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Daily, going West	
Leave Winnipeg	8.00
Arrive Elm Creek	9.48
Daily, going East	
Leave Elm Creek	10.40
Arrive Winnipeg	12.30
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, going West	
Leave Winnipeg	17.00
Arrive Elm Creek	18.44
Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, going East	
Leave Elm Creek	9.48
Arrive Winnipeg	11.45
Daily service, Winnipeg-Regina-Tri-Weekly service, Winnipeg-Souris	
CARMAN BRANCH	
Daily	
Leave Carman	9.00
Arrive Elm Creek	9.35
Leave Elm Creek	10.00
Arrive Carman	10.35
Leave Carman	20.00
Arrive Elm Creek	20.35
Leave Elm Creek	20.55
Arrive Carman	21.30
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday	
Leave Carman	17.55
Arrive Elm Creek	18.30
Leave Elm Creek	18.50
Arrive Carman	19.25

**Local and General**

The Starkey House, Carman. John Simpson was in town on Friday night.

Wheat was quoted at \$1.06 in Winnipeg on Saturday.

Mrs. Jas. Larmour returned on Friday last from Winnipeg Beach.

A. Chard spent a couple of days in the city this week.

W. Waite spent a few days in town, returning to Cypress River yesterday morning.

Thos. Guinan came in on Monday night with a party of land seekers.

Miss Lizzie Holliday and Miss Eva Canfield were in Carman on Monday.

J. Murray has received a shipment of hardware for wagon and buggy repairs.

Andrew Anderson, of Black Hills, S.D., is visiting his brother Carl.

The Dominion Government has fixed Thursday, October 31st, as Thanksgiving Day.

A slight fall of snow early on Tuesday morning reminded us of the near approach of winter.

Seventeen young Scotchmen left Glasgow on Sunday to engage in missionary work in Western Canada.

C. C. Clough left on Thursday last for Guelph, Ont., having been called thither by the serious illness of his mother.

J. Murray started three Sawyer-Massey threshing outfits at Hartney on Friday last, and one at St. Claude yesterday.

Be sure and take a look at R. H. Staples' window, and see their nice assortment of china cups and saucers from 15¢ to \$1.50 each; plates from 10¢ to \$2.50 each.

Rev. H. W. Baldock, of Middlechurch, conducted service in the English Church on Sunday. For a few days he was the guest of Principal and Mrs. Cornish.

Every column in a newspaper contains from 10,000 to 20,000 distinct pieces of metal, the displacement of any of which causes a blunder or typographical error. Yet some people lay claim to a phenomenally brilliant mind if they can discover an error in a newspaper.

A Chicago professor has declared that in a few thousand years women will be wearing beards. Perhaps by that time they will have learned to keep quiet long enough to get shaved.

An Englishman need not now leave home to marry his deceased wife's sister. It is doubtful if this widening of the range of a widower's choice will make much difference. When a man ventures into matrimony the second time he usually desires a change of mother-in-law.

On Saturday last a spark from a passing traction engine set fire to Boardman's bakery, but, fortunately, the fire was extinguished before much damage was done. Drivers should be prohibited from emitting sparks from their engines when passing through the town, as if a fire once got fairly started it would not be long before the whole town was destroyed.

A good practice, which is fast gaining favor among the farmers of the West, is that of having their names and addresses printed on the corner of their envelopes. It saves all kinds of delay; try it, you will never regret it. Leave an order for 1000 at this office. It will cost you no more than the stock costs you bought in smaller quantities.

Mrs. Jameson, of Carman, will hold her fall millinery opening on Friday and Saturday of this week. Mrs. Jameson has just returned from Boston and Toronto, where she made a thorough inspection of the fall styles in ladies' headwear. Miss Soole, who had charge of one of the largest millinery firms in Detroit, Mich., for three years, has charge of the trimming department. Confident that this display is well worth seeing, all ladies who can attend on opening days are respectfully invited; those who cannot will be courteously received when they can make it convenient to call.

Editing a country newspaper is a nice job. If we print jokes we are light headed; if we don't we are fossils. If we wear shabby clothes we are trying to excite sympathy; if we dress well we have a pull. If we stay in we should be out looking for news; if we go out and look for news we should be in attending to our work. If we don't ask those in arrears to pay up their subscriptions we don't need the money; if we do ask them they are offended. If we publish original matter people say we don't give enough selections; if we quote from other writers we have no originality of our own. Chances are somebody will be mean enough to say we got this from an exchange. So we did.

A week or two ago a certain well-known—and we believe, eminently respectable—gentleman, residing less than a thousand miles from the sacred precincts of The Mail, called in and paid a year's subscription. So far so good. A few days ago the editor was treated to (who said a Scotch and soda?) as we were saying, was treated to a fine display of rhetoric from the aforementioned gentleman. Not having time to get out a supplement this week, we cannot reproduce his remarks in full. After listening patiently for some time, we discovered that the burden of his song was: "Why the (French word) didn't you publish the fact that I paid my subscription?" We immediately and humbly apologized and promised to rectify the omission, in order that the cause of all his joys and shaver of all his troubles should not suspect him of wasting his substance in riotous living. So here goes. "This is to certify that Mr.—no

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**Relics of Prehistoric Age**

Ten complete human skeletons, the bones of six buffalo, two prehistoric urns, and numerous pieces of ancient pottery have been unearthed by Prof. Montgomery, of the University of Toronto, in the course of excavations in which he has been engaged for a few weeks past at Souris. The object was to ascertain how far north the prehistoric people, known to have occupied the valleys of the great rivers, had extended, and with this end in view he opened, and subjected to careful research, some twenty mounds situated on the banks of the Souris river. These mounds he found were, with one exception, similar to those discovered in Dakota and farther south and it was the exception which yielded the complete skeletons of six buffalo. From the position and appearance of the bones, Prof. Montgomery is of the opinion that the animals had served some sacrificial purpose. The mounds, he believes, were constructed 700 years ago. Eight large boxes and five crates of specimens obtained by the professor as a result of his excavations have been sent to the university for reconstruction and study, and they should prove a valuable addition to the collection there.

**LOST**

On Tuesday, Sept. 24th, Thirty-Four Dollars in bills. The finder is requested to leave same at The Bank of Hamilton, Elm Creek.



## Out of the Channel.

By LYLE WARD SANDERSON.

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Merton Kester came slowly down the lighthouse stairs. He liked the wind and twist of them. A hazy wish floated through his mind that they might never end. He would like to go on forever, hearing the tap of her little feet on the iron behind him, feeling her hand touch his shoulder every now and then when she grew a bit dizzy with the curve.

The fact was Mr. Kester's sense of proportion had been rather unsettled since the night before. Then, Marion, in that strange, illogical way girls have and in spite of her aunt's skillful, contrary maneuvers, had made the obtuse Mr. Harvey understand that she was not overwhelmed with delight at his invitation to try his new electric launch, and within the same five minutes had promised Kester to visit the light with him, "even if we have to go in a dory."

It had been somewhat hard for Mr. Kester when he came down to the cape on his short vacation to find his old playmate absorbed by the wealthy Mr. Harvey. It was true that Marion did not appear very happy, but her aunt certainly seemed at peace with all the world and made an extremely willing chaperon on the many trips which that gentleman was constantly planning. This had been Kester's first chance.

After thanks and farewells to the old captain, Kester guided his companion down the steep path to the little, pebbly beach, where their boat awaited them. It was not a dory, but a gay little pleasure craft, bright with many cushions. Kester helped Marion in, feeling a keen regret that he could not put her into the handsomest launch on the coast.

There was no hint of regret in Marion's face as she picked up the rudder ropes and the boat swung off. The sun was warm, but the breeze, filled with the tang of the sea, blew the girl's bright hair about her face and brought a sparkle to her brown eyes.

"And over the sea lies Spain," sang the girl happily.

"You'd like to visit the old world, wouldn't you, Marion? You must go some day," said Kester, wondering how he would feel if he should know that Harvey and Marion were journeying about Europe together.

"Some day," repeated the girl softly, her dark eyes dreaming, then smiling into his. She was quite willing to push everything but the present moment into the indefinite future.

The man hesitated a moment, then said, with a note of entreaty in his voice: "May I row you over to Turbet's creek before we go back? It's such a quaint, Dutchy little place, with its old wharfs and fishermen's houses, that I want to see it again. You know my vacation ends tomorrow."

Marion's face suddenly flushed till it was the deep pink of the wild roses that grew along the shore.

"I'd love to go with you," she answered, "only—well, you see, after all Aunt told Mr. Harvey he might take me out in his launch at 5, and she'll be much displeased if I am not at home."

"Oh, I see," said Merton Kester rather blankly. "I'd better hurry, then."

His mouth suddenly became a straight line. He began to pull with long even strokes. "Harvey can give her everything in the world," he thought, with remorse and some bitterness, "and he is a very decent fellow besides—aside from being a snob. If ever a girl was born for riches she was. What right have I to ask her to share my moon little salary? 'Tis a good thing my vacation is nearly over; I might say something foolish and make her unhappy. But, oh, may she not smile at me again before we reach the farther side of the little bay."

"The tide is running out fast," said Marion, looking down through the clear water to the yellow sands.

"We'll strike the channel soon," returned Kester, pulling himself together with an effort. "I can never tell exactly where it is when the wind rouses the whole bay. Great day for sailing. Wish we had a yacht, Marion."

"Oh, I like this little boat fully as well," declared the girl contentedly, then suddenly cried, "It's growing shallow, sailor boy, look out!"

Kester's oars stopped in the air. That was the name she had called him when, as children, they had built many dream ships together.

The oars made a savage sweep into the water, the boat shot half its length ahead, then stopped with a jerk, its nose buried in the sand.

"Great Scott, we've struck on the flats! Jerk up the rudder, Marion, while I push her off. Then, after an enervating effort, "It's a mercy this oar is stout. No, don't push, child; sit still."

"But the tide is just racing out," objected Marion, while all of the man's efforts simply caused the obstinate little craft to grind deeper into the sand.

Weariness and mortification struggled on Kester's face. "It's bad enough to have to take the princess out in a mean little rowboat," he broke out, "but to show her on a sand bank and not be able to pull her out is absolute disgrace."

From the top of the bank came the sound of retreating feet. Kester, blushing, saw the pleasure of seeing a new launch launch coming rapidly down the channel toward the stranded boat. Still tugging and pulling ineffectually,

he turned angrily to the astonished girl.

