

CURRENT CONDENSATIONS

TO-DAY'S TERRESTRIAL TATTLE TERSELY TOLD.

Windy to-day, with snow. The tobacco trust is bursted—gone up in smoke, so to speak.

An Arkansas boiler explosion killed two men and injured several. New stock yards to cost half a million are projected at Dubuque, Iowa.

An Illinois girl has died from hydrophobia, the result of a cat bite. An Ontario man was nearly trampled to death by a cow the other day.

The railways built in the States during the closing year measure 5800 miles. A gang of counterfeiters, on a wholesale scale, have been arrested at Pittsburg.

A couple living as man and wife at Toronto turn out to be brother and sister.

The attempt to release the Government steamer Napoleon has been abandoned.

Our Quebec correspondent gives currency to several interesting political points.

A dastardly attempt to murder a man to prevent his marriage is reported from Flint, Mich.

A New York woman who fell on the street was killed by her hat pin piercing her brain.

Boulangerism is declared in the French Chamber to be a corpse. Then let it be decently buried.

The Indian outbreak has developed no new features, but there is evidently more trouble ahead.

There is a war on between the authorities of Seattle and the railroads. Bloodshed is feared.

Capt. Wm. McDonald has been arrested in Portland, Ore., on a charge of having committed forgery in England.

An explosion in a mine is reported from Pennsylvania, but the latter accounts say there was not loss of life.

Forgery and larceny appear to have been accessories of the recently exposed bogus divorce factory in New York.

Bradstreet's reports for the week indicate no decided change in trade affairs, but a hopeful outlook on the whole.

Some personal friends of Mr. O'Brien fear that "Parnell's persuasiveness" may succeed in converting the former.

A frightful railroad accident is reported from Ohio, where 15 people are killed and an immense number injured.

The Waterloo, Ont., county Council have dismissed the charge brought against the registrar by a former deputy.

A local paper charges that the town councillors of Windsor, Ont., are in league with Detroit contractors for hoodling purposes.

A compromise has been arrived at between the friends of the Quebec Ship Laborers' Society and those who desired its abolition.

The fire record of yesterday tells of the wiping out of a Minneapolis town and the loss of six lives in various parts of the country.

An ex-mercenary of the German army tells of horrors—none the less so because they are petty—crucities practiced on the private.

One hundred and thirty-two is the official majority of the Conservative candidate for the House of Commons in South Victoria.

Pedowski, the nihilist murderer, is now said to be safe in Bulgaria, the only country in Europe where his crime would be regarded as political.

The deadly electric wire has been again getting in its work at Minneapolis, where a negro was killed while leaning up against an iron post.

The round house of the New York Central at West Albany collapsed yesterday, and a number of men are supposed to be buried in the ruins.

A WIDE-SPREAD AREA OF STORM.

Great Damage Done by Wind, Blizzards and Downfall of Snow.

REPORTS FROM STORM CENTRES.

The Greatest Meteorological Disturbance Known For Several Years.

[The storm that has been prevailing for the past couple of days seems to have been the greatest known since the blizzard which caused so much destruction in New York and in the Eastern States a few seasons ago.]

The telegraphic dispatches received by our special services from the various points give a good idea of the large amount of damage done and the wide area of territory covered by the storm.

New York, Dec. 26.—The storm raged fiercely on Staten Island to-day, the snow falling thick and fast and the wind blowing a gale. The rapid transit railroad lines moved with much difficulty and great delay.

Many vessels, including several steamships are anchored off Stapleton.

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Snow began falling this forenoon and still continues. The thermometer registered 18 below zero last night, but has been rising throughout the day and is now 10 above.

RONDOUT, Dec. 26.—The severest storm of the season set in early this morning and snow has been falling continually since. About eight inches on a level has fallen all along the upper Hudson. The thermometer set is below zero.

NEWARK, Dec. 26.—The blizzard has buried this city in snow to the extent of a foot, completely blocking all horse car travel. The storm is accompanied by a sharp north west wind, which renders walking extremely unpleasant.

LEXINGTON, Mass., Dec. 26.—Snow has been falling in the Berkshire Hills nearly all day, and the high wind drives it into great drifts.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—The Journal's Pierre, S. D., special says: "A forty mile an hour gale to the West carrying a blinding cloud of dust prevails here. It is the heaviest yet known in the Missouri Valley for years."

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 26.—The thermometer at noon was at zero, and at two o'clock a regular blizzard prevailed with a high gale. The storm promises to be severe.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., Dec. 26.—It has been snowing hard here since 3 o'clock this morning and it is now 10 inches deep on the level. All the electric car lines are tied up and travel is impeded.

LYNNVILLE, Vt., Dec. 26.—The thermometer registered 40 below zero last night and 30 below this morning.

FATHER POINT—Thursday, 3 below zero. Clear, northwest wind. Friday, 2 below zero; southwest wind. Close ice everywhere stationary.

Martin River—Thursday and Friday, cloudy; gales northwest. Heavy close packed ice everywhere.

FAME POINT—Thursday and Friday, clear; gales; northwest winds. Close packed ice everywhere.

To Equinax Point—Ten below zero. Clear; gale northwest. Close open ice along shore.

Asticosti—Ten. Cloudy; northwest winds; no ice.

Magdalen Islands and Meat Cove—Blinding snow storm. Strong northwest winds.

Low Point—Clear; northwest winds; no ice.

RE-ARREST OF A BATTLED MAN—Compromise Concerning the Ship Laborers' Society.

Dunour, the caterer who made such a murderous attack upon the sculptor Regal at Lake St. John and was since admitted on bail, has been re-arrested.

The bill to repeal the charter of the Ship Laborers' Society was considered by a special committee this morning, and after arguments pro and con a compromise was arrived at between the friends of the society and those desirous of its abolition.

The committee recommended the Legislature to amend the present charter so that all the societies by-law now in force or to be hereafter passed shall first be approved by the Lieutenant-Governor in council, and the House this afternoon adopted the report, and passed the bill as amended.

HE OWNS UP.—The Hon. Mr. Charles Buttner, the divorce lawyer, who was arrested to-day, has made a partial confession to the police and acknowledges the committing of the crimes of forgery and larceny in connection with the bogus "divorce mill" of Hughes and Campbell, which was recently exposed by ex-Mayor Pendleton of Fort Worth, Tex. Buttner says he is willing to pay the penalty for his crime.

WILL HE SUGAR KING?—A despatch from Havana reports that a syndicate of New York capitalists has within the last few days purchased for \$600,000 in gold the sugar plantation and factory known as San Ramon, one of the largest in Cuba, and is making arrangements to construct lines of transportation throughout the area and reduce the cost of production.

The plantation already produces 50,000 bags of sugar annually, and it is the intention to produce 100,000 bags next year.

BLOODSHED THREATENED.

Serious Conflict Between the City of Seattle and the Northern Pacific.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—A serious conflict is pending between the city of Seattle and the Northern Pacific, and in order to prevent violence and bloodshed the court refused to enjoin the city authorities from tearing up the railroad tracks. The Northern Pacific claims the right of way over certain streets. It was enjoined by the city in October, but on Monday Seattle's corporation counsel signed a stipulation dissolving the injunction.

Monday night the railroad company put a force of men at work and laid the track across the disputed street and defied city police and Mayor and refused to stop work. Tuesday the city street commissioner with a force of men and the assistance of judgment citizens, tore up the track and a great excitement prevailed. The Northern Pacific yesterday asked for an injunction from the Superior Court to prevent the city from tearing up the track. The court refused the injunction, giving as the principal reason a desire to prevent violence and bloodshed which would follow if the railroad company attempted to lay the track on these streets.

THE INDIAN OUTBREAK.

More Troops to be Dispatched to Subdue the Enemy.

PINE RIDGE, S. D., Dec. 26.—The peace party failed as was predicted. Five of the friendly are in and report that the rest are on their way in. The enemy are described as crazy and wholly unmanageable. None have come over from the fighters. It is now believed that the 7th regiment will start into the field at once to subdue those warriors.

CAMP NEAR BATTLE CREEK, S. D., Dec. 26.—The situation here remains practically unchanged. The weather is cold and the rivers are frozen solid. A company of Cheyenne scouts is encamped at the mouth of Battle Creek. Two attacks were made on Wednesday by the hostiles who number about 50 to 60 men into their camp. The first attack was made by only a few of the Indians who were quickly repulsed with a loss of two killed and several wounded. Three of the Cheyenne Indians scouts were wounded and it is thought one is fatally hurt. The second attack was made after daybreak, by what was supposed to be the whole band, who were led by Kicking Bear.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—General Miles telegraphs from Rapid City, S. D., Dec. 25: "Have not heard from Colonel Carr for thirty-six hours. He started to intercept Big Foot. Should he succeed or perish to Cheyenne agency, will be favorable, as General Brooke reports messenger from Little Wound, Big Road and Fast Thunder, who are the leaders of the Indians who went to the Bad lands, says that about half the Indians there are coming in and thinks the rest will follow. Should not this be interrupted by some unforeseen event, it will be most desirable."

DEATH RATHER THAN SIBERIA.

Tragic Results of Nihilistic Discoveries in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—Tragic consequences have followed the discovery by the Russian police of a nihilist propaganda among the students of the Athenaeum Institute at Dorpat, the Athens of the northern empire. A number of the students implicated in the conspiracy were arrested and will be sent to Siberia. Two of the suspects, however, determined to escape the penalties of a long separation from their families. The affair has caused a great sensation in Dorpat.

COLLAPSE OF A ROUND HOUSE.

A Number of Men Reported to be Buried Under It.

ALBANY, Dec. 26, 3:15 p.m.—The roof of the round house of the New York Central Railroad at West Albany has just fallen in and it is reported a number of men are buried under it.

3:30 p.m.—John Redden has just been taken out, quite seriously injured and is under the doctors' care. A gang of men are digging for others supposed to be in the wreck.

