a dainty, innocent looking, gold stoppered scent bottle. It contains essence of Parma violets from Paris, which is heavily charged with ether.

When she is tired a few whiffs of this scent stimulate her flagging energies and keep her bright and alert at a dinner or supper party.

Another favorite "nerve scent" consists of eau de cologne mixed with chloroform and a dash of ammonia. Inhaled, this is a powerful and dangerous pick me up.

Woman's Work.

Marriage is woman's work in the world, not man's. From whatever point it is viewed, physical or spiritual, as a question of civic polity or a question of individual ethics, it is her specific share of the world's work—first, last and always— allotted to her by laws far stronger than she is. And the woman who fails to recognize this and acknowledge it, has the germ of divorce in her veins at the outset.—Anna A. Rogers in Atlantic.

Cause and Effect.

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## TREE FROM A HANDSPIKE.

Memorial of a Woodsman's Enlistment For the Mexican War.

"There is a river birch tree on the banks of the Loud Fork branch of the Little Coal river in Boone county, W. Va.," said M. C. Eldred of Madison, W. Va., "and it would go hard with any man who put an ax to it. That tree has a story."

"When the Mexican war began in 1846 a recruiting officer visited a lumber camp in the vicinity of Madison, seeking enlistments from the sturdy woodsmen who were at work there. Among them was a giant lumberman named Jim Martin.

"He was using a handspike made from a river birch sapling recently cut and still green. Eager to go to the front, he thrust his handspike deep into the soft soil of the river bank and went away with the recruiting officer.

"The handspike Jim Martin used was too big and heavy for any of his fellows to handle, and it was left sticking where he had jabbed it into the ground. The next spring it was noticed that it was putting forth green shoots, showing that it had rooted in the ground.

"It was left undisturbed, and it grew to be a great tree, and it stands today on the spot where the patriotic Jim Martin thrust it into the earth as a battered handspike. Jim Martin was killed in battle, and his bones lie somewhere on Mexican ground, but he has his monument in this still sound and vigorous tree, which is a revered landmark in all that country."

## A SIBERIAN MAMMOTH.

Its Discovery in the River Lena and How It Was Lost.

In 1846 a young Russian engineer, Benckendorf, saw the river Lena in Siberia release a dead mammoth frozen ages ago in the bog. There had been exceptionally warm weather in the north or Siberia, and the river, swollen by melting snow and ice and torrential warm rains, swept out of its old channel and carved a new one, carrying to the sea vast quantities of its former banks and furrowing up the thawing bogs over which it raced. As he made his way in a steam cutter against the current Benckendorf saw the head of a mammoth appear above the flood. Rush upon rush of water more and more released the body. Its hind legs were still imbedded when he saw it, but twenty-four hours later these. The mammoth had sunk feet first into a bog. The ooze had frozen over it. Successive tides had heaped soil and vegetation upon it. Hoss and flesh and hair were perfect. They secured it. They cut off its tusks. They dissected it and found in its stomach the last meal it had eaten, young shoots of the fir and pine and masticated fir cones. They were still at their work when the river, spreading farther, engulfed them. The men escaped, but the waters surged over the mammoth and carried it for carrion to the sea.

The Chrysanthemum.

Both in China and Japan is the chrysanthemum a great favorite. It is said that Chinese gardeners to whom the plant was first known will allow nothing to deter them from its culture. They will even give up their situations if forbidden by their employers to grow it. Chinese emigrants, too, take this "flower of their hearts" with them to other lands and cultivate it affectionately in their exile as a reminder of their native country. There is a Chinese "Everything comes to him who knows how to wait" which has been Anglicized as follows:

In the second month the peach tree blooms. But not till the ninth the chrysanthemum. So each must wait till his own turn comes.

Fighting Geese.