"Your aunt will be pleased to find you here, Marion. Good heavens, why did you ever come off with me? You ought to be in that launch this minute. You don't belong here—his wrath poured out on her—"you love luxury; you know you love it like a cat. Harvey's not good enough for you; nobody is. I'm not. He wants you. Of course I want you many times more, but you're crazy to come off with me. He'll be angry and I'll serve you right. I'm going to signal when he gets nearer and get you over to the channel if I have to carry you. I hope this will teach you a lesson!"

Back of the anger in the man's face the girl read something else and sprang to her feet, crying, "Wait, Merton; don't signal!" With a swirl and a splash she landed knee deep in the water, one hand grasping the boat line, while the other, lightened of her weight, floated a bit. "I don't belong in the launch. I'd rather be here with you," she said defiantly.

"Marion, what do you mean, dear?" asked Kester, staring at the little figure by his side as if he was just waking out of a sleep.

The girl suddenly began to cry. "I thought I'd better be helping you—helping you pull this boat," she sobbed, "than riding round in an old launch with a man—I don't like him. But if you don't want me—I can't take him, I suppose." Her voice died away as she struggled vainly to keep her head above water and the sea wind blew the girl's bright hair about her face and brought a sparkle to her brown eyes.

"He shall never have you," declared Kester fiercely, dropping the rope and catching the girl in his arms. "Little comrade, do you mean it? I do want your help, little girl, and I will make you happy. Oh, don't hide your face, dear! Your hair is so lovely—but it's dreadfully in the way!"

The ubiquitous Mr. Harvey, as his launch came swiftly down the channel, noted with astonishment two persons over toward the lighthouse wading slowly through the shallow water. He thought at first that he recognized the girl's white sweater and her green skirt, which she held gathered about her knees. The gulls circled over their heads and the sea wind blew the girl's bright hair all about her face. The man waded very close to her side. The pair seemed in no particular hurry. Behind them bobbed a little white boat.

### Caught on a Fishhook.

Who that has fished has escaped getting a fishhook caught in a thumb or finger? There is nothing more painful and more difficult to relieve than this simple little incident. The first impulse of the fisherman or woman is to try to remove the hook the way it got caught in the fish, and the more it is pushed back to release the tip the more it cuts and hurts the flesh. On account of the peculiar shape of a fishhook it is necessary to push it all the way through, if the hook is one of those without the loop or eye at the upper end, or else it must be pushed through until the tip of the hook is cleared, and then a pair of tweezers will serve to snap the metal and let the hook be taken out of the flesh. Sometimes a good sized knife will do the hook cutting if tweezers are not handy. The wound made by the hook should be thoroughly cleansed with hot water and perhaps some disinfectant, after which it should be covered with a soothing ointment and then carefully bound with lint or a bandage.—New York Herald.

### The "Woman From England."

One of the most curious myths of the middle ages, singularly false and flagitious in its character, but so persistent that it eventually attained general belief, was the story of "Pope Joan," the woman pope who was supposed to have sat in St. Peter's chair about midway of the ninth century. For 200 years in the great cathedral at Siena, Italy, along with the busts of all the other popes, there stood a bust of this mythical female bearing upon it the inscription, "John VIII., a Woman From England." This bust was put in its place by ecclesiastical authorities in the year 1400, without protest from any source, and in pursuance of the universal popular belief that the eighth John had indeed been a woman, and this in spite of the fact that the personal history of the real John VIII., who was a man and a Roman and the defier of the Emperor Charles the Bald, was open to the scholars of the world. It was only at the beginning of the seventeenth century that the bust of the "woman from England" was taken down.—Argonaut.

### According to History.

A New York man, who spends a portion of the summer each year in England, tells of an amusing incident in connection with his first visit to Richmond castle. On that occasion he was accompanied by a guide who relied for his information mainly on a guide-book, which from time to time he would furtively consult if he thought the visitor was not looking his way.

"What is the height of this fine old keep?" asked the New Yorker.

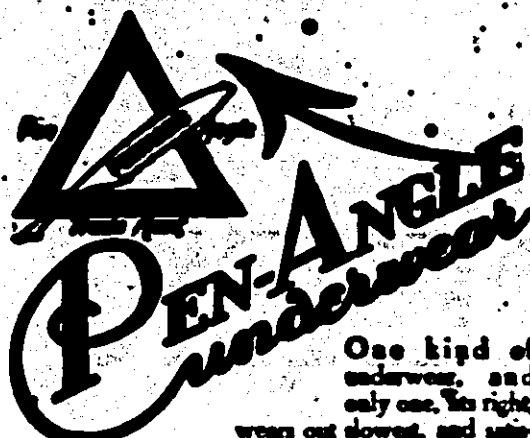
"According to history," replied the guide, "it's ninety-two feet."

Similar replies were made to other questions of a like nature, each being roundly contradicted with the assurance that it was "according to history."

Finally there was reached a part of the battlements where the hill on which the castle stands descends abruptly to the river.

"Pretty steep descent," exclaimed the American.

"Yes, sir," came from the guide in his monotone tone. "According to history, it's almost perpendicular."



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### He Could Stand Exposure.

The Arctic expedition was about to start.

"I would like to join the party," said the stranger who had just arrived.

"Well," replied the celebrated explorer, "we want only men who can stand severe exposure. Do you think you could come under that heading?"

"Well, I should say so," replied the stranger. "I was exposed as a San Francisco grafter, but it never fazed me."

And then the explorer took him along in hopes that he could lose him up near the pole.—Chicago Daily News.

Nearly all infants are more or less subject to diarrhoea and such complaints while teething, and as this period of their lives is the most critical, mothers should not be without a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial. This medicine is a specific for such complaints and is highly spoken of by those who have used it. The proprietors claim it will cure any case of cholera or summer complaint.

Special statistics have been taken by the Post-Office authorities for the purpose of ascertaining the extent of the picture post-card traffic in Cape Colony. This class of mail matter has been steadily increasing for some time, and it was therefore decided to ascertain the exact position. It was found that 1,049,828 picture post-cards, prepaid at the inland rate of one halfpenny, were posted during the year, while those for overseas destinations, franked at the penny rate, numbered 1,056,016. The postage value of the cards amounted to over £8,700.

### BABY'S DANGER

More little lives are lost during the hot weather months than at any other time of the year. In the summer months little ones are the victims of diarrhoea, cholera infantum, dysentery and stomach troubles. These come suddenly and without warning, and if a medicine is not at hand to give promptly the short delay may mean death. During the hot weather months Baby's Own Tablets should be kept in every home where there is a young child. An occasional use of the Tablets will prevent stomach and bowel troubles. Or if the troubles come unawares a prompt use of this medicine will bring the child through safely. Mrs. J. Renard, New Glasgow, Que., says: "I cannot speak too highly of Baby's Own Tablets. One of my children had a severe attack of diarrhoea which the Tablets promptly cured." Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

"Are you fond of Wagnerian music?"

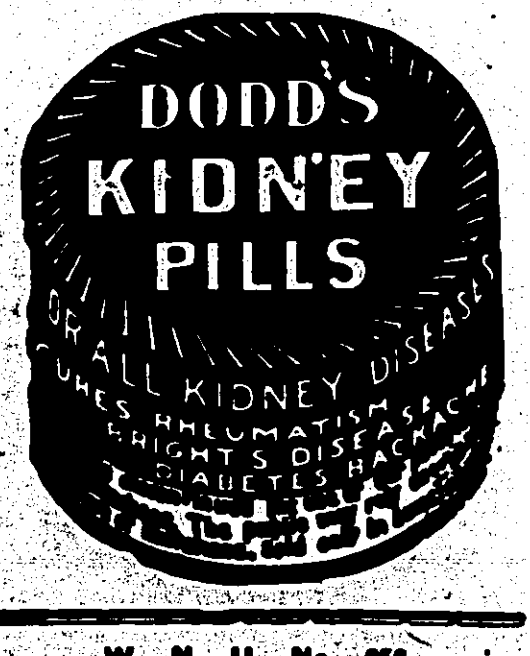
"Well," answered Mr. Cumrox, "I'm not exactly fond of it, but it doesn't disturb me as much as it used to."—Washington Star.

"I suspect the play bills do not always tell the exact truth."

"And you are correct," responded Hamlet Fatt. "For instance, I am billed as being assisted by a large company, when the fact is I am retarded by the few people I have."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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The entire British army establishment comprises 817,174 men, and they cost the nation £26,421,000, or nearly £33 per man. British troops in India are not included. Of this large total, as a return of army expenditure issued recently shows, 492,049 are troops—including militia, yeomanry and volunteers—available for field service at home only. There are 233,501 regulars at home available for field service at home or abroad, and the total of regular troops, including army reserves, is 308,321.



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### MIXED IN THE THUNDER.

A Scene in "Macbeth." That Was Not on the Playbill.

It is related of Cooke, the actor, that when a youth, being without the necessary cash to pay for a seat "in front," he got behind the scenes one night and hid himself in a barrel. He had for companions two large cannon balls, but the youth, not being initiated into the mysteries of the place, did not suspect that cannon balls helped to make thunder in a barrel as well as in a twenty-four pounder.

The play was "Macbeth," and in the first scene the thunder was required to give due effect to the situation of the crouching witches. It was not long ere the Jupiter Tonnans of the theater, alias the property men, approached and seized the barrel, and the horror of the concealed boy may be imagined as the man proceeded to cover the open end with a piece of old carpet and tie it carefully to prevent the thunder from being split.

Cooke was profoundly and heroically silent. The machine was lifted by the brawny stage servant and carried carefully to the side scene lest in rolling the thunder should rumble before its cue.

All was made ready, the witches took their places amid flames of resin, the thunder bell rang, the barrel received its impetus with young Cooke and the cannon balls, the stage stricken and roaring lustily, to the amusement of the thunderer, who neglected to stop the rolling machine, which entered on the stage, and Cooke, bursting off the carpet head of the barrel, appeared before the audience, to the horror of the weird sisters and to the hilarity of the spectators.—London Mail.

### MUSHROOMS.

Those That Are Poisonous Always Carry the "Death Cup."

Mushrooms when poisonous are the most dangerous plants in existence, as there is no antidote for the poison. Without going into the intricacies of the edible "meadow" (Agaricus campestris), and the "horse" mushroom (Agaricus arvensis), which are among the most wholesome and valuable vegetables, and of the numerous other harmless and nutritious varieties, as distinguished by their dark spores from the poisonous kind with white spores, one rule of observation will preserve the health and safety of any one collecting wild mushrooms for eating. Without the use of a single technical term, the difference in poisonous and nonpoisonous mushrooms is easily shown, even to a novice. What botanists call the "death cup," the volva around the stem, or, in plainer terms, the socket around the stem, is never absent from the deadly mushrooms. Sometimes it is distinct, well above ground, up around the lower part of the stem; then again it is below ground, but not attached to the stem so as to lose the cup shape, and sometimes it grows upon or is attached to the stem, giving it a bulbous, swollen base. Severely reject every plant that has a bulbous stem or the cup standing out around the stem. All edible and harmless mushrooms have straight stems, the same size from the root to the cap.—Georgia Torrey Denman in Good Housekeeping.