The Dignified Ann O'Della.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Alfred E. Beach, editor of The Scientific American, whose wife has recently fallen under the domination of Miss Debar and other spiritistic frauds, said to-day: "It is a very painful subject. I do not like to discuss it. We humor Mrs. Beach in her weakness because we do not like to cross her. But this Miss Debar woman and the rest of her set will get very little money from Mrs. Beach. She has given them comparatively small sums, and will, I suppose, continue to do so, she is so fixed in her belief; but they will never get enough from her to build a medium's home."

The gentle Ann is living now at No. 124 West Washington place, not in such luxurious quarters as of yore, but better than some she can recall.

"It's a lie," she shouted when the story was related to her. "It's a lie, a lie, lie, lie. This is too much. My lawyer has been called to my protection. I shall begin at once libel proceedings against every newspaper which prints this infamous story."

SAD END OF A PLEASANT EVENING.

Twenty-Two Persons Plunged Through the Ice into Rice Lake.

Lake, One Young Lady Meets Her Death.

Several Other Fatalities Are Expected to Follow the Misadventure.

CONROE, Ont., Dec. 26.—On Christmas morning while twenty-two young people were driving home across Rice Lake to Harwood from Bewly where they had spent the night dancing the sleigh and horses broke through the ice precipitating the whole party into the water. After a desperate struggle the men succeeded in getting the girls and themselves out on the ice. The weather was intensely cold and before the half-drowned people could get ashore a number of them were severely frock bitten.

On their arrival on land they took possession of a vacant house which fortunately contained a stove. Before a fire could be lighted Miss Elsie Johnson succumbed to the hardship she had undergone and died, notwithstanding the efforts of the others to save her life.

Several others of the party are in a critical condition and their lives are uncertain that one or more of them will not recover from the effects of their cold plunge and exposure.

A FRIGHTFUL CALAMITY.

Fifteen Persons Killed and an Immense Number Injured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—A special despatch from Caldwell, Ohio, says word has just been received here of a frightful wreck which occurred on the Duck Creek Railroad several miles from here.

Fifteen persons are reported to be killed and the number of injured cannot be estimated.

A Tale of Hard Times Told by an Explorer.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Paris correspondent of a London journal has seen M. Bonvalot, the explorer of Central Asia. The traveller claims that he and Prince Henri de Chartres in crossing Asia from the Caspian to the Volga did far more, and in the face of greater dangers than Carey or the Russian Prjevalski. They were five weeks in the Tibet mountains at altitudes varying from 4000 to 6000 metres. Their faces were too blistered to be recognizable, and their heads constantly dizzy and aching. A snow storm separated them on the way to Lhasa from a Mongol caravan, and made the hills trackless. The cold was so intense as to make the barrel of their guns brittle as glass. The yacks were unable to bear them at such altitudes, and they had to walk. They could not cook any rice because the fuel was not found. The explorer and his companions did not see a human creature but themselves. Where there were tribes they were of dwarfish, thick-set people, riding on shaggy ponies long as their tribes were in a long separation. M. Bonvalot believes the mineral wealth of Tonquin in coal and other products to be incalculable.

Sudden Death of a Well-Known St. John Man.

ST. JOHN, N.B., Dec. 26.—Thomas E. Streek, a well-known citizen, was found dead in bed yesterday. He was well and hearty the previous evening, but died of heart disease during the night. He was 66 years of age and leaves a widow and family. He had lived in St. John 40 years, and during the last 25 years had been employed with E. D. Jewett.

Arrested for Forgery in England.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Captain William McDonald was arrested here this morning on a charge of forgery. He is accused of forging a will in Lancaster, England, recently under the name of George Brooks. Through the forgery he came into possession of a considerable sum of money. He afterwards came to America. McDonald makes general and specific denials of the charge. He declared that he has not been in England here for several months.

Get a Shot That Caused Death.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 26.—A negro named Will Grovener was killed this afternoon by leaping against an iron post to which was tied a loose telephone wire. The wire was crossed with an electric wire and the full force of the current went into the post. A mule, which the negro was driving, had touched the post with his nose and had fallen to the ground. The negro had got down from the wagon to see what was the matter with the mule and leaped against the post with the result as stated. He died almost instantly.

The Remains of a Missing Man Found.

MADISON, Ind., Dec. 26.—The body of A. F. Lepper, unaccountably missing since Dec. 11, was discovered this morning in an unfrequented spot north of town. In a fit of despondency he had shot himself.

A ROMANTIC STORY.

Told by a Lately Arrived Italian in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Augustina Carmenette, a handsome Italian, is detained at the Barge Office as an ex-convict and under the Immigration Act he is debarré from landing. Carmenette was a steerage passenger on the steamer Hindocstan, which arrived from Naples on Wednesday.

He confessed to a registry clerk that he had served seven months in an Italian prison but he explained his incarceration by telling an interesting story.

His crime was slashing the face of his sweetheart with a knife and disfiguring her for life. The strange part of it is that according to Carmenette it was done at the girl's request. Two years ago, Carmenette was employed in the store of a wealthy jeweler named Fraccola, in Florence, Italy. There he met the jeweler's daughter, Nanette, then eighteen years old, a dark haired, black-eyed, beautiful girl. Carmenette fell in love, and as the girl proved his affection was reciprocated.

The two continued to see each other at the store, but had no opportunity for private conversation until one Sunday evening Carmenette escorted Nanette to church. He then declared his passion, but Nanette told him that although she returned it there were two other suitors for her hand, both wealthy, and her parents arranged for her marriage to the son of a rich merchant.

Carmenette finally went to his employer one day and formally asked for his daughter's hand. Fraccola refused with oaths and drove the young man from his presence, dismissing him also at the same time.

Nanette, as the story goes, told her father she would marry Carmenette and none other. She was locked in her room for a week, but finally bribed her maid to carry a note to Carmenette. The note arranged for a meeting in her father's garden. This she did, and she was told him the day for her marriage with her obnoxious suitor had been set by her parents and the only means of escape was to have her beauty spoiled. She begged Carmenette to disfigure her face and he reluctantly consented to do so. He made two cuts, one on each cheek, he says. She bore the pain heroically. When her parents discovered her condition they were furious but the girl refused to tell who disfigured her face. The maid, however, told of the delivery of the note and Carmenette's arrest, conviction and imprisonment followed.

After his release Nanette and he were joyfully married, and Carmenette's journey to America was to prepare a home for his bride. Collector Erhardt will decide his fate to-day.

PARNELL'S PERSUASIONS.

Fears That He May be Able to Convert O'Brien to His Views.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Some of Mr. O'Brien's friends confess their anxiety as to the result of Mr. Parnell's conference with him in Paris. Mr. O'Brien's anxiety to see and put the present disastrous state of affairs in Ireland at a close is so great that it is feared that he will be influenced by arguments seeming to point to an honorable and practical basis of reconciliation which will hereafter prove to have been misleading. Parnell's friends, who have subscribed to Parnell's persuasions, are involved in the belief that he is capable of "making the worse appear the better reason" in such a degree as to possibly avert even so firm a party as O'Brien's from a course which he has laid down for himself while free from the personal influence of his former leader.

Others, however, who are on equally close terms of intimacy with Mr. O'Brien, assert that nothing can induce him to accept any compromise which would include Mr. Parnell's retention of the actual leadership, and thus prevent the Gladstonians from continuing the Home Rule programme.

The Freeman's Journal has for a few days past been pouring fulsome praise upon Mr. O'Brien, and the editor of that paper was almost the first man to greet him on his arrival in France, having been despatched as Parnell's forerunner to arrange for a conference. It is evident that the Parnellites view Mr. O'Brien's attitude as the most vital question of the hour.

The anti-Parnellites place hardly less stress upon this point and they have not neglected to urge him to remain steadfast in his expressed decision against Parnell.

A Whole Town Wiped Out—Six Lives Sacrificed to Flames.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 26.—It is reported here that fire last night wiped out the town of Bee Heights, on the Northwest road, but no particulars are obtainable.

PLANTAGENET, Ont., Dec. 26.—The residence of Mr. Mackay, Division of the ball, was burned to the ground this morning and very little of the contents saved. Mr. and Mrs. Mackay and two children escaped with the clothes they had on at the time. The loss, which is heavy, is partly covered by insurance.

TROY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Gibbons, more than 80 years of age, was suffocated at a fire in Saratoga at 4 o'clock this morning. Her bed caught fire from a stove.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 26.—In a fire on Orchard street early this morning Mrs. John Diederich and her three children were burned to death.

VIROQUA, Wis., Dec. 26.—Fire originating in Lindenau building yesterday swept away the entire block excepting the Fremont house, involving a loss of \$10,000 with \$15,000 insurance.

WERANGHA, Wis., Dec. 26.—This morning a fire was discovered in the Lawyers' saloon at Fremont and before it was under control it destroyed two other buildings. John Ennis, who was carrying out goods from the Lawyers building perished in the flames.

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—The intercolonial railway baggage room at Levis was gutted by fire yesterday.

A small fire in St. Bridget's Asylum to-day did damage to the extent of about \$5000.

A PENNSYLVANIA MINE HORROR.

Caused by the Upsetting of a Stable Man's Lamp Over a Barrel of Oil.

HEROIC RESCUE BY A MINE MASTER.

Months Must Elope Before Work Can Be Resumed.

MT. PLEASANT, Dec. 26.—Nearly all of the company's property above and below the shaft were burned. Sixteen mules also perished. The fire was caused by stableman John Skrogg's lamp setting fire to a barrel of oil which exploded. The burning oil scattered over the stable. Skrogg battled with the flames but without effect, and barely gained the top of the shaft when the flames followed him, setting fire to everything of an inflammable nature.

There were 150 men at work in the burning mine. At the first alarm the entire population of the village rushed to the shaft, a babel of shrieking voices as they saw their heads crawling out of the little hole in the ground to a place of safety. All of the miners were saved.

Mine-master Wm. West had discovered the flames and given a timely warning to the working men, who were scattered over a radius of nearly a mile. Mine-master West, assuring himself that all his men were safe, with a dozen followers reentered the mine and erected a barricade, preventing the flames from spreading in the heading.

Charles Bowler, the company's master mechanic, ventured beyond the fire limit and was over come by the gas. West dashed through the flames, dragging Bowler back to a place of safety and rescued him.