In Russia pits for cock fighting are unknown, but "goose pits" some sixty years ago were common throughout that mighty kingdom. The effect of this can be seen today in the geese which are indigenous to the country, the Aransas and the Tulsa varieties particularly showing to a marked degree the fighting characters of their ancestors. The Aransas gander has a bill which is entirely different in form from that of the geese known in any other part of the world. This special structure enables the bird to take a firm grip on the neck or back of its antagonist.

The Dear Friends.

Clara (exhibiting photograph)—How do you like it?  
Hattie—It's perfectly lovely.  
"You think it a good likeness?"  
"Oh, no; it doesn't look a particle like you, you know. But I wouldn't mind that, Clara. You are not likely to have such wonderful luck again if you sat a thousand times!"—London Telegraph.

A Remedy.

"Yes," said Quiggles, "I have a good deal on my hands just now."  
"So I perceive," replied Fogg. "Why don't you try a little soup and water?"—London Answers.

Too Well Prepared.

Kicker—Preparedness is the best preventive of war. Bocker—Nonsense! When a girl engages herself to ten men it doesn't ward off matrimony.

No Genius.

Rhobia—Would you consider him a genius? Rhobia—No. Rhobia—Why, he's always trying to borrow money. Rhobia—Yes, but he doesn't get it.—Philadelphia Record.

## Young Folks

### DOT'S BIRTHDAY CAKE.

It Had Five Lovely Pink Candles Set in Little Pink Rosobuds.

Once there was a little girl called Dot, and she was just five years old, and she had a five birthday cake. It was big and round, and it had five beautiful little pink candles set in pink rosbuds on top.

Dot sat at the big table at dinner that day, and by and by they put on pretty pink paper caps on her head, and then brought in the birthday cake. And the little candles were all burning bright. And when she saw it she said: "Oh, oh! How lovely! It is just as pretty to eat!"

But her mamma said, "I will cut it for you, dear." So she cut one piece for Dot, and then she asked Dot, "Will Marie have a piece?" Marie was Dot's big doll, and Dot looked at her and said, "Marie says, 'No, thank you.' And mamma said, 'Will Fussy have a piece?' Fussy was Dot's Teddy bear, and Dot looked at him and said, "He says, 'No, thank you.' And mamma said, 'Will papa have a piece?' And Dot said: "Oh, yes. Won't you, papa?" And papa said, "Yes, please." You must have a piece of my birthday cake."

And mamma cut the cake and gave Dot a piece and papa a piece and herself a piece, but she left the parts of the cake where the candles were burning—one, two, three, four, five. And Dot's birthday cake lasted one, two, three, four, five whole days before it was all gone.—St. Nicholas.

### ONLY A HORSESHOE.

How Young John, the Farmer's Son, Was Taught a Lesson.

A farmer was one day walking to town, and his little son, John, was by his side.

"Look," said the father, "there is a horseshoe on the ground. Pick it up and carry it home for good luck."

"Oh," said John, "I do not think it is worth stooping for."

His father made no reply, but he picked up the iron himself, and when he reached town he sold it to a blacksmith for 2 cents and bought a few nuts with the money.

On the way home John grew very hungry. As if by accident, the father let one of the nuts fall. John picked it up quickly and, cracking the shell, ate it. After a few more steps the farmer dropped a second nut, and John grasped it from the ground as eagerly as if it had been a piece of gold.

In this way the nuts kept dropping until the boy had stooped for them all one by one.

As John was eating his last nut his father turned around with a smile and said:

"See, now, if you had been willing to stoop once for the horseshoe you would not have had to stoop twenty times for the nuts."

John had been taught a lesson.—Philadelphia Ledger.

### A Day in School.

I wish I knew my letters well. So I might learn to read and spell. I'd find them on my pretty card if they were not so very hard.

Now, B is crooked—don't you see? And G is making mouths at me.



And O is something like a ball—It hasn't any end at all.

And all the rest are—my, so queer! They look like crooked sticks—oh, dear! Ma counted six and twenty more. What do they have so many for?