### Mystification.

His weakness was prevarication. His wife detested lying and constantly urged him to mend his ways. One morning she said: "Will, see if you can't be perfectly truthful today. Don't tell a lie. Now, promise!" He promised and went away to work. When he came home to dinner, she said:

"Dear, did you keep your promise?"

"I did," he replied soberly.

Then he caught her in his arms.

"Darling," he cried, "I will not lie to you. When I said I had kept my promise to you, I did not tell the truth; but, believe me, that was the only lie I told all day."

For twenty-two seconds she was lost in perplexity. Then she gave it up; the problem was too deep for her.

### The Part He Lost.

A New England man tells of a prosperous Connecticut farmer painfully exact in money matters who married a widow of Greenwich possessing in her own right the sum of \$10,000. Shortly after the wedding a friend met the farmer, to whom he offered congratulations, at the same time observing, "It's a good thing for you, Malachi, a marriage that means \$10,000 to you."

"Not quite that, Bill," said the farmer, "not quite that." "Why," exclaimed the friend, "I understood there was every cent of \$10,000 in it for you."

"I had to pay \$2 for a marriage license," said Malachi.

### Gnawed His Way Out of Prison.

A burglar named Scharschmidt, in prison at Gera, deliberately set to work to gnaw through a thick oak beam in front of his cell window. It was a work of seven weeks. The fragments of wood which were torn away with his teeth he replaced with chewed bread until the beam was almost gnawed through. A final smashing noise was heard by the wardens, but before they could appear Scharschmidt had escaped.—London Chronicle.

### Just the Same as Usual.

"I thought you said you weren't going to drink any more."

"I did."

"But here you are drinking as much as ever."

"Well, that isn't any more, is it?"

A broad minded man never loses any sleep because another man's opinions fail to agree with his own.—Wright City News.

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Strength cannot be regained from the food you eat so long as digestion is so imperfect, but you can be restored by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, which contains in condensed pill form the very elements of nature which go to form new nerve force.

Overwork, worry, anxiety and excessive mental effort exhaust the nervous system at a tremendous rate, and repair must be made before some dreadful form of nervous disease sets in. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food invigorates the nerves which control the digestive fluids, sharpens the appetite, is slightly laxative, so as to encourage the action of the bowels and strengthens every organ of the body.

You can use this treatment feeling certain that every doge is doing you

at least some good, and can prove it by noting your increase in weight.

Mrs. J. B. Tardiff, Mariapolis, Man., writes: "When I began the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, my health was in a terribly bad condition. My doctor told me that I was going into consumption, and for three years my bowels were so loose and watery that I was continually kept weak and run down. In spite of the many remedies used I gradually grew worse and worse. I could scarcely get about the house and suffered a great deal from backache, stomach and kidney troubles."

"Dr. Chase's Nerve Food proved to be exactly what I needed, and by keeping up this treatment for a time I got so strong and well that I did my own housework and sometimes worked in the fields without feeling any the worse for it. It is a pleasure as well as a duty for me to recommend Dr. Chase's Nerve Food."

My husband was cured of kidney disease and urinary troubles by using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills."

Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, 50 cents a box, 6 boxes for \$2.50, at all dealers, or Edmansson, Bates & Co., Toronto.

### World's Largest Sapphire.

The magnificent blue sapphire, which was recently found in Ceylon, and is stated to be the largest in the world, has been purchased by the jewelry firm of Marcan Markar. The weight of the gem, after being cut and polished, is 466 karats.

One of the largest sapphires in the world is in King Edward's coronation crown. A sapphire of 165 karats was shown at the Paris exhibition, and sold for \$40,000.

A Sure Cure for Headache—Bilious headache, to which women are more subject than men, becomes so acute in some subjects that they are utterly prostrated. The stomach refuses food, and there is a constant and distressing effort to free the stomach from bile which has become unduly secreted there. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are a speedy alternative, and in neutralizing the effects of the intruding bile relieves the pressure on the nerves which cause the headache. Try them.

It was difficult to hire competent or even incompetent help in Eden Centre, and the commuters in that idyllic spot had learned resignation.

"James," said Mrs. Crawford, "I haven't seen anything of that man who was to mow our lawn. Where do you suppose he is? There, I believe that's he now, over in Howe's orchard!"

"Is he standing?" inquired Mr. Crawford.

"Yes," said his wife, "he's standing under one of the big trees, looking toward our house."

"That can't be the man," said Mr. Crawford. "He'd be sitting or lying down."—Youth's Companion.

### OKANAGAN LAND

Those contemplating the purchase of land in the Okanagan Valley for home or as an investment should write Thos. Bulman, Mission Road, Kelowna, B.C., before buying. Mr. Bulman, who has been for the last fifteen years in business in Winnipeg, has lately purchased a large tract of land in the valley with the intention of residing there permanently and has subdivided a portion into ten-acre blocks. He will look after the planting of orchards for parties not wishing to move out at once, and also will look after and care for the orchards until they come into bearing.

"I wish to see Miss Bluffham," said the young man with blonde shoes and tan hair.

"She is not in, sir," answered the maid, with a glintness that told of long practice in the ways of deceit.

"Are you sure?" faltered the youth, nervously twisting a moustache that only became apparent when attention was thus directed to it.

The maid's eyebrows elevated themselves.

"Do you doubt her word, sir?" she asked, reproachfully.

Blushing deeply over his unworthy thought, he turned and went away.—Cleveland Leader.

Fine feathers may not make fine birds, but they attract attention to some birds that would otherwise go unnoticed.

An old bachelor says it is impossible for a woman to do anything better than a man. He evidently never saw a woman pack a trunk.

Alfred's Inference

"I see that a man in Kansas has applied for a patent on a spanking machine he has invented," chuckles Mr. Filthers, looking up from his paper.

"Did he have to invent one, papa?" asked little Alfred, "because there aren't any more women like mamma?"—Success Magazine.

Mother Grave's Worm Exterminator has the largest sale of any similar preparation sold in Canada. It always gives satisfaction by restoring health to the little ones.

If some people have any common sense they evidently think it is too common to use.

Ever notice that the chronic joker is the first to get mad when the joke is on him?

And it's easy to advertise the fact that you are a fool. All you have to do is boast publicly of your wisdom.

### Minard's Liniment Cures Dandruff.

In the first eighty years of the nineteenth century 68 of the 152 theatres in England were burned. In the United States, during the same period, 176 out of 550 theatres were destroyed by fire.

In the Crimean war 31 per cent of all the soldiers engaged were killed or died of disease. In the Franco-Prussian war the Germans lost only 8 1/2 per cent of their men.



### Cold-proof Underwear

Stanfield's Underwear is made of long, silky, Nova Scotia wool—the finest in the world for Underwear.

The superior quality of wool—together with the peculiar knit of the garments—give the greatest possible warmth with the least weight.

### Stanfield's Unshrinkable Underwear

comes in sizes to perfectly fit all figures. Every garment guaranteed absolutely unshrinkable.

AFTER YOU HAVE TRIED "THE NEW ONES" YOU WILL COME BACK TO

# SHREDDED WHEAT

TRY A BISCUIT WITH MILK OR CREAM OR FRESH FRUITS.



## MAY NOW TEST TREATY WITH JAPAN

May Test Jap. Treaty—Clause Covering Abrogation After Six Months May Be Argued

Ottawa—In an interview Japanese Consul-General Noyori stated that the Japanese treaty could not be abrogated for three years. He was correct as far as the British treaty with Japan was concerned, because either party can give notice to withdraw at the end of one year, which would mean in this case about three years. The Canadian treaty is a copy of the British treaty, with the difference of a special clause saying that it can be abrogated after six months' notice, but there is room for a legal argument as to whether or not this does not conflict with the fact that the British treaty was adopted in its entirety. This will not be necessary, as an amicable settlement is anticipated.

### Men Want to Be Thin

London—Sir James Crichton-Browne, an eminent physician, delivering his presidential address at the annual meeting of the Sanitary Inspectors' association, denounced what he described as the prevalent craze for getting thin. All fashionable food, fads and follies of the hour, he said, were in the nature of deprivation. At one time the tendency was to "stuff," and every new nutriment was hailed as a boon to humanity. Now the pendulum had swung to the other extreme. Aldermen like to resemble laths and citizens train down as for athletic sports. "On all hands the cry is that we eat too much. This craze," added Sir James, "is producing a debility which suffers therefrom seek to combat by indulgence in alcohol and narcotics, chloroform and other intoxicating drugs being incorporated in lozenges, which are particularly favored by women."

### Army Looking for Missing Man

New York—All local branches of the Salvation Army in this country have started a systematic search for Harry C. Dickson, the representative of a prominent London engineering firm, who disappeared from this city on March 21 last. Dickson's friends and employers in London appealed to the Salvation Army headquarters there for assistance in the search, offering a substantial reward either for information concerning his whereabouts or for proof of his death. Dickson came here from London on a business trip for his firm March 20, and went to the Hotel Astor. The next day he packed his grip and said he was going to Wilmington. He left his trunk at the hotel. Before going he drew \$500 on his letter of credit from Cook's. Nothing was heard from him after he drew the money.

### "Sherlock Holmes" Caught by Girl

London—Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and Miss Jean Leckie were quietly married in St. Margaret's church, Westminster. Great precautions had been taken to keep secret the name of the church in which the marriage was to take place, in order to prevent the presence of a crowd. Miss Leckie is not prominent in any way, but has always lived with her parents at Blackheath. Sir Arthur is 48 years old, and has never been married before. It is remarkable that in his many works of fiction there is only one love story, "A Hound with an Occasional Chorus." His famous character, Sherlock Holmes, is portrayed as something of a woman hater.

### Afraid of Arbitration

The Hague—The decision of the Belgian government to oppose obligatory arbitration is attributed to the command of King Leopold, who is fearful that his claims might be affected in the event of the adoption of the proposal. The king, it is added, has been unable to induce M. Beernaert, head of the Belgian delegation, to vote against his lifelong convictions, and is said to have conceived the plan of leaving the representation of Belgium on this subject solely in the hands of the other Belgian delegates, Baron Guillaume and M. Van Denheuer, both of whom are against compulsory arbitration. The king's action in this connection is regarded here as being in the nature of a scandal.