The company's loss will reach \$75,000 and months will elapse before the works can be operated again.

DAGO COUNTERFEITERS.

A Great Hunt of "Shovers of the Queer."

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26.—Seventeen men and two women were arrested last night on the charge of passing counterfeit money. One thousand one hundred dollars in silver, perfect in every detail, were only last night light weight, were also captured. The counterfeiters who made the raid at No. 523 Lincoln avenue. To-day five other men have been arrested on suspicion and \$560 additional bogus silver dollars captured.

The United States marshal says that the money was not made in Pittsburgh, but the gang, all of whom so far captured were Italians, has its headquarters elsewhere.

Important Political Rumors.

QUEBEC, Dec. 26.—A very prominent official of the Local Government has been suspended by the Prime Minister. A rumor was current to-day that Mr. LaBelle had tendered his resignation as Deputy Minister of Agriculture, but the Government at a special meeting to-night declined to accept it.

Hon. Mr. Blanchet leader of Opposition was to-day presented by members of his party with a gold headed cane. Hon. Mr. Tallon was present.

A Bloody Duel With Bowles.

FLORENCE, Wis., Dec. 26.—Joe Holden and John Neumer, two lumbermen, while coming into town yesterday, fought a bloody battle with bowie knives. Neumer is badly cut and will die.

Strong Winds and Snow.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—The disturbance which covered Tennessee last night is now over the New England coast as a severe storm, and the other disturbances mentioned covers Lake Superior. Snow has fallen in the lower portion of the Lake region and it is now snowing hard along the St. Lawrence. A minimum temperature—Calgary, 6; Winnipeg, 3; Toronto, 12; Montreal, 12; Montreal, 12 below; Quebec, 15 below; Halifax, 12 below.

Signal signals will be continued at ocean ports.

Probabilities.

Lakes—Strong winds and gales shifting to westerly and northwesterly; mostly cloudy and comparatively mild to-day, with light snowfalls; colder again by morning.

St. Lawrence—Upper—Fresh to strong winds; cloudy, with falls of snow.

St. Lawrence—Lower—Fresh to strong winds and gales; mostly clear; easterly northerly; cloudy, with snow; higher temperature.

Maritime—Strong winds and gales; mostly westerly; cloudy, with snow; turning to sheet of rain in some localities; higher temperature.

Temperature in the shade by Standard Thermometer, observed by Hearn & Harrison, Opticians and Mathematical Instrument Makers, 360 and 362 Notre-Dame-street, S. W. M., 10; 1 p.m., 2; 6 p.m., 2. Max., 10; min., -15; mean, 1.

By Standard Barometer—4-8 a.m., 30.7; 1 p.m., 30.2; 6 p.m., 30.2. Signifies below zero.

Steamship Arrivals.

Dec. 23. Reported as From  
Trove... Southampton... New York.  
Wyoming... Queenstown...  
City of Berlin... Liverpool...  
Friedland... St. John's... Halifax.  
Neptune... St. John's... Halifax.

DEATHS.

BURKE.—At 85 St. Luke-street on Wednesday, Dec. 24, the wife of Michael Burke of a daughter.

BISHOP.—At No. 2 Fire-Station, on Dec. 25, the wife of Captain J. Bishop, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

SHERBORN.—At the residence of the bride's father, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, by Rev. Dr. Jackson, Chas. A. Sherborn, of St. Ann's, Gt. Toronto, and Jennie, only daughter of H. McCullough, Esq., of Galt.

DEATHS.

BURLAND.—In Philadelphia, on the 24th December, Clarissa H. Cochrane, beloved wife of G. B. Burland, aged 63 years.

Buried from her late residence, 287 Thirteenth-street, on Saturday, 27th inst., at 3 p.m.

GLASS.—On Dec. 11, at 9 Alma-road, Canonbury, London, England, Jane Richardson, the beloved wife of James Hart, formerly of Overdale House, Montreal.

SUSPENDED WHEELMEN WITH GOOD RECORDS.

The Men who were Racing all Season and were then Put on the Blacklist.

ANY SNOWSHOE CLUBS OUT.

Tramp of the Garrison Artillery, Argyles and Expellers to the Club House Last Night.

More than one of the wheelmen who were recently suspended by the Racing Board of the American...

McMahon Getting Ready. John McMahon of this city, champion collar and elbow wrestler...

Argyles Going to Lachine. It has been decided that the next afternoon tramp of the Argyle Snowshoe Club...

The Excelsiors. The Excelsior Snowshoe Club had their tramp last night when a large number went to the Club House...

Grand Carnival Night. A meeting of representatives from the Montreal, Argyle, Holly, Crescent, Montreal Garrison Artillery and Excelsior Snowshoe Clubs...

Argyle Tramp. The regular weekly tramp of the Argyle Snowshoe Club was held last night, when about forty members went over the mountains to the Athletic Club House...

Garrison Artillery Tramp. The Garrison Artillery Snowshoe Club had their regular weekly tramp last night. Some thirty-five members turned out...

Montreal Club Tramp. This afternoon the members of the old Tuque Blanche will tramp out to Lachine. The start will be made from the Gymnasium at 3 o'clock...

Trotting. The Changes in Trotting Time in Thirty-One Years. It is over 31 years since a trotter first took a record of 2:20 or better in harness...

A Prominent Bicycleist. One of the most prominent bicyclists of the day is undoubtedly Bert Myers. He was born at Toulon, Ill., March 24, 1867...

Wrestling. Muldoon Throws Roebler in Eighteen Minutes and Fifty Seconds. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—"Greek George" was to have met William Muldoon at the Central Theatre last evening...

W. G. Harrison's 45 sec. two wins, five losses; E. J. Kirk 1 min. 33 sec., one win, six losses; J. and G. Gautier 2 min., seven losses.

Champion Elliott Suffers Defeat From Two Brothers. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Chicago's sportsmen are too rapid for Champion J. A. R. Elliott of Kansas City. On Friday George Kleinman defeated him by a score of 91 to 83...

Laidlaw Takes the First Race. McCORMICK Defeated in the First of the Series of Three Skating Races at St. John. News information from official sources which puts a somewhat different light on the action of the board of managers of the Amateur Athletic Union in refusing the applications of Al and Charley Buckenberger...

A High Kicking Record. In referring to the athletic performance of Prof. W. F. Gearhart, superintendent of the Louisville Athletic Club who made a new record for high kicking with both feet together in the gymnasium recently the New York Clipper says: The height, as measured by the judges, W. B. Hardy, J. H. Allison and E. W. Kelly, was 7 ft. 3 in. Gearhart was no ordinary slipper that was no longer than his feet and the suspended object kicked at the same time, coming to the floor with both feet side by side...

add greatly to the merit of the performance. Nelson holds the fastest record for a season. His wife, Young Rolfe, was by Tom Rolfe, himself, by Dr. Deane. Tom Rolfe was by Big's Arabian. The pacing mare Pocahontas, who made a record of 2:17 to wagon, as long ago as 1855, driven by James D. McManis, the same veteran that piloted Flora Temple to her record of 2:19. The dam of Nelson was Gretchen, by Gid-eou, a son of Hamblonian. Gretchen is a good brood mare, but the wonderful speed of Nelson doubtless fits his misappreciation in old Pocahontas, whose blood broods on without fail. For instance her son Tom Rolfe, trotted in 2:34 in 1883; his son, Young Rolfe, trotted in 2:21 in 1884, and would have made a much faster record had it not fallen dead in a race at Mystic Park, Boston, and the latter's son, Nelson, trotted in 2:18 in 1890. What will the record of Nelson do in 1900? The next best record of the season is the 2:11 of the California stallion Stamboul, and he still on the warpath for Nelson's scalp. The 2:12 of Jack and the 2:12 of Margaret S. come next in point of speed.

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Myer Will Fight Any Lightweight in the World. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. New York, Dec. 26.—Billy Myer, the Sireator lightweight, came to town yesterday looking hale and hearty. He looks bigger than he has been for some time, and will probably stand a deal of training to get to 135 pounds. He says nothing has been done in regard to his fight with Austin Gibbons, and as the latter has not covered his forfeit in Boston, the fight is probably off. Myer says he will fight McAniff or any other lightweight in the world for a stake and purse before any first-class athletic club in the country. He says that all McAniff's talk about a bluff or bluff would cover his (Myer's) forfeit paid with Capt. Cooke, of Boston. Billy says that he will probably go to New Orleans to see the Dempsey-Fitzsimmons fight, and while there will try to get on a match with either Carroll or McAniff, both of whom will be there.

An Interesting Game Played at the Royal Aquarium. Land and water says: One of the best matches played this season was that which took place at the Royal Aquarium last week, where W. Mitchell endeavored to give the young Huddersfield player, C. Dawson, a start of 150 in 8000 up spot-barred. For the first three days the game appeared very even, but on Thursday and Friday Mitchell played superbly and on the latter evening had actually taken the lead at 6667 to Dawson 6619. Though the game then appeared as good as won, there was a change of fortune Saturday to witness the last stage of the match, for Dawson's uphill struggle with Peall under similar circumstances was remembered. The result was that Mitchell played almost as well as ever, won as he did against Peall, amongst considerable cheering and excitement by 105 points, the final scores being: Dawson 8000, Mitchell 7895. During the week the best breaks made were by Mitchell, 214, 777, 175, 168 and some 14 or 15 others of 100; while Dawson's best, among several of three figures, were 196 and 157. The match played between John Roberts and T. Taylor at the Egyptian Hall, London, ended on Monday in the latter's defeat by 539 points. Roberts gave Taylor 2225, but the game being spot-barred, and the match promising an interesting finish, as on Friday night Taylor had reached 4319 to the champion's 3770, but as usual, Roberts' quick set to work, and with chief breaks of 191, 109, 90, 51 and 70, he got within 81 of the leader at the adjournment, the scores then standing at 4908 to 4827 in Taylor's favor. In the evening Roberts had an easy task, and with 81, 210, 90, 99, 115 and 127 against nothing of very great importance, he ultimately won as stated. During the week Roberts made thirty-three breaks of three figures, including a magnificent run of 574, which is his highest spot-barred effort of the season. The final scores were: Roberts 6000, Taylor 5461.