### Game of Memory Test.

The players seat themselves in a circle. The leader begins by repeating the first of these sentences loudly and distinctly. The one on the left repeats it after him, and so on around the circle. When all have repeated it, the leader says with equal care the second sentence, joining it to the first; the next person repeats both sentences, and the rest of the company follow in turn. The leader then repeats the third, preceded by the first and second in regular order, etc.:

1. One old ox opening oysters.
2. Two toads totally tired trying to trot to Tedbury.
3. Three thick, thumping tigers tilling trout.
4. Four fat farmers fanning flames.
5. Five frivolous foreigners fleeing from fashions from France.

The player who makes no mistake repeating the entire list of sentences wins the game. All who fall drop out as soon as the first lapse of memory.

### A Boy's Composition on Hens.

Here is a boy's strong essay on hens. Hens is curious animals. They don't have no nose, nor no teeth, nor no ears. They swallow their vittles whole and chew it all up in their crops inside of 'em. The outside of hens is generally put into pillars and feather dusters. The inside of a hen is sometimes filled with pebbles, short buttons and such. A hen is a good deal smaller than some animals, but they dig up more tomato plants than any thing that isn't a hen. Hens is very useful to lay eggs for plum pudding. I like plum pudding. Hens has got wings and can fly when they are scared. I cut my Uncle Billy's hen's neck off with a hatchet and it scared her to death. Hens sometimes make very fine spring chickens.



# The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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## CHAPTER XXVI.

THOMAS led the way through the hall and up the stairs. "Which room will you look at first, sir?" he asked.

"Let us see Mr. Tremaine's room first."

"Very well, sir," said Thomas, and opened a door and stood aside to let us pass.

There was nothing at all extraordinary about the room. It was large, well lighted, well ventilated, well furnished—just the sort of bedroom one would naturally expect to find in a luxurious country house.

Godfrey cast a glance about it; then he went to one of the windows, opened it and stepped out upon the balcony. He walked along the balcony to the end where the heavy trepanners were took a look at them and finally came back to the window.

"That's all," he said, as he stepped through into the room. "Of course I didn't expect to find anything here; our friend is much too clever to be caught napping that way. Thomas, I suppose this table is just where it was when Mr. Tremaine had the room?"

"Yes, sir," said Thomas.

Godfrey sat down at it, measuring the distance from it to the window.

"Lester," he said, "I wish you'd go out and come up the walk and see if you can see me sitting here."

I ran down the stairs and did as he directed, but could catch not a glimpse of him.

"Well," he called down, coming to the open window.

"I can't see you at all," I said.

"I thought so. Come up again."

He was sitting again at the table when I opened the door.

"Now, take a look at it, Lester," he said. "You'll see that the table is so far away from the window that it's

quite impossible for any one on the ground outside to see the person sitting at it. Yet Drysdale stated distinctly that he saw Tremaine sitting at that mysterious table. What would you argue from that?"

"That Tremaine had moved the table nearer to the window."

"And why should he do that?"

"To get a better light, perhaps."

"He might have done it in the daytime, to get a better light, but at night he would get a much worse one over there by the window than here. The lights, you'll observe, hang from the center of the ceiling."

"Then he did it," I said, "in order that he might be seen from outside."

"That's it. Not only that he might be seen, but that Drysdale might see him. I wonder if this is the kind of paper he wrote on?"

"We keep a supply of it in all the guest rooms, sir," volunteered Thomas. Godfrey took it up and looked at it. It was a plain white linen of good quality, with the word "Edgewood" embossed in blue at the top. There were also on the table pens, an inkstand and two or three blotters. He turned the blotters over, but only one of them showed any sign of having been used, and the marks on it were very faint, yet they seemed to interest Godfrey. He bent over them with puzzled face. Then he got out a little magnifying glass and studied them again.

"Lester," he said at last, "I wish you'd take a look at this," and he pushed the blotter and glass toward me.

"What do you make of it?"

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holding a lot of disconnected letters and a piece of paper," I said, at last. "I can't make out any words. The letters seem to be mostly B's and G's—yes, and here's an I."