### Belated English Summer

London—The seaside resorts have been rejoicing in after-season booms, and the railway companies have handled an unusually large volume of traffic of the summer resort description. The exodus from London has really been quite marked. During the whole so-called summer there has not been a single day when the thermometer has recorded 80 in the shade. The abnormal character of the season has been further demonstrated by the fact that the highest reading of the year was on May 12.

### Japs and the Vatican

London—The Globe's correspondent at Rome says that difficulties of a somewhat serious nature have arisen between the Japanese government and the Vatican over the projected establishment of a Roman Catholic university at Tokio. The correspondent says it is understood that Archbishop O'Connell of Boston, rector of the American college at Rome, will be entrusted with a special mission to Tokio in the hope of overcoming the difficulties.

### For Healthy Bread

Toronto—Dr. Sheard, health officer, states that he favors legislation forbidding the use of the bread label "Toronto bakers" have all adopted the "no salt" label, which is pasted on a loaf, and makers are thus exempt from prosecution for light weight bread. He favors a law making 30 cents the standard loaf.

## Chinese Beat Out Jap Diplomats

Mukden—For two months the persistent demands of Japanese for concessions of forests, mines, land, salt houses and other things desired have been stubbornly refused by the Chinese viceroy and governor. In consequence of his ill-success, the Japanese consul-general has been transferred to another point, the struggle in the meantime being abandoned, though reprisals are threatened.

The Chinese conducted the difficult negotiations with great ability, indicating a restoration of self-confidence and an intelligent perception of political conditions, national rights being recognized and defended without fear. Great progress has been made in all departments of the government concerned in Manchuria. A strong army of 60,000 men is safeguarding the future peace of the country.

The viceroy will soon leave on a tour of inspection of the northern provinces. The harvest is abundant. The Japanese population and commerce are increasing steadily and other trade prospects are good.

### Forest Park for Canada

Ottawa—An order-in-council has been passed, establishing "The Jasper Forest Park of Canada" as a forest park. The new park is bounded as follows: Commencing where parallel of latitude 53 degrees 35 minutes north intersects the boundary between the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta, then due east along the said parallel of latitude thirty miles to the base of the foothills; thence in a southeasterly direction to the foothills, 52 miles to the height of land between the tributaries of the Athabasca, McLeod and Pembina rivers and North Saskatchewan and Brazeau rivers; thence southerly following the said height of land to a point where it intersects the boundary between the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta; thence northerly along the boundary to the point of commencement.

### Doctrine Is Modified

New York—As a result of recent prosecutions against members of the Christian Science church for cases of death occurring without regular physicians having been called, the board of directors of the mother church has issued a new bylaw which is mandatory in character and to be binding on all adherents of the Christian Science church throughout the world. It is announced in the following language:

Article xx, section 8:—Sudden disease: If a member of the mother church shall die suddenly without previous injury or illness and the cause thereof be unknown, an autopsy shall be made by qualified experts.

Inquiry among officials of the Christian Science cult in this city elicited the statement that the new bylaw "shall be read by the faithful with intelligence."

### Why Money Is Tight

New York—Sir William Van Horne, interviewed here as to present financial and commercial conditions and possible troubles ahead, thinks that there is no cause for uneasiness. He is chairman of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway company, and said:

"The time has come when Wall Street can no longer ignore the great prosperity that prevails throughout North America. Business will go ahead, Wall Street notwithstanding."

"Of course, it is easy to predict anything. Tight money might be the result of two things: It might come from lack of credit or because of the active conditions, the great activity in trade. The present tightness is caused by the latter condition, but it is not hurting anybody."

### Thaw Trial in December

New York—When the criminal branch of the supreme court opens next month and the case of Harry Thaw, charged with the murder of Stanford White, is called, Martin W. Littleton, senior counsel for the defense, will demand immediate trial for the accused Pittsburgher. District Attorney Jerome, it is understood, will oppose an immediate hearing of the case, and on the question of the date of trial will come the first skirmish of Thaw's new defender with the representatives of the state. It is believed that in the end both sides will agree on a date in December for the trial.

### Diamond Trust Complete

London—The great crisis of the diamond trade has been settled by an agreement between the De Beers and Premier diamond companies. The details have not been made public, but the selling agency will be maintained and will deal in the products of both mines, and on a basis to which the Transvaal government, as the chief factor in the Premier company, has consented. It follows that the prices of diamonds will probably be fully maintained.

### Italian Agrarian Troubles

Rome—Agrarian troubles have broken out again in southern Italy. The troops present are sufficient to cope with the rioters, who have already done much damage to property. There have been frequent conflicts among the strikers, the non-strikers and troops, in which the soldiers have used their bayonets freely.

### Thousands For Canada

Ottawa—Col. David C. Lamb, head of the Salvation Army immigration department, has arrived in Ottawa. He stated that before he left England he had made arrangements with the Allan and Dominion lines to charter ten vessels next season and that these would carry about 30,000 British emigrants to Canada.

### Reject Ransuli's Offer

London—Great Britain has rejected the terms of the Moorish bandit, Ransuli, for the release of his prisoner, Sir Harry MacLean, declaring that it is impossible to grant them.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson XIII.—Third Quarter, For Sept. 29, 1907.

### THE INTERNATIONAL SERIES.

Text of the Lesson, a Comprehensive Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Ps. ciii, 3.—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stewart.

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Lesson I.—God feeds Israel in the wilderness (Ex. xvi, 1-15). Golden Text, John vi, 51, "I am the Living Bread which came down from heaven." He who redeemed them from Egypt by His own right hand without any assistance whatever from them gave them bread and flesh to the full without any labor on their part, and in the discourse of our Lord in John vi He plainly taught that the manner was typical of Himself.

Lesson II.—The Ten Commandments; duties toward God (Ex. xx, 1-17). Golden Text, Deut. vi, 5, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might." He who loved them enough to redeem them and whose love to them was an everlasting love, an unchanging love (Deut. vii, 6-8; Jer. xxxi, 3; Mal. i, 2; III, 6), asked that they should love Him in return for such great love.

Lesson III.—The Ten Commandments; duties toward men (Ex. xx, 12-17). Golden Text, Lev. xix, 18, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." It is only by our love to our fellows that we can prove or manifest our love to God, for "he that loveth not his brother, whom he hath seen, how can he love God, whom he hath not seen?" (I John iv, 20).

Lesson IV.—The golden calf (Ex. xxxii, 1-6, 30-35). Golden Text, I John v, 21, "Little children, keep yourselves from idols." The people who promised to do all that God said could not keep it six weeks, could not keep their promise at all, but they made a show of obedience for a little while.

Lesson V.—The tabernacle (Ex. xl, 1-13, 34-38). Golden Text, Ex. xl, 34, "Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle." A dwelling place for God in the midst of Israel erected by the Spirit filled men from the willing offerings of the people, who had to be restrained from bringing.

Lesson VI.—The sin of Nadab and Abihu (Lev. x, 1-11). Golden Text, Prov. xx, 1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." The sin of these men was the strange fire they offered before the Lord, refusing a willing obedience and presuming to do as they thought best. Verse 9 may possibly imply that the cause of their sin was strong drink.

Lesson VII.—The day of atonement (Lev. xvi, 5, 22). Golden Text, Heb. vii, 25, "Wherefore He is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him." God's provision for the putting away of the sins of Israel once a year faintly typified the eternal redemption which we have in Christ Jesus by His one offering up of Himself, once for all. As in Israel's case, so in ours—the priest did it all; we receive the benefit.

Lesson VIII.—Israel journeying to Canaan (Num. x, 11-13, 29-30). Golden Text, Ex. xiii, 21, "And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light." Delivered from their enemies, their Deliverer ever with them, dwelling in their midst; provision for all the journey assured day by day, the good land before them, and all the way their faithful guide to tell them when to go and when to stay.

Lesson IX.—The two reports of the spies (Num. xiii, 17-20; 23-33). Golden Text, Num. xiv, 9, "The Lord is with us; fear them not." Under such peculiarly blessed circumstances and with such assurances from the living God to talk of sending spies to see if it was as God had said was surely sinful unbelief, and yet Moses fell into line with it, and God in gracious compassion for their weakness permitted it that those who would not believe His word might learn in their own harder way.

Lesson X.—The brazen serpent (Num. xxi, 1-9). Golden Text, John iii, 14, 15, "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." Not liking God's way and speaking against God brought a lot of trouble, and yet it is the ordinary way of all men since that old serpent caused Adam and Eve to fall in with his plan of getting on in defiance of God.

Lesson XI.—Moses pleading with Israel (Deut. vi, 1-15). Golden Text, Deut. vi, 12, "Beware, lest thou forget the Lord." In the end of the fortieth year since they left Egypt (Deut. i, 3) Moses rehearsed all the Lord's dealings with them, reminding them of all the ways that the Lord had led them, of His unchanging love and manifold mercies, and he may be said to sum up his exhortation to them in the words, "Remember, forget not the Lord; love and obey Him."

Lesson XII.—The death of Moses (Deut. xxxii, 1-12). Golden Text, Ps. cxvii, 15, "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." In John xvii, 24, He said to His Father that He longed to have them with Him that they might see His glory. In Phil. i, 21, 23, we read that "to die is gain," "to depart and be with Christ is far better." More literally the last two words should be "very far better."

## Daring Plot Unearthed

St. Petersburg—The police arrested a young girl nicknamed "Wanda," who is accused of participating in a plot to blow up the headquarters of the secret police, situated on the Moika canal, whose torture chambers have aroused bitter feelings on the part of revolutionists. The police say that "Wanda" planned to be a walking bomb and enter the headquarters building in the middle of the day, when it is generally full of police, in the uniform of a gendarme officer, lined with a wall of gun cotton and carrying a powerful bomb. "Wanda," the police add, hoped, by blowing herself up, to reduce the entire building to ruins and kill all the officers composing the staff of the political police.

The plot was betrayed, and the police, in addition to taking "Wanda" into custody, arrested a Jewish tailor, in whose shop they seized a half ready uniform which was intended for the woman.

## Mystery of Heavens Disturbs London

London—Residents of the borough of Camberwell, which is in the south-eastern part of London, are perturbed over a remarkable phenomenon, the occurrence of which is attested by several eye-witnesses. The story is that at 9 o'clock on a recent morning three bright star-like objects fell from the heavens, striking the street with sharp detonations, louder than pistol shots. The road shows traces of the impact. The paving stones are indented and scorched. An eye-witness picked up a number of chromo-colored lenses resembling rusty iron and burned his hands painfully in doing so. According to this story the largest lump was three-quarters of an inch by half an inch in size. But in a few hours it crashed into smaller particles or partly disappeared by radiation. A mystifying feature of the particles that have been saved is their greasy nature. They show greasy patches through the paper in which they are wrapped.