Swimming. The Great Half Mile Swimming Tournament in England Ended. The half mile swimming tournament at the Westminster Aquarium came to an end on Saturday. Joseph Nuttall, the champion, continued his winning career, and in the result went right through the handicap without a single defeat. J. F. Standing, the ex-amateur champion, was a good second, his only reverse being on the occasion upon which he met Nuttall, while Taylor, the third man, was only defeated by Nuttall and Standing. In the course of the week Nuttall twice beat record time for half mile, first on Wednesday he covered the distance in 12 min. 11 sec., and on Thursday he did it in 12 min. 8 sec. 1/2. On Wednesday he beat the record time for half mile was Nuttall's own at Lambeth Baths of 12 min. 13 sec., and as a matter of fact, that must still remain the better performance, for it was done in a forty yards bath, while at Westminster Nuttall had the advantage of the push-off just twice as many times, for here the bath is only twenty yards in length. Saturday's racing resulted as follows: Sixth round, W.

KAISER WILLIAM TALKS ON EDUCATION.

Some Few Remarks Not Previously Reported in the News-papers.

THERE ARE NO POLITICS IN IT

But the Schools Should Take Up Cudgels Against Social Democracy.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The Emperor of Germany was present a few weeks ago in Berlin at the first sitting of the School Reform Committee.

Several points will come up for discussion that will still remain in discussion, and I therefore think it as well that I should state my own opinions.

I may observe that this is no political school question that you have to discuss, but one that has to do with the technical and professional measures necessary if we are to educate our growing youth in a manner befitting the demands of the present day.

I have studied the fourteen points of the program and think they may easily mislead you into framing all manner of schemes.

Next to breaking hearts there is nothing a woman would rather do than spend money, and so, if you are in doubt as to what you mother, sister or wife would do for Christmas, pin a fifty-dollar bill to your card, put it in an envelope and address it to the lady.

There isn't a housekeeper employed by a member of the Vanderbilt family who does not get a larger salary than the gentleman who are governesses to the young children.

What control is there to be after the completion of the course? A regular and extraordinary inspections should be made by various higher official bodies.

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WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR

THE FADS, FANCIES AND FOIBLES OF THE GENTLER SEX.

What Women are Doing in the Bay

World—The Swath Many of Them are Cutting in Established Customs.

Interesting Information.

Occasionally one meets a newspaper man but the women employed on the press are all lady journalists.

Mrs. Lotitia Calhoun, who is employed in the United States Treasury, is able to count \$3,000 in a day.

The London Queen and Field, two of the best paying papers in the world, are the property of an English lady.

A bride of last week, aged twenty-one, is said to have cost her father, a stock-broker \$25,000, or \$100 every month of her life.

Mrs. Madeline Edwards, the authoress, has made a donation of \$5,000 to Gen. Booth to further his scheme for the regeneration of "Darkest England."

The Institute of British Journalists, recently organized, elected Emily Crawford first of its fellows. She has been an honor student, of great ability, for some years.

A very prettily decorated soap may be had for 15c. A slice of Spanish Castile soap can be bought for a dime, and together they are not a bad Christmas box for a boy who neglects his toilet.

Rose hives are still the delight of women who love flowers. Imitation cut crystal may be had for a dollar, while the genuine article costs \$10. But a light purple and a French word enquete, but by the German word frage, the old German word for enquire, and therefore let us know it merely as "the school of enquire."

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ALL SPOTS LOOK BLUE BUT ONE.

That bird of ill-omen, The London Weekly Bulletin, has the financial blues. It says: "We must have a further increase of internal currency, or we shall most assuredly come to grief."

MANUFACTURERS AND THE N.P.

When the world-wide depression of 1874-79 prevailed the failures in Canada were confined mainly to the mercantile class—failures of manufacturers were remarkably few.

process, a change is observable. Failures are not confined to the mercantile class. Manufacturers, unfortunately, are figuring largely in the lists of business disasters. Quite a number of those who passed successfully through the depression which prevailed from 1874 to 1879 have been driven to the wall within the past two years.

MUCH SYMPATHY FOR OTHERS.

The people of Newfoundland are more fortunate than the people of Canada in finding patriotic and manly defence of their rights in the Ministerial press of Canada. They are told by an important organ of the Restrictionist party that they should be firm and have their wishes and opinions adequately, regularly and authoritatively represented at the imperial capital.

PROTECTION DOES NOT AFFORD "CONSTANT EMPLOYMENT AND GOOD WAGES."

Protection does not afford "constant employment and good wages" to the working-classes in Germany. Distress among them has steadily increased for some years, and now a cablegram reports 60,000 laborers of both sexes out of work in Berlin alone.

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THE KILKENNY ELECTION.

Editor Herald:—Your correspondent "R. C. P." is sadly in want of a pretext for publishing his approval of the ex-Nationalist leader's recent drafts on fame when he seizes upon Mr. Murphy's reported utterance upon this election for the purpose. Could any gentleman of dignity and self-respect put it more mildly? The Senator's ray of pleasure is high obscured in tears.

fact of my inferior qualifications to R. C. P. I would favor more drastic treatment, and out of the distempered member have been expected to take on the subject and I, unwilling to prolong their hours, merely refer to the recent statement of Mr. Dillon as expressing in a logical and reasonable way the views any true and patriotic Irishman ought to entertain on this regrettable trouble.

IT WAS A ROUSING SUCCESS.

Gone! Eagerly expected, thoroughly enjoyed. And now a memory. But the holiday spirit is not gone yet.

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LATE GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

Some Pertinent Remarks About Amateurs.

Paul Fry Talks on the Philharmonic Society's Concert—'Fantasie' at the Academy—Paulina Lucca and the Critics—The Coming Production of 'Ganlon'—Lawrence Barrett Coming—Clopatria.

While legitimate amateur theatrical performances ought to be encouraged there is no doubt that several societies which exist in this city are not being run exactly on what may be termed 'the square.' I have received letters during the week which call attention to the fact, and though it is not fair to judge by what one hears from outsiders, still I cannot help but come to the conclusion that some of the performances which have been given for charitable purposes have been arranged by those whose motto is evidently 'charity begins at home.' In the case of those who openly state that the performance is for their benefit there can be no objection raised.

The whole trouble is simply this: In getting up certain performances no consideration whatever has been given for the purpose for which the entertainments have been given up and the result has been that in one case at least the expenditure was run up to about \$50 more than the receipts and the latter amounted to over \$400. If the performance was to be for the benefit of one of the performers why did they not so announce it, as was done in one case this week, and in which case no Montrealer could find who will not back me up when I say that no promoter of amateur theatricals more deserved the honor than did the lady for whose benefit 'The Two Orphans' was played?

I simply wish to say that should the same thing be repeated and more 'boodling' discovered, it will be the duty of those who know the circumstances to at once make the matter known, and so prevent entertainments being announced in aid of charitable institutions, when the proceeds are simply to pay the extravagant expenditure of those who are fond of being seen upon the stage.

If the cap fits—wear it.

The principal musical event of the week was, of course, the first appearance this year of the Philharmonic Society, who paid a tribute to the season by performing the Messiah. After nearly two centuries of existence that work naturally is surrounded by a halo of tradition and precedent and backed by the recollection of performances which have been simply an aggregation of talent in every detail. The Montreal Philharmonic Society, after 16 years of existence, has achieved a reputation for bringing out works of their integrity, and from them we should have looked for an ideal performance. It was one, so far as the chorus was concerned, and which appeared to rise to the occasion and endeavor to surpass its former efforts; but some details were lacking, which would have gone to making the concert perfect, and the principal defect was the orchestra, which, although individually good and composed of the best of our local talent was collectively bad and was evidently due to insufficient rehearsal. One critic says Mr. Prume's violin was heard all the way through. Perhaps it was, but it is no compliment to say so as he was playing with several others the first violin part.

The tone was frequently coarse, the attacks rugged and the accompaniments played too loud. Now, with such a simple score as the Messiah this should not be, and that it was only due to the carelessness of the conductor, and the simplicity of the means to attain the grandeur of the effects in the work the details for a perfect performance of it were neglected.

Such an organization as the Philharmonic should not have marred the effect of their magnificent chorus by an orchestra which although quite capable of giving the work perfectly was imperfect because of insufficient preparation. Another point was that the lady portion of the choir did not give forth the volume of sound that might have been expected from such a number. To observe them before the concert one would immediately say the male voices would not be in it, but such was not the case. In the soprano soloist Mrs. Hossain is one of the most accomplished artists I have heard for a long time and pleased in every way. The contralto and tenor were very good and sustained their work with credit, but the bass was inadequate for the part. The concert can hardly be laid to the charge of the society, however, as his reputation is such as to lead us to have expected better things. The portion of the society under Mr. Couture's continual care was nearly perfect, and had a little more liberality been displayed in the details of the concert (even flowers were omitted) it would have been much better, though it was not by any means poor.

It is really amusing to listen to the diversity of opinion which exists in this city in relation to the performance of 'Fantasie' at the Academy this week. I must say that while the presentation is a very clever one in many respects, it is not up to all that Mr. Abraham, the manager, claimed for it. He, like most advance managers, went into ecstasies and the result was that we expected more than we got, but at the same time there is no excuse for the 'roasting' that a certain city paper gave it. The fact of the matter is that somebody went there to find fault and he succeeded admirably, though he is far from being backed up by the people who have seen the show.

Allow me, on behalf of the critic of the Herald, to thank Mr. Morrison for his very flattering letter of thanks for the notice which appeared in Tuesday's Herald. I can assure him that had he not deserved praise he would not have received it.

Now for a few words about outside attractions. From all I have heard, J. M. Hill's whiskers seem to have assumed a grayer look since Miss Seligman declined to be seen in the 'Charmante Cases.' The managerial sensibilities received a shock, but let me assure Miss Seligman that when she visits Montreal she will be all the more thought of, because of the stand she has taken. There are now no less than five 'Charmante Cases' on the road.