"Thomas," said Godfrey, "will you go down and ask Mr. Delroy if he has a sample of Mr. Tremaine's handwriting, and, if so, if he will let us see it for a moment?"

Thomas went out instantly and I looked at Godfrey in surprise.

"You think those marks have some value?" I asked.

Godfrey drummed absently on the table and stared out of the window.

"I don't know," he answered, "but in an investigation of this kind no point is too small to be important. We've got to examine everything, weigh everything, pile up every little atom of evidence, if we expect to tip the scale in our direction. It's very probable that Tremaine never made these marks at all; even if he did, they probably have no significance. But in any event it won't do any harm to make sure; and, besides, I'd like to see a sample of his handwriting, just for its own sake—the handwriting of a man like that ought to be interesting. Ah, here is Thomas."

"Here's a letter, sir," said Thomas.

Godfrey opened it and glanced at the contents.

"He's a good penman," he said; "see, Lester," and he handed me the sheet.

"But it's quite a different hand from the one on the blotter—much broader and more masculine—just such a hand as one would naturally expect a man like Tremaine to write."

He explained it again for a moment, then folded it up and handed it back to Thomas.

"Perhaps Mr. Delroy will want it again," he said.

"Now, let us see Mr. Drysdale's room."

As he got up from the table I noticed that he still held the blotter in his hand, and I saw him place it carefully in an inner pocket. After all, then, he did attach some importance to it.

The room which had been occupied by Drysdale was the counterpart of Tremaine's, but it was in great disorder. An open trunk stood in the middle of the floor, with clothing strewn about it; the bed had not been made.

"We were ordered not to do anything toward settling this room to rights," explained Thomas apologetically. "The coroner sent us word we might. He ain't sent no word yet."

It was evident that Drysdale had been packing very hastily when he was interrupted by the arrival of the officers. The clothing which was in the trunk had been crumpled in carelessly—though, of course, that might have been done by the coroner after searching it.

"Drysdale evidently didn't spend much time in bed that night," observed Godfrey, and indicated a pile of cigarette stubs heaped high on an ash tray on the table. "He must have had some knotty problem to wrestle with to need so many."

He walked slowly about the room, looking at everything keenly, but touching nothing. He stood gazing at the bed for a long time. Then he turned again to the table.

"Here's the diary," he said, picking up a little book which lay there. "So Hefelbower didn't get it. Well, I guess I'd better see he doesn't have another chance."

He weighed it in his hand, and I could see how it tempted him. Perhaps here lay the very key which he had been seeking in vain! But in a moment he slipped it unopened into his pocket.

"A man is a fool to make promises," he observed, with a wry smile, and sat down at the table. "Hello, what's this?" he added suddenly, and, stooping, he fished from the wastebasket beside him the fragments of a cane.

It was a cane certainly of at least ordinary strength, and yet it had been broken into half a dozen pieces and hurled into the basket.

Whistling softly to himself, Godfrey surveyed it a moment; then he bent over the basket and examined the remainder of its contents piece by piece. There were scraps of letters, a torn envelope, a crumpled sheet of paper.

He sprang to his feet with a cry of triumph and waved it in the air.

"I've found it," he cried, his face beaming. "I've found it, Lester!"

"Found what?" I questioned, more and more astonished, for Godfrey was usually master of his emotions.

"Ah, Lester," he continued more calmly as he smoothed it out carefully on the table, "this takes a lot of conceit out of me. Had I been really clever I'd have deduced the existence of this message long before I entered the room. As it is, it's luck—pure luck! I'm glad to win on any terms, but I'd rather win by scientific deduction. C. Auguste Dupin would have come straight upstairs, walked straight to that basket and selected unerringly this sheet of paper; he would have known that it was there, while I—well, one can only do one's best, and this point was a little too fine for me. Take a look at it."

It was a sheet of the ordinary Edgewood note paper. Across it two lines

were written:

"De at the pergola at 8. If I am late wait for me."