## Railways Claim Many Victims

Ottawa—Four hundred and sixty people were killed and 603 injured on Canadian railways in the six months ending July 30 this year. Of these forty-two passengers were killed and 210 injured. The employees killed numbered 212, while those injured numbered a total of 317. Others than passengers or employees were killed to the number of 206, while 76 under that heading were injured. Level crossings claimed twenty-one victims dead and twenty-two injured. Ninety-five trespassers were killed and thirty-five injured. Forty-six men who were working on the tracks met their death and twenty-nine received serious injury. Head-on collisions were responsible for forty-four deaths and for 109 injured, while six were killed on trestles or bridges.

## Forty Japanese Sailors Killed

Tokio—Forty of the crew were killed and injured on board the Japanese battleship Kashima by the explosion of a 12-inch shell within the shield after target practice near Kuro on September 9. The Kashima was commanded by Captain Koizuma. The fatalities include a lieutenant, two cadets and one staff officer, whose rank is not given. The exact details of the effects of the explosion are lacking, but it was terrific and the ship is badly damaged. The explosion followed an attempt to remove an unexploded shell from the gun. A majority of the bystanders were fearfully mutilated. The Kashima is the largest battleship ever launched on the Tyne, England.

## Wellman Still Hopeful

Trondhjem, Norway—Walter Wellman of the Wellman-Chicago Herald expedition arrived here on the steamer Empress from the north. He said that, although he had been unable to carry out his plans, he had given his airship a thorough trial, and was convinced that it was capable of going to the pole and back under favorable conditions, such as can be obtained any normal year. He added: "Our confidence in our ultimate success, given an average summer, is unchanged."

## Carrie Nation Sent to Workhouse

Washington—In the police court Mrs. Carrie Nation refused to promise not to talk to crowds on the street in future, and was sentenced to the workhouse for 75 days in default of the payment of a fine of \$25. She was arrested for disorderly conduct. She was addressing a crowd in front of the postoffice department on the evil effects of cigarette smoking, and when she refused to stop was arrested.

## Pettibone Is Very Ill

Boise, Idaho—Geo. A. Pettibone was unable to appear in the district court to have his case set for trial. An affidavit of the attending physician states that Pettibone is suffering from ulcer of the bladder which unless checked will prove fatal. It says an operation may be necessary but fears the patient will be unable to survive.

## Suppressing Exclusion League

Vancouver—Mayor Bethune has announced that no further parades of the anti-Asiatic league will be allowed in the near future.

The Hindus notified the mayor that they would appeal to the governor-general to prohibit any further immigration of Hindus to Vancouver.

## Ran Too Fast on Curve

Ottawa—The railway commission inspector, Mr. McCall, has made a report on the Caledon disaster. He says that the accident was caused by the high rate of speed at which the train was running on a sharp curve. If this curve is not straightened the board will likely order a change of route.

## Thanksgiving Day Set

Ottawa—An order-in-council has been passed fixing Thursday, Oct. 31, as Thanksgiving Day.

## Anxiety for Bruce's Expedition

Edinburgh, Scotland—Anxiety for the safety of William Bruce, Arctic explorer, has been caused by the receipt of a telegram at the office of the Scottish Geographical society. Steamers sent in search of Mr. Bruce had failed to find him. Mr. Bruce started on an exploring trip along the north coast of Prince Charles Land with three companions and has not been heard from since. The steamer Express, which recently was at Spitzbergen, with the Wellman Arctic expedition, found traces of one of Bruce's camps at the end of August, but there were no signs of Bruce and his companions. Another steamer sent in search of the party has just returned to Aargard from Spitzbergen and reports the situation to be critical. Preparations were then being made at the headquarters of the Bruce expedition, Spitzbergen, to send the American collier Monroe in search of the missing explorers.

## Canada's Trade Improving

Ottawa—The trade of Canada for the five months ending with August shows a substantial increase over the same time last year. There was an increase of \$30,735,393 in imports and of \$180,454 in exports. The total imports for the five months were \$165,723,630, and domestic exports \$99,870,054. The exports of the mines increased about \$12,000,000; agriculture, \$6,000,000, and manufactures a little over \$100,000.

On the other hand, the exports of animals and their products decreased nearly \$7,000,000; forest exports decreased about \$1,000,000, and fisheries about \$350,000.

For the month of August the exports show a gain of \$1,943,785 over August last year, and the imports an increase of \$5,250,060.

## York Loan Co. Still in Courts

Toronto—It will probably take till next summer to conclude the legal proceedings necessary to wind up the York County Loan company, said T. White, manager of the National Trust company, in making an appeal for a continuous hearing of the case by Official Referee McLean at Osgoode Hall. An adjournment was made, and in the meantime lawyers concerned will endeavor to map out the plan of proceedings for the present. There are several clauses, but more may be necessary to include all the creditors. Referee McLean intimated that he might give alternate weeks to hearing the case until settled. The question of the precedence of various claimants must be settled before a distribution of assets can be made.

## The Negro Is Not Dying Out

Chicago—From recent investigations made by the general immigration agent of the Illinois Central railroad, the theory that the negro is dying out in the south is combated with figures. The agent has just made a tour of thirteen counties in the Yazoo (Miss.) valley and reports increases in the negro as well as the white population. The figures show the negro population to have increased 62 per cent in seven years and the white population 70 per cent. The negro population in 1900 was 240,417 and in 1907 was 388,369. The white population seven years ago was 83,735 and is now 151,717.

## Will Reveal Romance

Bayfield, Wis.—The opening of Col. Isaac Wing's will has brought to light a touch of romance. By its terms Miss Catherine Rittenhouse of Jamestown, N.D., inherits \$20,000 cash. Miss Rittenhouse is the daughter of an old sweetheart of Col. Wing, he having been a suitor for her hand, but Cupid favored Rittenhouse. Col. Wing never married, and when at his death the will was read it gave to the daughter of the woman he had loved and lost, a fortune, and made her father an executor of the will, showing he held no hard feelings toward his successful rival.

## Russia's Latest Move

St. Petersburg—It is said the government intends to begin some important work in the far east, among them the strengthening of the defenses of Vladivostok. The construction of a harbor at Nicolovsk, which is a naval station on the Amur, 25 miles from its mouth, is also contemplated. Vast barracks are to be built at Khabarovsk, which is in Siberia on the northeastern frontier of Manchuria. The total cost of these works is estimated at about \$18,500,000.

## Good Opening for Military Students

Montreal—Principal Peterson, of McGill college, announced at the opening of the arts faculty that the British war office offered certain army commissions for which students of McGill taking a military course in addition to the ordinary curriculum would be eligible. The Canadian government offers similar commissions in the Canadian permanent forces to students distinguishing themselves in military courses.

## Frightens the Natives

Cologne—A dispatch to the Gazette from Tangier says that the foreign consuls at Mazagan have protested against target practice by French warships off the port, as it causes alarm and excitement among the native population. Recently gun practice by the French cruiser Desaix off Tangier caused considerable fear among the Moors of that city.

## Harvesters Wanted

Regina—The Saskatchewan bureau of information has issued a crop bulletin in which the dominant note is the scarcity of men for the harvest which is under way all over the province. At present it is said that 3,000 men are urgently needed.

## Pope's Brother Dies

Rome—Angelo Barto, brother of the pope, died today near Mantua, where he was employed in a subordinate capacity in the postoffice. He previously dealt in small groceries at Asolo.

## WESTERN BRANCH OF RAILWAY COMMISSION

May Be Appointed to Deal With Special Matters—Will Be Plenty to Do

Ottawa—The railway commissioners will have a busy time when it returns from Winnipeg. Besides the question of discrimination in favor of Winnipeg as against Portage la Prairie, Calgary and other points in the west, the commission will take up Bell Telephone rates for final adjustment. Then there is the inquiry into the express company rates.

Mr. Shepley, K.C., is now preparing ground for the commission to work on which will be even a more complicated case than the telephones. Then there are uniform operating rules, reclassification and authorization of new schedules, maximum freight rates, new forms of bills of lading, safety of passengers in regard to heating, lighting, etc.

Commissioner Mills suggests the establishment of a branch commission in the west in view of the increasing demands upon it from there.

## Tried to Steal Corpses

Columbus, O.—A daring attempt to steal the corpse of Mrs. L. L. North, who died of a disease which the attending physicians and the county coroner could not diagnose, was prevented by a house dog, which aroused the dead watch seated in an adjoining room. A white man, of professional appearance, was just climbing into the window from which the glass had been removed, when the watchers rushed into the room in which lay the corpse. On the lawn stood a negro in livery, while a third man was attending to a team attached to an undertaker's cart.

The men hastily mounted the cart, and drove away at breakneck speed, followed by revolver shots from policemen who had been attracted to the scene.

Information has been lodged against a practitioner, whom those on the watch claim they recognized as the man trying to climb into the window. The attempt is one of the boldest ever known in this city, where, prior to the passing of the state law giving bodies of paupers to science, body snatching was common.

## Is a Mastodon

Vancouver—L. T. Watson, pioneer prospector at Moresby Island, Queen Charlotte group, in the city from the north, is firmly of the belief that the recent skeleton brought down from the islands is that of a mastodon. "We have the best possible proof of this," said Mr. Watson, "having now found the four legs, each 14 feet in length."

These were unearthed 18 feet below the surface and three miles from tidewater. The skeleton is now practically complete. The additional bones will be brought down by the next vessel, and the skeleton will soon be seen in the local museum. It will be lent for exhibition purposes at the Alaska-Pacific-Yukon exposition.

## May Annex Corea

Tokio—The possibility that Japan may have to annex Corea seems to have arisen again. Marquis Ito is quoted as having said that it may be necessary to alter Japan's policy owing to the present situation, and that if the Korean people persist in their attitude of unfriendliness it will "be the last day for them."

Tokio papers are receiving reports that insurgents are gathering from all directions around the city of Seoul to attack it. Their number is unknown, but one band of 800 is reported.

Roving parties of Koreans under the leadership of ex-soldiers cause the Japanese officials and civilians much worry. These bands take to the mountains upon the approach of the Japanese troops, but not before suffering heavily.