Manager Augustus Pilon has arranged with Mr. Theodore Moss to produce his

new play 'The Power of the Press,' at the Star Theatre New York, for a run beginning March 16. The play will be presented with a strong cast of local favorites. If the play is not more successful than some which have lately been seen for the first time, it is probable that Mr. Moss will recognize the power of the press.

A prominent New York critic in comment on the retirement of Madame Pauline Lucca from the stage and reviewing her career makes the admission that when she made her debut she was so much in advance of the musical education of the times that she was not worthily appreciated. What an admission of ignorance for a critic to make, but it is, however, food for reflection, if her vocal power had been of a lower caliber how that critical ignorance would have affected her career. It would have probably been a short one.

Clara Morris, under the able management of Edward H. Price, is having one of the most profitable tours ever made by a female star. Her business on the Pacific coast was phenomenal, and she is filling engagements in the best theatres in the country. Miss Morris will probably present Sardou's 'Oidiot' in New York City before the close of the present season.

Lawrence Barrett reaches New York on Monday and is to devote the entire week to the final rehearsals and preparations for the production of 'Ganlon' at the Broadway Theatre, where Mr. Young's romantic tragedy will be presented for the first time on Jan. 5. In order to make this production historically correct, Mr. Barrett has taxed the resources of the British museums for the designs for the scenery, costumes and properties. The first presentation of 'Ganlon' in New York will probably be the most important event of the theatrical season in the metropolis.

A despatch from Mr. Barrett virtually confirms the report that he is to manage Miss Julia Marlowe next season. Said he: 'It is true that I have been approached by a number of Miss Marlowe's friends and asked to take the management of the young star. Among her friends are such men as George W. Childs and Col. Alex. McClure of Philadelphia and others of like note in New York and Boston. I think it altogether likely that I will comply with their wishes. Miss Marlowe is a young actress of undoubted ability and I think when she is properly brought before the people they will be pleased.'

Do you remember that I wrote about Jos. Haworth starring as a tragedian? Well, several Montrealers said that surely I was joking and I began to think that I was wrong, but upon enquiry I learned that H. S. Taylor has just closed a five years' contract with Mr. Haworth, by which that actor is to star in a new romantic drama by an American author, and in a repertory of legitimate plays, including 'Hamlet' and 'Othello.'

Charles Drew and Richard Carroll will play Cadenx and Ravenshoe, respectively, in Pauline Hall's revival of 'Ermione.' The former is said to be as funny in the part as Francis Wilson was.

Fanny Davenport's opening night at the Fifth Avenue Theatre was attended by probably some of the most brilliant spectators of the theatrical season. Introduced upon the modern stage, 'Clopatria' is certainly a splendid story, in which Miss Davenport has ample scope to thrill the audience by her wonderful power.

E. D. Witt, manager of the Pittsburgh Opera House, mentioned as one of the victims of E. C. Locke, of Locke & Davis, says: 'I believe Mr. Locke is perfectly honest and that he is being made a scapegoat. I loaned him \$10,000 so that he could raise the curtain at the Duquesne Theatre two weeks ago with the Emma Teich company. Saturday I received a telegram from him at El Paso, Texas, saying that the money was all right. Mr. Locke has borrowed money from me before and has always paid.'

It is always interesting to note the first appearance of a young lady whose parents have decided that she should go for the platform or stage, and it is with pleasure that I give it as my opinion that Miss Estelle, daughter of Mr. Hector Laviolette, the well-known traveller, will one day make a brilliant place for herself upon the theatrical stage. As an elocutionist she is good, but when it becomes a matter of acting parts such as she has already undertaken, I cannot but express my opinion that her parents have made a wise choice in giving her a chance to shortly display her talents upon the professional stage. Montreal will before long hear from Estelle Laviolette, the actress.

There is a splendid joke about an up-town theatre treasurer, but it will keep for a week.

At the Theatre Royal the present has been a very week. Everybody there seems to be happy, and Mr. Sparrow does his best to make everybody else happy. Mr. Lew Rohde is always merry and his Xmas was evidently in keeping with his nature, particularly when he received that beautiful diamond locket. One of the theatre received a present which I hope she will long wear, because it was presented to her simply as a token of the esteem in which she is held. Now perhaps you think I'm writing of a lady, but the fact is I speak of 'Nellie,' that beautiful dog whom everyone likes. It's no use talking, she's an old pet and the beautiful collar isn't any too good for her. I hope to goodness that no one will try to coil—I guess I would have been in danger had I sprung that old joke upon my readers.

Let me wish you all a happy New Year.

Perhaps the Prisoner Had Friends.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—The accommodating deputy sheriff of Pulaski County, Illinois, a man named Schoenberg, has disappeared with a prisoner and is now the object of an extensive search. Charles Jameson, a dashing book agent, was arrested in Mount City on a grave charge preferred by a woman. He said he could receive bond if he could get to East St. Louis, and the Sheriff of Pulaski County declined to take an extended search. Schoenberg, with instructions not to permit Jameson to cross the bridge and get out of the State. The two started for East St. Louis and have not been heard from since. Foul play is feared.

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NO PARDON FOR DUNLAP.

The Northampton Bank Robbery's Petition For Freedom Agains Denied.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The case of James Dunlap, the noted Northampton bank robber, who is serving a 20 years' sentence in the Charlestown prison for the burglary, has been disposed of for the time being by the Governor's Council of 1890, who have referred it to the council of 1891. Dunlap was sentenced 13 years ago. He will be allowed four years' commutation for good behavior.

The first petition for his pardon was made in 1888. It was rejected, and after a reference to the council of 1890, with recommendations that it be granted. This request has been disregarded, and the prisoner will have to wait another year before his case is again considered.

The Northampton Bank robbery occurred in 1878. The perpetrators of the crime were Joseph Dunlap, W. D. Edson, an expert locksmith, formerly in the employ of the Herring Safe Manufacturing Company; 'Red' Leary, Billy Connors and James Scott. The latter planned the robbery. He and his pals held nightly meetings in this city. One morning news was received that the Northampton Bank had been robbed of \$200,000 in money and securities.

Pinkerton detectives were put on the track of the burglars, and shortly afterwards Edson, Scott, Dunlap and Connors were arrested in this city and taken to Northampton. At their trial Leary, Connors and Edson turned State's evidence and secured their freedom, while Dunlap and Scott were sentenced to a term of 20 years in the Charlestown prison.

Scott died there, 'Red' Leary was murdered a short time ago. Connors is a bookmaker, Edson is in business and Dunlap still remains in prison, awaiting his sentence. The person who has for 14 years been trying to obtain a pardon for Dunlap is Mrs. Mary Scott-Rowland, widow of Scott, the bank robber.

His husband, on his deathbed in prison, requested her to do all in her power to gain the freedom of Dunlap, by declaring that he alone was responsible for Dunlap's part in the robbery. Mrs. Scott-Rowland has kept that promise.

MAY BE BLACKMAILERS.

Arrest of Two Suspicious Characters at the Broadway Theatre.

New York, Dec. 26.—Two young men walked up to the box office of the Broadway Theatre about 2 o'clock yesterday and inquired for the manager of the Duff Opera Company. Business Manager Donnelly went forward, and then one of the young men said he was a regular detective, at the same time exhibiting a Brooklyn deputy-sheriff's badge.

He explained that he was working up a bribery case, and asked to be permitted to go behind the scenes and look over the chorus. Both men were speedily shown the door and turned the corner of Forty-first street towards the stage entrance. Treasurer Fletcher called Special Officer Nelson, and following the two men collided them in front of the stage door.

They were taken to the Thirtieth-street station house, where they gave their names as Honell Clark and Moses Taylor, and their address as No. 130 Clynner-street, Brooklyn. Clark, who had claimed to be the detective, had a black jack and a pair of handcuffs in his pocket, and wore a Brooklyn deputy sheriff's badge.

He had over three hundred addresses in his pocket, and also a letter dated Washington, from the skirt dancer, Millie Price, who wrote that a man named Charles Holly had borrowed a diamond ring and pawned it. She asked Clark to recover the ring or arrest Holly.

Both men were held up as being suspicious characters. They will be taken before Inspector Byrnes tomorrow morning. They are thought to be the men who have of late been working an extensive blackmailing scheme on theatrical people.

WHY JEWS ARE PUT OUT.

It is charged that they absorb the substance of Russia's wealth.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—A St. Petersburg despatch states that the Czar has emphasized his disapproval of gratuitous foreign advice in the affairs of his empire by ordering the discharge and expulsion from the country of 11,000 alien workmen heretofore employed by the Government. Most of them are Germans, many English, and some of Italian and other European nationalities.

According to a St. Petersburg letter Privy Councilor Stoliarov has made a semi-official communication to one of the leading foreign residents of St. Petersburg in relation to the new anti-Semitic legislation. It is in substance that the restrictive treatment of the Jews is made necessary by the course pursued by that people in absorbing by many and ever-reaching, the money and means of the poorer classes of Russians, and that the proposed law prohibiting Jews from owning landed estates is intended to prevent them from acquiring by trickery and oppression the property of orthodox Russians, of which a vast amount is already in Jewish hands; that nothing is done which is not strictly requisite for the protection of the Christian subjects of the Czar, and that Russia is only lending a hand to England and Europe generally will be compelled to purchase all property is to be allowed to fall into the hands of the Hebrews. It is understood that the Czar himself will take no notice of the remonstrance from citizens of London against the persecution of the Jews.

DID THE CURSE ROOST?

Disasters Follow a Town Where a Man Was Lynched Years Ago.

ALEXANDRIA, Mo., Dec. 26.—Many years ago a man who had committed some crime was taken out to be lynched. With the noise around his neck he launched a bitter curse upon his murderers and expressed the hope that their misfortunes might never cease.

The town was then one of the most prosperous on the Mississippi north of St. Louis. That year a fire destroyed the greater part of an extensive building had scarcely begun when a great rise in the river submerged the town and ruined the crops on the surrounding farms. Since then flood and fire have so swept the place that now it is little more than a settlement of negro shanty boys and what was left of it was wiped out by fire Monday night.