"Well," I faltered, "well!"

"Oh, don't you see, Lester, it's the key to the whole problem? It's the light we've been looking for—with our eyes shut. And to think that instead of coming straight here for it I should have stumbled about in the dark for so long! It's the only possible explanation, and yet I didn't think of it. It was inevitable from the first, and yet I couldn't see it. It disgusts me with myself—it's what I get for being so cocked up over finding that bottle down there. Even after I saw that blotter I didn't guess it."

He had taken out a card, and as he spoke, he wrote a rapid sentence on it.

"Here," he said to Thomas, "take this to Miss Croydon at once, please."

(To be continued.)

## EFFECT OF ORANGE DIET.

Smart Society's Latest Fad For Reducing Too, Too Solid Flesh.

Oranges are society's latest fad for obesity, and the theory upon which this fruit is used is that the juice is a substitute for food, no other nourishment being taken except at night, when the diet declares that the heaviest and most fattening of dinners may be eaten without danger of adding a pound of flesh.

There is no doubt that the pure juice is one of the best blood purifiers and system regulators that are known, and its effect upon the complexion is evident after a few weeks. The skin becomes clear and the color fresh, while the eyes are brighter. This metamorphosis is not to be expected in a week, of course, but it will come in time, and the cure is neither so expensive nor unpleasant as not to commend itself.

According to experts on the subject, the pulp is to be rejected, for only the juice is of value. This must come from sweet, sound and sufficiently ripe fruit. Sugar with it is not permitted.

The orange diet should be taken as follows: On waking the juice of one fruit is drunk, and this should be cold.

A second meal taken about an hour later than the first should be composed of the juice of two oranges and must be sipped slowly. If one is ravenously hungry there is no objection to taking at the same time one piece of very thin and crusty toast. No butter is permitted.

At intervals of two hours throughout the day juice may be sipped. One orange at a time is usually enough, for it is not to be expected that quarts of the fruit would allay real pangs of hunger. Another bit of toast is permissible during the afternoon, but if flesh reduction is the object of the cure the toast must be crusty and dry.

At dinner one is supposed to eat a hearty meal. No sweets or greasy dishes should be indulged in if reduction of flesh is the aim of the diet.

## NEEDLEWORK NOTES.

A pretty way to give a needed touch of color to an evening frock is to introduce under a lace bertha a ruffle of white net edged with a narrow ribbon. The ribbon should just glimmer below the lace over it.

Quite the newest thing in pillows is the oblong shape. The new pillows are not nearly so large and fat as formerly and consequently are more usable. Cluny lace makes one of the prettiest possible finishes for the edge of both square and oblong pillows.

A clever woman has put her knowledge of basketry to good account in the fashioning of a whisk broom holder. This consists of two disks of basket work similar to those used for the bottom of a fancy basket and caught together at the sides by large fluffy bows of three inch satin ribbon, the color being a delicate pink in harmony with her room furnishings. A band of ribbon of narrow width, but matching in tone, is used to suspend the holder.

Discipline Hint.

Instead of punishing children learn to talk quietly with the little one about its disobedience or misbehavior.

Make it plain to the small boy and girl why they are in the wrong and encourage them to give a reason for their misconduct.

Tell them kindly how to avoid a similar difficulty in the future. In other words, make love the basis of discipline and obedience will be prompted by the thought that mother or father will be displeased with an unkind act.

Satisfactory Explanation.

Little Dot was drawing a picture with pen and ink on her paper. It turned out to be a cat without a tail.

"Where is the tail?" asked the mother.

She looked puzzled for a moment and then replied:

"Why, it's in the ink bottle yet."—Chicago Tribune.

The Dollar and the Peso.