## Wheel of Fortune Turns

New York—Pedro Alvarado, a Mexican peon, who took millions from the Alvarado silver mines of Pinar, Mexico, once offered to pay the Mexican national debt and astonished three continents by his lavish display of wealth, is now in debt and has been compelled to realize upon his famous mine. He owes about \$500,000 and because he refused to mortgage or sell any of his assets his creditors prevailed upon him to lease his mine, from which he has taken nearly \$18,000,000.

## Twenty Rebels to Die

St. Petersburg—The trial in Riga of the insurrectionists who were concerned in the attempt to establish a Latvian republic on the Baltic in the latter part of 1904, has resulted in twenty-two of them being sentenced to death and eighteen to terms of imprisonment.

The rebels committed fearful crimes, burning and pillaging estates and butchering their owners. They had at one time 10,000 regularly organized troops. They adopted uniforms, and the high officers being photographed in them were easily arrested.

## Aeroplane Fell

Paris—Bleriot tested his aeroplane at the drill grounds at Issy. The machine, after running 75 yards, rose steadily, attaining a height of 27 yards. The motor suddenly stopped and the aeroplane fell to the ground. Bleriot's face was cut, but not seriously. The space covered measured 596 feet, the next best to Santos Dumont's record of 715 feet.

## Parliament Will Open November 14

Ottawa—Parliament will assemble on Nov. 14 unless something transpires to delay the opening, but this is regarded as unlikely. For the first time in Canadian experience committee work will begin at once.



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## Japanese Immigration

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been playing fast and loose with British Columbia on the Japanese question and is facing the consequences. He has neither allowed nor positively vetoed Provincial legislation for the exclusion of Asiatic immigrants. Matters have been permitted to drift. In British Columbia Sir Wilfrid's friends have presented the Laurier Government as favorable to the exclusion policy. Liberal Members of Parliament in British Columbia were loudest at home in their clamour against oriental immigration, but when Parliament was in session they had nothing to say.

Meanwhile Japanese continued to arrive. They have been coming faster than ever not only from Japan but from the Hawaiian Islands. The riot in Vancouver is the natural result of the uncertain attitude of the Government at Ottawa. The people knew what to expect from the Provincial Ministry. The British Columbia Government and Legislature have gone as far as they have jurisdiction in excluding Asiatics. If the British Columbia people had been distinctly and firmly told what they might expect from the Laurier Government they would have adapted themselves to the conditions. But years of evasion and shilly shally have made the people desperate or easily the instruments of desperate characters from the United States. The Vancouver riot with the wholesale wrecking of Japanese houses was the result of a determination to bring matters to a head.

And now Sir Wilfrid is doing what he might as well have done years ago. He is trying to bargain with the Japanese Government to restrict the exodus of Japanese people. Japan stands by her right to send her subjects to Canada, and properly demands that they shall be protected while they are here, just as Britain would insist that British subjects should not be abused nor injured in their persons or property by mobs in Tokio. The Japanese are our allies, and the only power which can properly prevent Japanese immigration to this country is Japan herself. This must be the basis of a future arrangement. An agreement on this principle might have been made before the country had been disgraced by the Vancouver outbreak.

But when the Japanese question shall be settled half the difficulty will remain. Hindu laborers are coming into Western Canada by thousands. No less than nine hundred came last week in one trip. They are our fellow subjects, many of them are Sikhs, who have served in wars of the Empire. They are entitled to consideration and sympathy, but they are not as a class adapted to this country, and its civilization. Their presence opens up new and difficult social problems which should be avoided. The sooner public action is taken to prevent or restrict this immigration the easier will be the settlement of the trouble. Mr. Borden's platform demands a more careful selection of the sources of immigration, the more rigid inspection of immigrants and the enforcement of a policy which will exclude

undesirable settlers. If this rule is applied generally it will not be offensive to any race or nation. Mr. Borden's policy is the one which must be adopted if we are to escape this continually reverting trouble and avoid the scenes of violence which have disgraced some of the cities of the United States, and have been introduced into this country.

## Growing Time in Taxes

The Revenue returns for August show that Mr. Fielding collected in customs taxes a million dollars more than he did in August last year. It is the boast of the Government organs that a million dollars increase has been recorded in each of five months of this fiscal year, and that the Customs Department is now \$5,000,000 ahead of the record. This is a queer boast from ministers who came into power pledged to reduce taxation, and who even last year took in taxes just twice as much per head out of the people of Canada as the Conservative Government took in 1896. The Minister of Customs says it is all right because the people are paying voluntarily since they would not pay so much if they bought less. But any household knows that his weekly expenses are larger than formerly, not because he buys more goods, but because the price is higher. The higher the price the more duty he pays. It takes a minister at the head of the taxing department to see where the voluntary principle comes in. The people buy goods because they need them, they pay a high price because they cannot get them cheap, they pay more duty because the duty is based on the price, and the larger duty they pay makes the price still higher. But it makes revenue and gives ministers occasion for vain boasting.

## The Newspaper and Its Community

Speaking of what a newspaper does for a community, United States Senator David Davis, of Illinois, made an address that remains ever green in the memories of newspaper men. He said: "Every year a local paper gives from 500 to 5000 free lines for the benefit of the community in which it is located. No other agency will do this. The editor, in proportion to his means, does more for his own town than any other man. He ought to be supported, not because you happen to like or dislike him, but because a local paper is the best investment a community can make. It may not be crowded with great thoughts, but financially it is of more benefit than both preacher and teacher. To-day editors do more for less pay than any man on earth. Patronize your home paper not as a charity but as an investment."

## Human Nature Notes

The Banulure, Lesser Sloth, may be found in all parts of all towns during the day at almost any hour. Towards sunset it migrates in search of food, returning to its cage the following morning. Its face and claws are white while its plumage is generally dark and beautiful in appearance. No females of the species have as yet been noticed, but the males are captured and kept in captivity for some 15 or 20 years. This at least is the intention of the captors but commonly the species drift away, or escape and mix with other species long before that time has elapsed. Some authorities claim that the Banulure has been known to attain the age of 40 years, but this has been hotly disputed. Its staple articles of diet are sealing wax, mucilage and copying ink. Owing to its aversion for active exercise its religion is that of the nearest church.

## Port Churchill Harbor

A. J. McKenna, of the Indian Department, has compiled a report upon the proposed route of the Hudson Bay Railway and the navigation of the Hudson Bay

strait. The report shows that the route is practicable. Port Churchill is a satisfactory harbor, and the contributory country can provide ample business for a port. A comprehensive review has been made of all the reports on this subject, old and new. The latest report is from Mr. W. Thibaudeau, who made an exploratory survey of the country to the north of Hudson Bay on the supposed railway route between Port Churchill and Le Pas, where the railway now terminates.

Mr. McKenna comes to the conclusion, from all the material he examined, that Canada has, at Churchill, a safe port, open for several months each year and a site for a city with immense fisheries and a large forest business to develop and mineral wealth deposited in the neighborhood. Mr. Thibaudeau in his report says that Port Churchill can be kept open all the year round with ice-breakers. An ice breaker similar to that now in use between Quebec and Lewis would keep the harbor open the year round.

After covering the route from Churchill to Le Pas, he says: The total mileage of the route explored is 690 miles. It is estimated that the length of the line along the route explored would be 474 miles. From the exploration I made of the country a good railway can be built, at a reasonable cost, almost anywhere close to the proposed location. What is absolutely necessary is good drainage, through the country having so little slope. A railway to Churchill would be of the greatest commercial advantage to the people of the west. Mr. Thibaudeau then gives the reasons, which are saving in transportation of an average of 970 miles from the western provinces, as against Montreal. Fifteen cents a bushel on an export of 2,000,000 bushels meant an enormous saving in the export of wheat alone. The route would be important for shipping to Europe, and there would be a saving of 60 cents a hundred pounds on a car. There are valuable water powers along the route.

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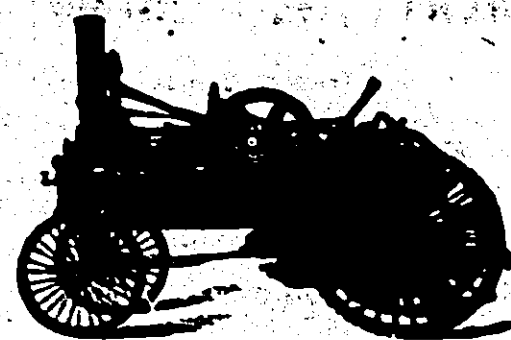
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A Story of Manhattan

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(Continued)

she reached out and took up a cigarette from a pile which lay on a table beside the couch.

"It was thus the curtains caught," she laughed, and after a while or two, she still blazed away over her shoulder. "Fool! And they were all in flame. A moment before I was looking for excitement, any excitement whatever, but that sudden burst of fire frightened me. I rushed out, cried for help, and," she laughed, with a charming little gesture, "spoiled your smoke. Try one of these."

There was no reticence here. It was like playing with fire. I took a cigarette and lit it.

"At Fond-Corre there was much to do," she continued, with a little sigh. "Here there is nothing but to smoke."

"Fond-Corre?" I queried.

"Just beyond St. Pierre," she explained, closing her eyes with delight at the memory. "It is our home."

I can see it again in its grove of cypress trees running down to the gray sand, with the waves lapping gently over it. Tambour! How I sigh for it! And I stretched her arms above her head with a gesture of infinite longing.

A key rattled in the lock, the door opened and a man came in. It was quite in keeping with the dream—the enraged husband with naked scimitar. Even here in New York it was hardly the proper thing to be discovered thus, though not till that instant had I thought of it.

"Ah, now," I said to myself, "stiletto and pistol! You're in a ticklish place, my friend."

But before I could rise, Cecily had sprung from the couch and thrown her arms about his neck.

"Oh, comment on ye, doudoux?" she asked in a voice like—well, I have never heard anything to compare with it.

"Touit doudou, che-et-out!" he answered, and kissed her. Then he perceived me, seemingly for the first time.



She poured the wine down its throat, drop by drop.

though this I somehow doubted. "Good evening, sir," he said, standing with his arm still about his wife and gazing at me with a look so sharp that I found myself for an instant unable to meet it. His wife uttered in his ear a sentence so rapid that I was utterly unable to catch the words, but I suppose it explained the reason of my presence, for he turned to me instantly with outstretched hand.

"Cecily tells me that your presence of mind prevented a general conflagration, Mr. —"

"Lester," I said. "I am your neighbor across the hall."

"My name is Tremaine, and I'm exceedingly glad to meet you," he continued, with a courtesy which charmed me from the first moment. "We must pour a libation to honor the escape."