If there ever was a specific for any one complaint, it then Carter's Little Liver Pills are a specific for sick headache, and every woman should know this. Only one pill a dose. Try them.

A MANAGER'S FLIGHT.

Dan Shelby, Actor and Manager, in a Heap of Trouble.

Boston, Dec. 26.—The petition of Dan Shelby, the well known dramatic manager, to take the poor debtors' oath, was given a hearing in the Civil Municipal Court this morning. Mr. Shelby is defendant in an action for \$20,000 damages brought on account of alleged injuries to Thos. A. Daly, an actor, at the Chicago Academy of Music. Mr. Shelby alleges that the assault on Mr. Daly was made in his absence and that knowing that D. L. was nervous he had cautioned the stage employes to avoid him. He claims that he is now not in a pecuniary position to respond to the suit, saying that while once well to do, having made considerable money in his profession, he has of late lost largely and is now without means.

The morning session was spent in showing the financial record of Mr. Shelby's various dramatic adventures.

RAILWAY CONSTRUCTION FOR THE YEAR.

Nearly 5,800 Miles of Track Laid in the United States During 1890.

New York, Dec. 26.—In its issue of this week Engineering News publishes summaries showing by groups of States the miles of track laid on extensions of steam railway lines in the United States upon which regular trains are to be run to do business as common carriers of both freight and passenger traffic for the calendar year of 1890. According to the figures here presented the total addition to the country's railway mileage between Jan. 1, 1890 and Jan. 1, 1891, was nearly 5,800 miles, or about 700 miles more than was laid in 1889. The total amount of railway completed Jan. 1, 1891, was 167,172; of this amount 36,912 miles, or over 22 per cent, have been constructed during the past five years.

HALIFAX HAPPENINGS.

The Steamship Napoleon to be Abandoned—Traces of a Wreck.

HALIFAX, Dec. 26.—The attempt to take off the Dominion S.S. Napoleon III, at Glace Bay, has been abandoned. She drove away up in the recent gale. The contract was to take her off, fix her up as good as before and hand her over to the Government for \$25,000, otherwise, get nothing. A good deal of money was spent in the abortive attempt.

The schooner Mellacor, Capt. Thorburn from Philadelphia, reported Dec. 21, 88 miles E.N.E. Cape Henanin, passed a quantity of wreck, including six life preservers, apparently from a steamer, but owing to rough weather was unable to pick one up to ascertain the name. On Thursday, while 37 miles S.W. of Cape Sable, she had a job carried away by a squall.

Bogus Divorce Lawyer Arrested.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.

New York, Dec. 26.—William Doryea Hughes, the lawyer who ran the bogus divorce mill on Broadway, was arrested at 5 o'clock this afternoon and locked up at police headquarters. Detectives Reilly and Traifer found him in hiding at No. 683 Third-avenue. To the police Hughes gave his occupation as that of a lawyer, aged 43. The arrest was made on a bench warrant issued by Judge Martine on the complaint of Mrs. Belle H. Pennington of Worth, Tex., one of his victims. No other arrests were made in connection with the bogus divorce concern to-night, but it was intimated that Campbell and Butner, Hughes' ex-partners, would be arrested soon.

A Tobacco Trust Breaks Up.

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 26.—The proposed combination of tobacco warehouses of this city and Cincinnati will probably prove a failure. The articles of incorporation were filed some time ago and an organization effected, but it does not seem possible to carry the plan through. The deeds by which the property of the various warehouses were conveyed to the combination have been nullified by deeds to-day made which convey these same properties to the original owners.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Commissioners have, according to law, determined who are the parties interested in, and to be specially assessed to defray the whole cost of the said improvement, and have made their report thereon by which it appears that the parties interested in and to be specially assessed for the purpose of the said improvement are as follows:

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AN ALLEGED SWINDLE. Serious Charges Against a Young Man in Denver. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—George H. Parker, agent here of the National Capital Savings Building and Loan Society, has fallen into the hands of the law and is not believed the bars only because he found friends who kindly put their signatures upon his bond. He put up a systematic game, it is alleged, of obtaining money normally for real estate loans, but really to keep his own private wheels going around. Attorney E. W. Wright, one of those he victimized to the tune of \$75, vows he will prosecute his action to the end.

FIVE PERSONS SHOT IN A ROW. A Bloody Family Fight Near Mount Vernon, Ky. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. MOUNT VERNON, Dec. 26.—At Brush Creek, nine miles east of this place, last evening, five persons were wounded in a general row. Jack Baker received a ball in the left breast, ranging upward and lodging under the shoulder blade; Andy Mason had his wrist shattered from a ball; a son of Mason had a furrow plowed across his head just over the left ear; John Quinn received a similar wound, and Anglin's wife was shot in the back. How the fight came about no one here has yet been able to learn. All the participants are related by marriage to each other.

"FOR HER SAKE." Two Ohio Men Killed and One Seriously Injured. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. TRENTON, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Last night at Central Furnace a dispute arose over a girl and a fight ensued, in which Edward Gallagher was shot through the heart and John Oliver killed by a blow on the forehead with a stone. Henry Ingalls was wounded seriously. No arrests have been made.

A Beasty Competition, Resulting in Death. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. CHATTANOOGA, Dec. 26.—Ben Sharp and Marshall Quinn, negroes, had a whiskey-drinking contest in a saloon here yesterday. Several white men agreed to buy all the whiskey the negroes could drink. Each easily drank a pint and had begun on a second when Sharp fell to the ground dead. Quinn staggered into the back yard and fell in the mud, where he was found an hour later insensible. He is supposed to be dying.

A Tax Registrar Dealt With. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. GAITHERSBURG, Md., Dec. 26.—The Waterloo county council has made a settlement of the registry office matter. Mr. McDougall has satisfactorily arranged with them as to the deficiency, and the council by a vote of 21 to 4 expressed their desire that his continuance in office should not be interfered with. There were charges of malfeasance prepared by a former deputy, but the view taken was that the charges were the result of malice.

Forged His Father's Name. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. WINCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 26.—Harley Crews of this city has been borrowing money from numerous money-lenders. He secured from three banks here \$1500, and from several capitalists some from \$300 to \$2500. In all he has raised over \$5000, his father's name appearing as security. His father says he did not sign any of the notes, and they are consequently forgeries. To-day young Crews cannot be found. Crews leaves a wife and child.

Died From a Mysterious Disease. BY TELEGRAPH TO THE HERALD. MADISON, Ind., Dec. 26.—Jacob Thomas, aged 63, a respected German shoemaker of this city, died this morning of an awful and a peculiar disease. Huge ulcers had formed all over his lower limbs, eating holes in his flesh as if turnips. These ulcers gradually enlarged until they reached his heart and lungs, hence his death.

A Victorious Gov. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. PALMERSTON, Ont., Dec. 26.—A peculiar casualty occurred in the Township of Minto the other day. Mr. Walter Quinlan, who is one of our most extensive cattle breeders, was in the stable attending to the cattle and while in the stall with a thoroughbred cow was attacked, knocked down, and before he could make his escape was badly trampled upon, receiving severe wounds upon the head, face and body.

Murder by a Lively Man. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—During a quarrel this afternoon in the lively stable, No. 121 West Forty-fifth-street, Michael Danigan, the proprietor of the stable, shot and killed John Cummings. During the trouble Edward Hurley was shot in the left cheek by Danigan. Danigan claims no act in self-defense.

A Magnanimous Decision. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. PARIS, Dec. 26.—The French Cabinet has come to the opinion after meeting and discussing that no objection can be interposed to a visit from the German Emperor; that he should be treated like any other European sovereign visiting France, and if he comes incognito his desire to preserve that attitude should be respected.

To Protect French Shores. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. PARIS, Dec. 26.—A commission of the French Chamber of Deputies is considering the question of naval reform. Admiral Vallons stated before the commission that with 400 torpedo boats the coast of France would be practically invulnerable. He expressed very little confidence in submarine torpedo boats.

Ended Her Trouble With Aesthetic. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Johann O'Day was found dead in bed this afternoon. The discovery was made by Sheriff McKee, who had gone to the house to evict her, the result of a foreclosure of a mortgage. The loss of a woman damaged her mind, and a dose of arsenic gave her a surfeit of trouble.

Sawtell to Hang. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. DOVER, N.H., Dec. 26.—Sawtell was found guilty of murder in the first degree and was sentenced to be hanged the first Tuesday in January, 1892.

BOULANGISM IS A CORPSE. The French Chamber of Deputies So Declares It. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. PARIS, Dec. 26.—Gen. Boulanger was a subject of interest and discussion in the Chamber of Deputies. It will be remembered that a little more than a year ago at the election for a member of the Chamber in the Clignancourt constituency of Montmartre Gen. Boulanger headed the poll. His votes, however, were rejected and the seat was awarded to M. Joffrin. Early in November of this year M. Joffrin died and an election to fill the vacancy in the Chamber caused by his death was ordered to be held in Clignancourt Nov. 16. Gen. Boulanger at once came forward with a manifesto advising his partisans to remain neutral at the election on the ground that he was the rightful member. There were 27 candidates in the field, and when the votes were counted it was found that no one had received the requisite majority. A new election was then ordered for Nov. 30, and Gen. Boulanger addressed another letter to the electors reiterating his claim to the seat and urging his supporters to abstain from recording their votes at the second ballot, as abstention would be a peaceful and effective method for the democracy to become free from parliamentarism and to become sovereign. At the second ballot there was again a multitude of candidates, but the real contest was between M. Lavy, Municipal Councilor and Socialist, and M. Lescage, of Communist nationality. In this contest M. Lavy was successful, being declared elected by a considerable majority.