The question in Mexico of what a "dollar" means has recently been authoritatively settled. The department of finance has decided that the word "dollar" shall mean the American gold dollar and that when the Mexican silver dollar is meant the word "peso" shall be employed. Some time ago an American resident at Tampico wrote "dollars" on a check, and the Tampico bank cashier to whom the check was presented, paid the amount in gold values. The drawer of the check claimed that it was his intention to have silver paid. Litigation was threatened, but upon investigation the authorities decided against the drawer of the check. The Mexican ruling applies to all documents—notes, drafts, etc.—aiming at dollars.

## DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Mrs. Russell Sage has contributed in all \$102,300 for the building of the Pierson high school at Sag Harbor, Long Island.

Mrs. Sarah Bradley, who lives at the Old People's home, near Darby, Pa., at the age of ninety-one, is fond of playing the piano.

Gardiner has the only woman cab driver in Maine. Mrs. Winnie Flister, by advice of a physician, appeared on the streets of that city recently with a handsome bay horse and cab. She intends to drive particularly for women.

Mrs. Straus, wife of the secretary of commerce and labor, was the first cabinet mistress to open her house to the visiting world to the capital, and it is expected she will do more entertaining during the season than any other of the cabinet ladies.

China and cut glass that were used on Washington's table at Mount Vernon have been lent to the national museum at Washington by Miss Nannie Randolph Heth for exhibition in the hall of history in connection with the other Lee-Washington relics.

Mrs. Hetty Green's portrait is being exhibited in one of the New York picture galleries, showing her wearing the small black bonnet with a bit of white in which she is seen so often. She has a small curly haired dog in her arms, which indicates that she is a lover of animals.

One of the richest women in Great Britain is Miss Emily Charlotte Talbot, who owns two magnificent estates which she inherited from her father, worth about \$7,000,000. Another rich woman is Miss Alice de Rothschild, who is very charitable and has a great hobby for gardening.

## THE ROYAL BOX.

The empress of Japan is a great advocate of the spread of education in her husband's dominions.

The little crown prince of Spain, in pursuance of an ancient custom holds a reception during his morning nap nearly every day. The ministers in attendance and other high officials assemble in the palace at a fixed hour and are admitted in a body to the nursery to gaze upon the sleeping infant.

The wedding dress of the poplin worn by Queen Alexandra on the occasion of her marriage, forty-four years ago, and in which she first won the hearts of her future subjects is still carefully preserved by her majesty. The dress was chosen in compliment to Queen Victoria, who always had a fondness for lilac.

The Princess Marie Bonaparte will be a very busy young woman when she becomes crown princess of Greece if she attempts to wear all the dresses included in her wedding trousseau. Seldom has a bride had such beautiful raiment, according to a dispatch, for there are dresses for every hour in the day; and those for evening alone number thirty-four.

## WOMAN'S REALM.

One-third of Great Britain's telegraph operators are women.

Mrs. Adelaide Ballard, ex-president of the Iowa Equal Suffrage association, has moved to Chico, Cal., with her family and has been elected president of the local suffrage club there.

At the last general election in New Zealand there were 263,597 males and 212,875 females on the roll. There actually voted 221,611 males and 175,046 females. In fourteen contests, the female voters outnumbered the males.

The Ohio Woman's Suffrage association has presented to the Reuben McMillan Free library in Youngstown the "History of Woman Suffrage," which is comprised in four large volumes. Volumes 1, 2 and 3 were written by Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony and Matilda Joselyn Gage and volume 4 by Miss Anthony and Ida Husted Harper.

## COLLEGE AND SCHOOL.

Fifty more teachers have been employed for the rapidly growing night schools of Manila.

The Cambridge (England) freshmen number 1,112 as against 1,021 last year, this being a record.

In some of the elementary schools of France "tables of sight and hearing" are prepared for each class, and according to these the children are seated—the short sighted near the blackboard and those hard of hearing nearest the teacher.

Professor Crook of Amherst college recently broke up the monotony of teaching by selecting by lot a member of each of his junior divisions in political economy to conduct the class while he played the part of a student. Warning of this plan was given the day before.

## Punctured Paragraphs.

Tell the truth or some one will tell it for you.