Cecily, who had been hanging on his lips, flew to the next room and was back in a moment, with decanter and glasses—three of them—and she joined us with an imperturbable matter of course air which somewhat surprised me. Only I noticed she left a little wine in her glass, and with it she approached a square cage of fine gilt mesh hanging over the radiator in the warmest corner of the room.

"She's a most extraordinary woman," Tremaine said, with a smile that seemed a little forced. "She's about to do what no other woman in the world would dare do, and she thinks nothing of it. Come and see."

Cecily had already reached the cage and was bending over it, humming a weird little refrain that rose and fell and turned upon itself, reminding me faintly of the negro spirituals I had once heard at a camp meeting in the Jersey woods. After a moment I saw a movement within the cage, and a head crested itself, a broad, triangular head, deep orange barred with black.

with eyes like coals of fire. It swayed to and fro, to and fro, as Cecily fitted words to the refrain—quaver, chopped off, creole words.

"Oh, ou jolli! ou! Oh, thou art pretty, pretty, Fe-Fe! Pa ka fa moi pe! I do not fear her, not at all! Is she not pretty?"

Gradually we had drawn nearer. Tremaine and I, and I felt myself yielding to the fascination of the song, even as the serpent did. It was not very large, nor seemingly very formidable, so I did not even think of fear when Cecily opened the little door of the cage and drew it forth. She held it between thumb and finger just behind the head and by a slight pressure she forced its jaws apart. Then she poured the wine down its throat, drop by drop. Finally she returned it to its cage and shut the door.

When it was over and she was lying again on the couch, panting with a kind of fearful exhaustion, I turned to Tremaine, who was mopping his forehead feverishly.

"I've got a kind of superstitious horror of that snake," he said apologetically as he met my eyes. "I've seen a lot of them, but none ever affected me just as this one does."

"What is it?" I asked, astonished by his pallor, by the trembling of his hand as he put away his handkerchief and reached for a cigarette. He lighted it before he answered, inviting me by a gesture to help myself.

"It's a fer-de-lance," he said at last. "One of the deadliest serpents in the world, and this particular variety is said to be especially deadly, a sort of creme de la creme, as it were. Its bite kills a man in three minutes if it happens to strike an artery. It does more than that. It turns him to a swollen, rotten piece of carrion. I've seen it." And he leaned back to blow a ring toward the ceiling.

I sat, petrified, with my cigarette halfway to my mouth.

## CHAPTER VII.

MY acquaintance with the Tremaines in the weeks that followed grew by imperceptible degrees into an intimacy which was one of the most pleasant of my life. Of Cecily I have already attempted to give some idea, although I realize how cold and inadequate it is. As I began to know her better I came to wonder more and more at her complexity, her simplicity, her swift change of mood, her utter ignorance of social convention. Another thing I saw, and that was her absolute worship of Tremaine.

As for Tremaine, I hesitate to say how utterly I fell under his spell. Yet this was not in the least to be wondered at. My life had been on the whole so narrow, and his had been so broad; my experience of the world had been cast in the usual grooves, while his had so evidently overlapped them, had struck out a path for itself into all sorts of unexpected places.

I have said that his life had been cast in many curious places. Martinique was only the last of these, the most recent, and I gathered that the business which brought him to New York was the forming of a syndicate to build a railroad through the island. Through is the right word, for it was evident that, owing to the island's peculiar formation, there would have to be much tunneling. But he waved all such practical difficulties aside and discoursed of the great future before such a road with an enthusiasm that was absolutely convincing.

I had just come in from dinner one evening and was settling down to a perusal of "L'Afrique Lorraine," when there came a knock at the door and Tremaine entered. He was in evening dress and was seemingly much perturbed.

"My dear Lester," he began abruptly, in that quick, nervous way of his. "I'm in the deuce of a box, and I'm going to ask you to help me out. I promised Cecily to take her tonight to see the extravaganza at the New York, and have the seats here, but at the last moment I find I can't get away. I've a business engagement that I can't afford to break, but Cecily will never forgive me if I disappoint her. Have you anything on for tonight?"

"No," I answered, looking at him in some astonishment, for it was evident what was coming.

"Then perhaps you wouldn't mind taking Cecily? It would be a tremendous favor."

"Not at all," I assured him, "but—"

"It isn't quite convenient," he finished as I hesitated. "Surely we don't need to stand on ceremony, and Cecily doesn't care a hang for convention. It's a great favor to both of us. She'll cry her eyes out if she has to stay at home, and I simply can't take her."

"Very well," I said. "I'll be glad to take her," and thanking me again he hurried away.

She was dressed and waiting for me when I knocked at her door, and she caught me by both hands as I entered.

"This is good of you," she cried. "I've been so busy for many days that we have gone nowhere, but I've promised her tonight. Oh, I should have stayed at home! I should have gone alone! I care not for the

eyes of the men."

"Oh, I shan't let you go alone!" I protested, and watched her, fascinated.



"Who is that gentleman?" demanded Cecily.

as she put on a little bonnet and gave her hair two or three final pats before the mirror.

She was in the highest spirits, singing to herself—really, I told myself, only a child—and at last she swung around and dropped me a courtesy.

"How is that, che?" she cried, smiling up at me. "Does that please you?"

"Charming!" I cried, gasping a little, with a feeling of giddiness, as I looked down into her eyes.

Our cab swung around into Broadway, ablaze with light, and Cecily forgot me in the excitement of watching the changing crowd, the brilliant shop fronts.

"Here we are," I said as the cab drew up at the curb, and sprang out and helped her down.

We went up to the promenade after the first act and ate an ice together. The place was crowded, and Cecily soon became the center of attraction. Men strolled past merely to look at her, and from more than one woman I caught a flash of eye that said unutterable things. The advent of a new, incomparable siren could not pass unchallenged. At them all Cecily glanced from time to time with admirable nonchalance. One would have sworn she had been reared in New York. She chatted gaily, eating her ice, sipping her wine, looking at me with eyes that glowed like stars. Then suddenly she looked up, her face changed. I glanced up, too, and caught Jim Godfrey's astonished eyes fixed on mine. He bowed and passed on.

"Who is that gentleman?" demanded Cecily eagerly, leaning across the table toward me. "You know him?"

"Oh, quite well," I answered, more and more surprised. "His name is Godfrey."

"Godfrey," she repeated slowly after me, as though fixing it indelibly in her memory. "And what is his business?"

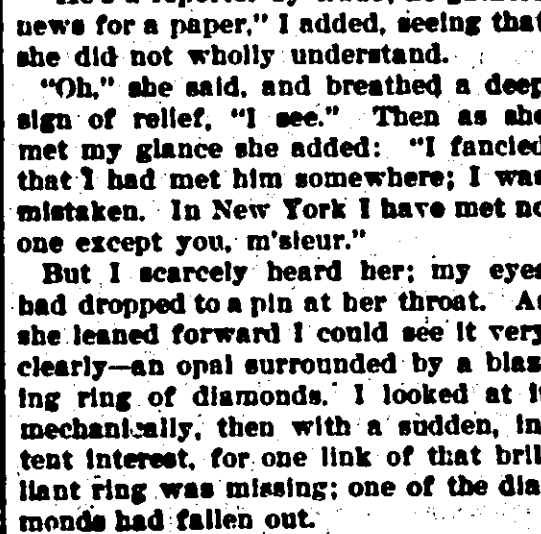
"He's a reporter by trade; he gathers news for a paper," I added, seeing that she did not wholly understand.

"Oh," she said, and breathed a deep sigh of relief. "I see." Then as she met my glance she added: "I fancied that I had met him somewhere; I was mistaken. In New York I have met no one except you, m'sieur."

But I scarcely heard her; my eyes had dropped to a pin at her throat. As she leaned forward I could see it very clearly—an opal surrounded by a blazing ring of diamonds. I looked at it mechanically, then with a sudden, intent interest, for one link of that brilliant ring was missing; one of the diamonds had fallen out.

To Be Continued

Right in His Line.



Teddy (the pugilist)—Well, this is dead easy. Dat's right up me own street.—Scribner's.

He Felt 'Em.

Recon—They say there are over a million species of insects in the world. Egbert—That's no news to me. Don't you suppose I ever went to a Sunday school picnic in the woods?—Yonkers Statesman.

Not Practical.

"Why are you so dissatisfied with that young man?"

"He spends too much time committing to memory the advice of rich men, and how to succeed in life instead of getting out and hustling for business."—Washington Star.

The Main Point.

"Young man, you don't want my daughter."

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Two-thirds of the people go to Ostende, the Belgian beach, to gamble, but the remaining third is so large that the beach, in spite of splendid stables, is always covered with the portable bath-houses, the mushroom and toffin shaped chairs. Even at night the chairs will be there, for with the lights from the buildings and the lighthouse it is almost turned into day. This lighthouse is quite a curiosity. It dates back to 1771, and now in its rebuilt and modernized state it throws a gleam over the country for forty-five miles round.

We are fond of referring to Broadway, New York city, as an especially cosmopolitan street; but if you will permit the expression, it is not in any way "in it" with the promenade at Ostende. All countries are represented, and every representative is in his Sunday best. On a sunny afternoon in the season the boulevards of Paris are not more brilliant than this far famed avenue.

Here the German officer is not in uniform, but in the full glory of his spotless white dunnies, his many colored wide silk belt and his imitation Panama hat. And as he passes a group of attractive ladies his waxed mustache will grow stiffer in its upward twist, and his walking stick will cut the air even more jauntily than before. If his monocle be especially cleverly handled, and his face show an unusual number of the much coveted saber scars, he may be rewarded with a murmured "Reizender Kerl."

The tall, black bearded Russian will walk somberly along and show no emotion or interest in anything, but you may be sure that very little will escape his notice, and at the casino when the play is high you will always find him in close attendance.—Charles F. Peters in Bohemian Magazine.

## THE INFINITE.

Beyond the Visible the Invisible, Beyond the Invisible the Unknown.

In "Victor Hugo's Intellectual Autobiography" the great Frenchman writes as follows of the infinite after asking what vehicle shall be adopted to cross the spaces of the universe: "The locomotive travels fifteen leagues an hour. The hurricane travels sixty leagues an hour. The cannon ball travels 700 leagues an hour. The locomotive drags; the hurricane limps; the cannon ball is a tortoise. Let us bestride a ray of light. This is a mount 4,000 times swifter than the cannon ball, 4,200,000 times swifter than the hurricane and 17,000,000 times swifter than the locomotive. It makes, as you know, 70,000 leagues a second."

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"The apparitions of the universe will continue to loom. The unsoundable will remain before you in its entirety. Beyond the visible the invisible, beyond the invisible the unknown. Everywhere, everywhere, in the zenith, at the nadir, in front, behind, above, below, in the heights, in the depths, looms the formidable darkness of the infinite."