Gen. Boulanger's friends determined then to press his old claim to the seat before the Chamber of Deputies. Yesterday it was brought to vote and rejected. M. Laguerre, who was formerly an active and ardent supporter of the General, voted against the claim of his old leader. This action was not unexpected from M. Laguerre's recent utterances, especially his speech at the Salon des Familles, Oct. 31, when he discussed the subject of Boulangerism as a historical fact. In giving his vote M. Laguerre explained that his action was not directed against Gen. Boulanger personally. He was influenced simply by motives of public policy. He was utterly amazed that Gen. Boulanger should interpret his present opposition as a personal matter. Neither was it an indication of a continuance of the backstairs policy against the General and it was a serious mistake for him to so think. Boulangerism was dead and the sooner this fact was recognized the better for the country.

DRIVING ON CAR TRACKS. A Division of Interests if It Should be Upheld Generally. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. BROOKLYN, Dec. 26.—The general term of the city court has handed down a decision which bears importantly upon the rights of all who drive about the streets in vehicles of any kind, and particularly as regards their privilege in the horse car tracks. The issue was raised in the suit of Thomas Quinn against the Atlantic Avenue Railroad Company. According to the evidence brought forward by Lawyer Thomas E. Fearnell it was shown that on December 8, 1889, Quinn was driving a coal cart between the tracks of the defendant company on Avenue A-street, near Seventh-street. Behind him was a horse car, and when the driver of the car called to Quinn to get out of the track, he attempted to comply, but before the cart left the track it was run into by the car and upset. On Quinn bringing suit for damages the jury awarded him a verdict of \$750, but the company appealed and the general term has just affirmed the decision. The court, in rendering its opinion, decides that a railroad company has not the exclusive right to drive on the tracks. The driver of a vehicle may drive on the tracks provided he gets off when a car is approaching. The car driver is also admonished to allow the vehicle a reasonable time to get out of the way.

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WHERE TO WORSHIP. The Places in the City Where Services Will Be Held To-morrow. The Advent Christian Congregation, Assembly Hall, 220 St. Catherine-street, over Hall and Scott's Service at 7 p.m. Elder Wm. W. Robertson officiating. Subject: "The Devil of Popular Religion; His Origin, Nature and Destiny."

The Rev. J. H. Dixon will conduct the religious services at the Protestant Hospital for the Insane, at Verdun, on Sunday, Dec. 28, at 10 o'clock p.m. Neighbors and other friends of the patients are cordially invited. St. Andrew's Church (Church of Scotland, Morning at 11), "Speed the Parting Guest," evening at 7, "A Random Shot," Rev. Edgar Hill, M. A. B. D., etc. Minister's class, in a.m. Young women's class, 3 p.m. Sunday school 9 p.m.

St. Gabriel's Church—Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D., the pastor will conduct divine service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject of evening discourse, "The Kingdom of God is Within You." Sunday school at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Young men's class at 8 p.m. Young women's class at 8 p.m. to which all are invited not attending to be cordially invited.

St. Martin's Church, Upper St. Urban-street, Rev. J. A. G. Gosselin, M.A., Rector. Sunday after Christmas, Holy Communion at 9 a.m., morning service at 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Principal Henderson's Bible class for both sexes, Sunday school at 9 a.m. Christmas music repeated. Canon Eliegood, rector.

St. Paul's Church, Dorchester-street—The Rev. James H. Bayly, M.A., pastor will officiate at all the services, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, evening at 7 o'clock, school at 3 p.m. New Year's Day, short devotional service at 9:15 a.m.

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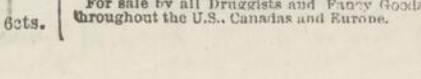
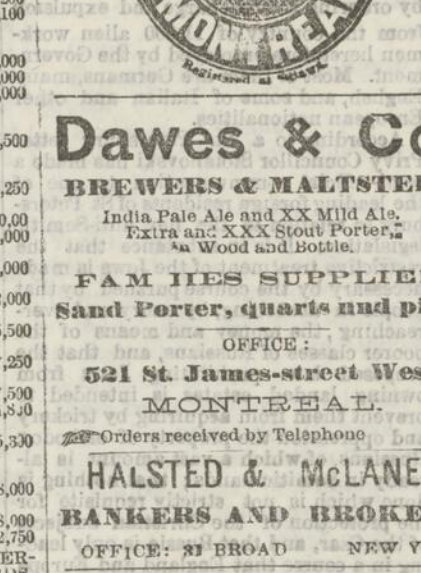
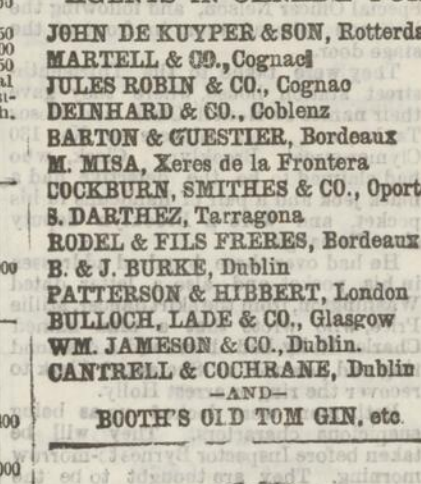
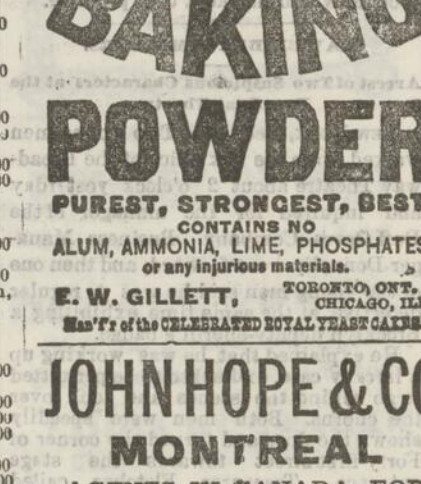
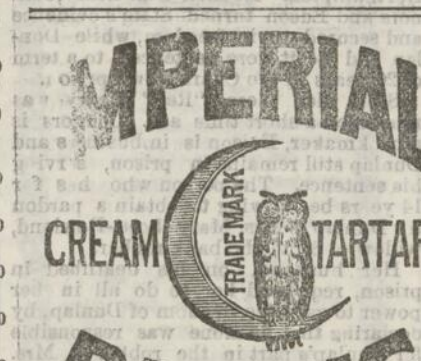
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FINANCIAL.

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The total business done amounted to 184 shares against 169 on Wednesday, 211 Tuesday and 138 on Monday.

There was nothing doing in the stock market for midday. The afternoon was a little stronger on the announcement of the regular dividend accompanied by the statement that the company had earned 11 per cent on its stock this year.

There was also a slight rally in North-western & St. Paul, but Union Pacific was weak throughout and closed at a decline of 1/2 per cent.

Atchafalaya was weak and closed at times. Not a single sale of silver certificates was made up to 2:30 p. m.

The final figures were regular but generally 1/2 to 1 per cent lower than Wednesday. The total sales amounted to 103,800 shares.

Messrs. MacDougal Bros., stock brokers, 69 St. Francois Xavier-street, reported the New York market as follows:

34 shares Merchants' Bank..... 1411 20 Bank of Commerce..... 1231 25 Canada Pacific Ry..... 72 100 N. W. Land Bonds..... 714 5 City Passenger Ry..... 175

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PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.

AMERICAN MARKETS.

Chicago Grains and Provisions. Messrs. Baldwin & Farnum telegraphed Oswego Bros. to-day over direct private wire as follows:

Wheat—There has been an apparent inclination among operators to even up their trades, as there is no feature to the market and prices hang steady.

Our market shows a decline at close of about 1/2 from Wednesday, while others have been weaker. Our advices from Duluth and Minneapolis lead us to look for a steady increase in receipts after next week.

The snow of the past 24 hours, which has been general through Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, and with rains further Southwest, tended to allay the uneasiness occasioned by recent dry weather in those sections.

July sold today at 92c and in St. Louis declined 1/2. The Cincinnati Price Current made the wheat still available on both coasts for export 38,000,000 against 74,000,000 last year.

There were no cables owing to a delay in the receipt of the Philadelphia receipts over shipments—Philadelphia being the only exception on the seaboard.

Receipts, 587,000; shipments, 165,000; exports, 30,000.

Corn—We were weak to-day, and shows decline from the opening prices. Part of the decline was covered by a big bid, and the general feeling is easy with expectation of lower prices.

December sold at 47 1/2 a decline of 3/4 within a few days. Receipts, 837,000; shipments, 165,000; exports, 30,000.

Oats—We were dull and little easier, but without any particular feature.

Provisions—Opened strong on light receipts of hogs at the advance. Packers turned up as sellers, some local shippers sold out. Market closes steady at a little decline from top.

We see nothing to change our views and still think them a purchase on all weak spots, but believe in and land will bring the more favorable speculation this coming year, 10,000 to 15,000 hogs to-morrow.

Messrs. Oswald Bros. furnish highest lowest opening and closing quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day as follows:

Wheat—No. 1, 92 1/2; No. 2, 91 1/2; No. 3, 90 1/2; No. 4, 89 1/2; No. 5, 88 1/2; No. 6, 87 1/2; No. 7, 86 1/2; No. 8, 85 1/2; No. 9, 84 1/2; No. 10, 83 1/2.

Corn—No. 1, 47 1/2; No. 2, 46 1/2; No. 3, 45 1/2; No. 4, 44 1/2; No. 5, 43 1/2; No. 6, 42 1/2; No. 7, 41 1/2; No. 8, 40 1/2; No. 9, 39 1/2; No. 10, 38 1/2.

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Provisions—Pork, 10 1/2; Beef, 11 1/2; Mutton, 12 1/2; Lamb, 13 1/2; Bacon, 14 1/2; Butter, 15 1/2; Cheese, 16 1/2; Eggs, 17 1/2; Lard, 18 1/2; Tallow, 19 1/2; Suet, 20 1/2; Soap, 21 1/2; Candles, 22 1/2; Oil, 23 1/2; Flour, 24 1/2; Sugar, 25 1/2; Coffee, 26 1/2; Tea, 27 1/2; Spices, 28 1/2; Fruits, 29 1/2; Vegetables, 30 1/2; Meats, 31 1/2; Fish, 32 1/2; Poultry, 33 1/2; Game, 34 1/2; Miscellaneous, 35 1/2.