Any fool can make friends, but only a wise man can keep them.

If you are miserable you are exactly what your enemies want you to be.

To make some men succeed fortune has to stop knocking at their doors and break in.

A reputation for wisdom is easier gained by keeping your mouth shut than by attempting to talk wisely.

If clerks could learn the old man's ways as easily as they can master his signature there would be more big salaries.

One of the most annoying things possible is to be frequently thrown with a fool who refuses to acknowledge that he is a fool.—Athens Globe.

## THE AGE OF HAPPINESS.

A Youthful Spirit the Fad of the Day. The Schöme's Faults.

"What is the age of happiness?" asks a writer in the London Daily Telegram. "A great man of science," she goes on to say, "has lately declared his belief that pessimism, like measles, is a complaint of youth and a calm joy the characteristic of age. The Women Workers have just been told by Mrs. Creighton that middle age is happier than the springtime of life. And yet there are those who believe that the proper meaning of the adage, 'Those whom the gods love die young' is 'Those whom the gods love never grow old.' Probably this is the common faith. An eternal youthfulness most of us envy and covet. But we should not conceal from ourselves that it can be irritating. Lady Mary Wortley Montagu, troubled by a man who was not merely dressed, but talked, like a girl in her teens, said snappishly, as usual, 'It's well enough to be always fifteen, my dear, but need you be five?' We are accustomed to think childishness pretty and becoming, and enthusiastic persons tell you of this or that sweet woman who still has 'the heart of a child.' But the trouble is that such a creature generally has the brain of a child too. The cultivation of a spirit of youth is one of the most obvious fashions of the day. We have all to be light hearted, careless creatures of impulse, ready to try everything and be friends with every one. If you will not have ten new interests a day you are old fashioned. No wonder, nervous diseases are on the increase, for the fact is that most of us are not constructed for this perennial youthfulness. Most of us are intended to acquire a certain sedateness of body and a certain sobriety of mind with advancing years. The effort to avoid these qualities ends in disaster."

## LINGERIE CONCEITS.

The Favorite Designs Are the Butterfly and Daisy Patterns.

The new embroidered underwear is made to fit quite closely to the figure, as this season every woman is striving to be as slim as possible. Some of the newest designs for sets of underwear show the hand embroidery alone, no lace being combined with it. However, a narrow frill of lace used under the scallops is more becoming than otherwise. The favorite designs are the butterfly and the daisy patterns. The work is done in the eyelet and French embroidery upon fine batiste or handkerchief linen, with the edges finished with buttonhole scallop. The corset cover is perhaps the most important article of the set, as the popular lingerie waists require very attractive corset covers. The corset cover may be made full enough to slip over the head and be drawn up with ribbons run through embroidered oval openings, or it may open in the front or on one side. The corset cover which goes over the head is made in two pieces, with seams under the arms and on the shoulders, while the fullness of the waist line is held in by a ribbon drawn through either a casing of the material or a bending. The corset cover which opens in front can have the fullness at the waist line laid in a cluster of fine hand run tucks and finished with bending and ribbon. The scalloping should be very carefully done. It will be best to fill in the edges of the scallops with an outline stitch. This will help also to keep the material from fraying out when the cover is laundered.

## ABOUT THE HOUSE.

A few economical housewives have tried grinding their tea leaves like coffee, and they declare that the result is excellent, only about half the usual quantity being used. Of course the tea strainer must be as fine as can be bought.

In order to be sure that the coconut for pies and candy is perfectly fresh it is well to buy the whole fruit and shred it in the meat chopper.

Just before a meal is served if the dining room atmosphere too plainly foretells what has been prepared open the windows a few seconds and pour a couple of drops of lavender essence into a cup of boiling water. The cooking odor will entirely disappear.

Try mixing mustard with milk instead of with water or vinegar. The flavor is said to be good, the paste is very smooth, and the mustard will not dry so quickly.