"What, then, is there back of all this? Nothing, say you? Nothing? What! I, a worm of the earth, am possessed of an intelligence, and this immensity is without one? Oh, pardon us, Abyss of Infinity!"

Effects of Radium.

Many precious stones show a remarkable change of color in the presence of radium. In late German experiments a colorless diamond from Borneo became pale yellow after an exposure of eight days to impure radium bromide, deeper yellow in eight days more and was not wholly restored to its original colorlessness by heating to redness. The light blue of a sapphire turned to green in two hours, then to yellow, reddish yellow and after fourteen days to yellowish brown. The color disappeared on heating, a light yellow invariably reappearing, however, when the stone became cold. The rays did not affect the color of the amethyst, ruby, blue topaz or chrysoberyl, but a tourmaline with a green end became green at any other point on which the rays acted.

She Could Swim.

"Look here!" exclaimed the frate suburbanite as he floundered about in the green water and soft mud. "When I bought this lot didn't I tell you I had just been married?"

"You did, sir," replied the land agent boldly.

"Well, do you think this is the proper place to bring a bride?"

"I do, sir. Didn't I hear you call her 'Duckie' two or three times?"

The Main Point.

"Young man, you don't want my daughter."

"Why, sir, I can support her in the style to which she has been accustomed."

"But can you support her in the style of which she has been accustomed to read in trashy novels?"—Washington Herald.

It's better to do something for somebody than to do somebody for something. Try this today.—Wall Street Journal.

Aristotle believed that the proper age for marriage was thirty-seven years for a man and eighteen for a woman.

## NIGHT HAND ON BOTH HANDS.

Four-Fifths of the Babies Said to Be Ambidextrous.

Many reasons have been advanced for the prevalence of "right-handedness." It is by some said to be the result of nursing and infantile treatment, to be due to early practice in writing and drawing, to be the outcome of warfare, education, and heredity, the result of mechanical law and other remote causes, according to The Strand. Sir James Sawyer declares that the preferential use of the right hand is due to the fact that in primitive days man used the right hand for the purposes of offense, so as to keep the heart—the vital spot—as far as possible from the assault of an adversary. Recent experiments and observations, however, prove that single-handedness is merely the result of faulty or restricted education.

It is a curious instance of human contrariness that should one eye, one ear, or one leg of a child show signs of diminished vigor the parents would instantly seek the cause of and if possible remedy for that lamentable condition; yet for some inexplicable reason or prejudice the left hand of the average child is ruthlessly and deliberately neglected, until in mature years it is an undeveloped, useless, and almost unnecessary appendage.

Careful observations have shown that out of every hundred persons born into this world eighty are congenitally ambidextrous—that is to say, they will instinctively reach for an object with either hand and only require proper instruction and training to develop both hands and arms to an equal degree of strength and skill.

Of the remaining 20, 17 will be right-handed, while the other three will show a natural bias toward the left hand. The cultivation of ambidexterity, therefore, offers no insuperable difficulties, and the economical, physiological, and psychological advantages are enormous.

It is said that the Japanese soldiers can use their weapons with equal skill in either hand, for they are trained to be ambidextrous from childhood. At school they are taught to write and draw with both hands. In drawing and painting no supporting device whatever is used, the entire arm being employed.

The German educational authorities, too, are at present giving considerable attention to left hand work, especially in their technical and mechanical schools. The students are taught to saw, plant, and hammer as well with the left hand as with the right, and the economical and industrial importance of ambidexterity is firmly impressed upon the minds of young men and women.

## TEST OF TRUE MANLINESS.

Moral Courage Which Obtains Only With Highest Type.

The real and unflinching test of manliness is a fixed purpose to do the right at all hazards. Physical courage alone may be possessed in a remarkable degree by the bulldog or the weasel, but moral courage obtains only with the highest type of men. Loyalty to the truth, an abiding conviction that no man can afford to be false in any relation of life is a quality of true manliness. This type of manliness never squirms, equivocates or fawns. When in error it most frankly confesses to the wrong, but never compromises with evil. Our genuine man will risk life, reputation, all, for truthfulness of speech and rectitude of behavior.

## Quick Wit Saved Him.

William Faversham once saved himself a dismissal from a company in his early days, through his quick wit. "I had been engaged as a 'utility man,'" he says, "with a company that opened a war play in a western town. I had a difficult part that ran through every act, and it was important, even if I had little to do or do I got along very well, and in spite of the many costume changes I had, I met with no difficulty until the last act. I was an 'orderly' in this scene and I was hurrying to buckle my belt when I heard my cue."

"I hastened to the wings. Some one threw fuller's earth all over me to show that I had been riding hard, and I dashed madly on just as the sound of hoofs died away. When I reached the centre of the stage and the applause had subsided, my hand went into my tunic for my despatches, which I was to hand to General Allen. I had forgotten them!"

"Now, these despatches furnished the climax of the play, and something had to be done and done quickly."

I felt my heart rise in my throat, and I knew that everyone on the stage was looking at me. The wait was growing awful, terrible, and I was just about losing courage, when a brilliant idea came to me. I threw open my shirt, ripped off a porous plaster I was wearing and thrust it into the general's hand. Then I staggered to a chair and dropped exhausted. There was a round of wild applause; for the audience thought I had been shot and had covered the wound with the despatches."

## Witch Doctors.

A curious case of "witch-doctoring" occurred recently near Vryheid, in Natal. A boy belonging to Chief Kembi's tribe returned to his kraal from Johannesburg sick, and Manouso Uhlongwa, a learned Kafir "doctor," diagnosed his ailment as madness. A hole was dug in the clay, deep enough to cover the patient's shoulders, and bundles of wood were put into the hole and set alight. After the wood had burned for an hour water was thrown on the fire, causing clouds of steam. The patient was placed in the midst of this heated furnace, and carefully covered with a cowhide. One witness said the steam escaping through an opening of the skin, severely burned him on the arms and shoulders; so that the state of the unfortunate patient was obvious. The "doctor" said they could take the man out when he became unconscious, but they found him dead. Four months later native gossip carried the story to the authorities, who exhumed the body and arrested the "doctor," who is now serving 18 months' hard labor.

## HAVE NO MORE EPIDEMICS.

Will be Abolished Within Fifty Years Says Scientist.

The abolition of consumption and all epidemics within fifty years, is the promise made by a well known scientist, Prof. E. Ray Lankester.

The wiping out of all epidemics—think what it would mean! In the fourteenth century 25,000,000 persons died in Europe in the Black Death epidemic. The great plague in London in 1665 carried off 68,594 persons out of a population of 460,000, and the mortality probably would have been at least twice as great if one-third of the population had not fled to escape the pestilence. In 1556 the plague carried off 300,000 persons in five months in Naples and vicinity, passing the following year to Rome, where 10,000 died, and to Genoa, where there were 60,000 deaths.

Great progress has been made since then in sanitary science, and visitations of the plague now are rare. But the death-roll of smallpox, cholera, bubonic plague, yellow fever, diphtheria, and other epidemics, is an appalling proof of man's ignorance of sanitary laws.

The weekly mortality statements issued by the Chicago department of health show consumption and pneumonia almost invariably at the head of the lists as the causes of the greatest number of deaths. A movement of practically national extent has been started to check the ravages of consumption, sometimes called the "white plague." Special hospitals and open air camps have been established for the treatment of consumptives, and the results obtained thus far have been encouraging.

One of the most startling theories advanced by Prof. Lankester in his disease is a product of civilization. Furthermore he points out that the only wild animals which become diseased are those which come in contact with domesticated animals.

The savages, before they came in contact with civilized men, were robust and strong, without disease, but with the coming of missionaries and traders came the diseases of civilization, which are rapidly wiping out the savage peoples. He cites, for example, the measles, a comparatively harmless disease among civilized races, which was introduced by Europeans with deadly results among the natives of the South Sea Islands.

Prof. Lankester is of the opinion that the causes and cures of all germ diseases and epidemics can be discovered within fifty years if sufficient support and encouragement are given to scientific men who are giving their whole talents and energies to investigations which promise to make mankind practically immune to such diseases. He tells of examining in the Pasteur Institute in Paris in 1906, the minute spiral thread discovered in that year by Fritz Schaudin, and called by him spirochaeta pallida, since altered to spirochaeta pallidum. This organism has been shown to be the cause of "the most terrible and widely spread of human diseases, destroying the health and strength of those whom it does not kill, and damaging the lives of their children, so that it has been said that this malady and the use of alcohol as a beverage together, are responsible for more than half the disease and early death of the mature population of Europe."

## The Thumbscrew Ordeal.

William Carstairs, the Scotch divine who for fourteen years served William III. as confidential secretary and adviser in chief, had been implicated in the Rye House plot, a conspiracy to assassinate Charles II. and place Monmouth on the throne. It was put to the excruciating torture of the thumbscrew, or thumbscrews, which he endured heroically, without confessing or implicating others.

After Carstairs became the private adviser of William he was presented with the instrument by which he had been tortured. The King, wishing to see the measure of fortitude necessary to endure the terrible torture without making a confession of some sort, placed his thumbs in the machine and told Carstairs to turn the screw. He turned slowly and cautiously.

"It is unpleasant," said King William, "yet it might be endured. You are trifling with me. Turn the screw so that I may really feel pain similar to that you felt."

Carstairs turned the screw sharply. The King cried out, and when released said that under such pain he would have confessed to anything, true or false.

## Trading in Hair.

The market for human hair is steadily growing wider, and to supply it men go regularly from town to town in France, Germany, Switzerland and Russia, buying all they can get. Some enterprising dealers are said to even send agents as far as China for this purpose.

The finest hair in Europe is furnished by Brittany, for the Breton women have very luxuriant tresses which never fail to bring a high price. Most of these women are poor and are quite willing to dispose of their hair, especially as they wear bonnets which completely cover their heads and thus effectively hide their shorn locks.

France furnishes more black and brown hair than any other country, while fair and golden hair is furnished, as a rule, by women of Germany and the North of Europe. Grey and white hair is always in demand, and if of really good quality commands a very high price.

Much tact is needed to persuade some women to part with their hair, and a man who is both a good judge of hair and a diplomatic bargainer commands a high salary.

## One Was in No Hurry.

Respect is due to the man on his last journey to the cemetery, and the cabman who was making for Victoria station showed the proper feeling in driving for some distance along the procession without trying to cross it. But at last he could contain himself no longer. Turning his horse across the hearse, he said, in a cabman's whisper, "Look here, my fare's in a hurry, as yours ain't!"







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