In making new pillows have the feathers first inclosed in a bag of cheesecloth or thin muslin. Then at any time the ticking may be removed for washing, and even the feathers may be washed in the inner bag without flying all over the house.

Restoring Woodwork.

Faded spots in hard wood from heat, light or the touch of too strong alkalis can be brought back to their original color by repeated gentle rubbings with boiled linseed oil mixed with one-eighth of alcohol. Rub two or three times each day, using a clean silk or linen swab each time. Make swabs by rolling fine cotton batting into tight small balls and tying a ball in a square of cloth. The loose cloth ends form a handle. Throw away swabs as soon as they get hard or dirty.

That Nothing Shall Be Lost.

The country grocer was issuing instructions to his new assistant. "It's only by looking closely after trifles," said the proprietor, "that a profit can be made in these days of close competition."

"Yesir," came from the boy.

"For example," continued the grocer, "when you pick the flies out of the sugar don't throw them away. Put 'em among the currants."

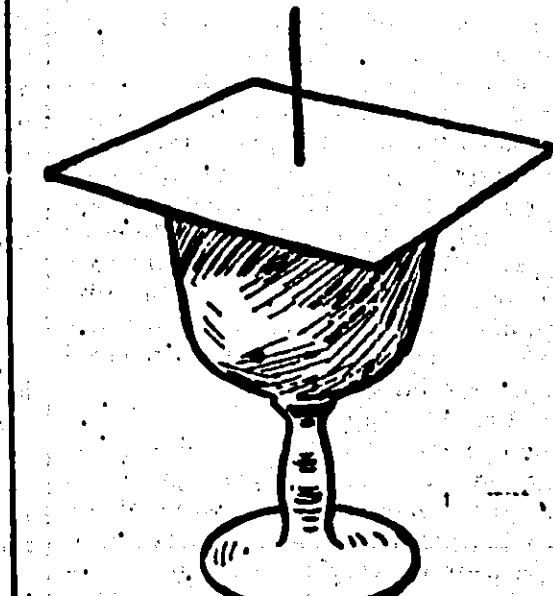
## Young Folks

## A MAGIC PENDULUM.

An Interesting Experiment With a Goblet of Water.

The accompanying picture shows a glass goblet in what some persons might think a dangerous position, for its rim is simply clinging to the surface of a piece of cardboard suspended by a string. But the goblet is in no danger of dropping and will swing there all day long, for it is held to the cardboard by the pressure of the air, just as a boy's moistened leather "sucker" holds the brick that he lifts with it.

Before suspending the goblet in this way, suppose we make a preliminary experiment illustrating the same principle. Pour water into a goblet until it is full to the very brim, and then lay on the rim a piece of stiff paper, pressing and smoothing it down until there is no bubble of air left between the water and the paper. Now, placing the palm of your left hand squarely down on the paper, hold it tight and firm, and, catching the goblet by the stem with your right hand, quickly turn it upside down. Then remove your left hand gently, and you will find that none of the water will escape from the



THE GOBLET SUSPENDED.

goblet, for the pressure of the outer air keeps the paper close against the rim of the goblet like an air tight lid.

To convert the goblet into a pendulum, get a piece of cardboard that is perfectly flat, and in the center of it make a small hole. Through this run the end of a cord and knot it so that it will hold. Melt a little sealing wax around the knot to close the hole entirely, for it must be air tight.

Tie the other end of the cord to the chandelier, press the card firmly down on the rim of the goblet, which, remember, must be filled to the brim with water, and you may let it swing with perfect confidence in its safety.

As an extra precaution, it would be better to grease the rim of the goblet before making the experiment. This would help to make the exclusion of the air certain.

## THE EARTHWORM.

Wonderful Work Performed by This Lowly Creature.

Little and unpleasant as an earthworm is, Mr. Darwin thought it important enough to spend thirty years of his life in experimenting upon it. It is blind, it is deaf, it is dumb, it lives in the cold, dark earth, yet it knows how, better than any man in the world, to plow the ground so that all the green things can grow.







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