There is a continued demand for bran, which is scarce on the market and some dealers are talking of higher figures but no change is yet reported.

Moulin No. 1 is quoted at 23c, lower qualities 22c to 20c. Bran \$18 and shorts \$20 per ton.

Maine flour dealers claim that with a little concession in freight rates they could ship up any amount of damaged and frosted wheat that would be excellent for feeding purposes.

In reference to this the Winnipeg Commercial says: It would certainly be a great advantage to Manitoba if the railway companies could arrange to give low rates for the shipment eastward of wheat only fit for feed.

There is quite a quantity of this damaged stuff in the country and as many farmers have not stock to feed it, they must sell for some price.

In a previous year a low rate was given on damaged wheat, and it is claimed that considerable wheat shipped from Manitoba for feed purposes, eventually found its way to Ontario flour mills, and no doubt later appeared on the market as choice Manitoba flour.

To obviate this difficulty it might be provided that the wheat should be crushed before shipment. At the present price in Manitoba of damaged wheat, it could be laid down in Montreal at about \$20.21 per ton and under, which is about the value of shorts in that market.

Receipts are light and there is not much doing in this market. There is an easier tone to wheat but it is not quotably lower.

There has been a little doing with peas which are quoted at 73c/74c per 60 lbs. Receipts of oats have been lighter than last week and the market is quieter but firm. Full rates have to be paid to do business.

No. 2 hard wheat..... 98c @ \$1.00 No. 1 winter wheat per bu..... \$1.00 @ 1.05 Red winter wheat per bu..... \$1.00 @ 1.05 No. 1 frosted..... 80c @ 85c Oats, Ontario, per 34 lbs..... 49c @ 45c Oats, Manitoba, per 34 lbs..... 49c @ 45c Peas, per 60 lbs..... 70c @ 72c Corn, per bush..... 70c @ 72c Barley, per bush (mating)..... 65c @ 67c Buckwheat, per bush..... 47c @ 49c Rye, per bush..... 64c @ 65c Medium beans per 90 lbs..... 1.80 @ 1.90 Peas per 60 lbs..... 1.50 @ 1.70 Peas per 60 lbs..... 73c @ 74c

There is a light enquiry for local wants but the business resulting is small and has been chiefly confined to Canada short cut clear, Chicago clear Mess pork and city cured hams.

Canada short cut mess pork per bb, 15.00-16.00 Canada short cut clear pork per bb, 14.50-15.00 Chicago short cut clear pork per bb, 14.00-15.00 Mess pork, Western, per bb, 14.50-15.00 Chicago short cut clear pork per bb, 14.50-15.00 India mess beef, per cask, 0.00-0.00 Lard, city cured, per lb, 0.00-0.00 Lard, Western, in pails, per lb, 0.00-0.00 Lard, Canadian, in pails, per lb, 0.00-0.00 Bacon, per lb, 0.00-0.00 Shoulders, per lb, 0.00-0.00 Tallow, common, refined, per lb, 0.00-0.00

The colder weather has been favorable for deliveries, which have been large and meet with a good demand. \$5.90 to \$6 was quoted to-day for car lots, but prices are firming at Ontario points of shipment and next week may see a slight advance.

Receipts have been fairly good, and the tone of the market is firm with good business doing. Quotations are unchanged as follows:

Prime fresh..... 25c to 27c Choice Montreal..... 20c to 21c Western, lard..... 20c to 21c Medium qualities..... 17c to 19c

The brisk demand noted of late still continues and choice lots are readily snapped up at full outside quotations. Turkeys are quoted at 10c/11c for firs, 9c/10c for seconds, with poorer qualities offering at from 8c. Prime geese are bringing 7c/7 1/2c, with inferior qualities selling from 5c up. Ducks 8c/10c, fowl 6 1/2c. Venison in short supply at 6c/7c for carcasses and 11c sold. Partridge, firsts, are selling at 50c to 60c per brace.

The quietude observant in this market still continues. There is a fair demand for local requirements and there is still a small amount taken for export, but compared with trade a few weeks back it is as nothing. Quotations are firm and anything good brings top rates.

We quote—Flour, 22c/24c; choice creamery, 22c/23c; straight lots, 22c/22 1/2c; earlier makes, 20c/22c; straight dairies, 19c/20c; finest Western, 15c; straight lot, 14c/14 1/2c.

The movement in cheese is limited to a very small compass but prices continue firm. It is said that a very light concession would result in business for the English market, but holders are firm and have sufficient faith in the future to hold back their goods. We

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Butchers' meat seemed to be more in demand than ever some or poultry to-day, probably due to the festivity on Christmas day and the further expectations of New Year's delicacies, making most housekeepers prefer a plain joint for this week end.

There were no quarters of beef showing. In fact the market generally never looked in much better shape. There was a fair supply of fish but business was slack.

Fruits and vegetables were moving slowly, the frost not being such a great barrier to the vegetable dealer as to the butcher and quite a little sum has been dropped over frosted potatoes or apples.

Eggs—Fifty cents I saw paid for a fine lot this morning, and the Canada farmer who is satisfied with that that is hard to please. The regular stockholders dare not open their mouths quite so wide as that, but for good reliable stock they are getting 28c readily and for anything choice 30c with nothing to be had for less than 20c; or if there is any held over stock for less than 20c is asked it will probably be found on examination that their usefulness is past except for manufacturing or other secondary purposes.

Butter, electioneering spoils is firm, with a hardening tendency. In fact after a few minutes exposure to Jack Frost to-day it became as firm as a rock and as hard as a stone; but that did not affect prices, which remain steady at last week's rates.

New Tuesday is the last market for this year and in the market day for the great New Year festival, something extra in the way of display may be expected. If the day is fine there should be one of the best, if not quite the best markets of the year, and it will be well worth attending.

Fowl and Game. TURKEYS—12c/12 1/2c per lb. extra—23c/27c per lb. wild—30c per lb. CANVAS BACK DUCKS—88c per pair. BARNARD DUCKS—1.00/1.12c per pair. BLACK DUCKS—\$1.15/1.25c per pair. MALLARD DUCKS—90c/1.00c per pair. TRAIL DUCKS—40c/50c per pair. BLUE BILLS—50c/60c per pair. WOOD DUCKS—75c/80c per pair. 2nd HAWKS—90c/1.00c per pair. PTARMIGAN—50c/70c per pair. ENGLISH PHEASANTS—\$4.00 per pair. SNIPES—\$3.50 per doz. JACK SNIPES—\$1.50/1.75 per doz. WOODCOCK—\$1.25/1.50 per pair. GROVE GROUSE—\$3.50 per doz. PIGEONS—\$2.00 per pair. LESS THAN 20c. SNOW BIRDS—25c per pair. PRAIRIE CHICKENS—\$1.25/1.35 per pair.

MEATS—BEEF—12c @ 15c per lb. MUTTON—9c @ 12c per lb. VEAL—9c/10c per lb. PORK—8c @ 12c per lb. SUCKLING PIGS—\$1.25 to \$2 each. HAM—12c @ 14c per lb. BACON—11c @ 12c per lb. SAUSAGE—10c @ 12c per lb.

VEGETABLES AND FRUITS. POTATOES—80c/90c per bag. SWEET POTATOES—5c per lb. CABBAGE—35c/50c per dozen. RED CABBAGE—50c per doz. QUEBEC TURNIPS—45c/50c per bag. CARROTS—30c per basket. BEETS—30c/50c per basket. PARSNIPS—50c per basket. ONIONS—90c/1.00c per bushel. LEEKS 10c/20c per bunch. CELERY—25c/75c per bunch. PARSNIPS—5c per bunch. PEAS—15c/20c per lb. BEANS—60c/75c per doz. LENTILS—60c/75c per doz. CORN—17c/20c per bushel. GRAPES—15c/20c per lb. CRANBERRIES—60c per gallon. ORANGES—Messina, 15c per doz. FLORIDA, 20c per doz. LEMONS—\$3.50/4.00 per barrel. APPLES—\$3.50/4.00 per barrel. ALMONDS—15c per lb. ENGLISH WALNUTS—12c per lb. PEANUTS—14c per lb. FIBERS—10c per lb.

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SMOKE THE SOHMER CIGAR, 10c. Smoke the Sohmer Cigar, 10c. Defrauded the Banks. SPECIAL TO THE HERALD. Toledo, Dec. 26.—Between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon one of Toledo's prominent young brokers, Ed. H. Spear, successfully worked three banks for \$3000. The First National, Merchants' National and Ketchikan National each lost \$1000 by his manipulations. In each bank he deposited \$250, saying he was tired of the Northern National and wished to transfer his account. At 2:30 o'clock he drew three checks for \$1000 each on the Northern National and each of the other three banks cashed them promptly, as Spear has done business here for years and was generally trusted. He had no money in the Northern and the fraud was discovered at the Clearing House. Every avenue was guarded at once, but Spear made no effort to escape. At 7 o'clock he was captured by Detective Hanly and is now in prison. He stoutly refused to give any information as to the whereabouts of the money.

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# CROSS PURPOSES.

## A Christmas Experience in Seven Chapters.

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It was accident brought me here and sympathy detained me. You seem very miserable.

She glanced shyly at me from under the swollen lids.

"I was a little while ago. But I don't feel so now," she whispered.

The deuce! Here was an odd return for my sympathetic interference. I rather liked it, however, for I seemed to do the poor child good, and I felt so wretched and alone in the world.

"But, oh! what must you think of me?" she cried suddenly, and again the face went into the hands, and again the blushes mounted up to the ears.

"I think—I—that is—I am very, very sorry to see you suffer," I answered, somewhat inconsequently.

"But to think of you all people— But you will never tell him?"

Why I, "of all people," I couldn't conceive, but it was very safe to promise about "him," as I had never set eyes on the grief-producing Goldwin. Therefore I answered honestly:

"On my word, never!"

"But then you know all! Oh, how forward, how unkindly, how bold you must think me!"

What in the deuce the girl meant why I should think her bold for not wanting to marry her grandfather I could not conceive. So I only shook my head sadly. In medio tutissimus ibis.

"But then this never has seemed like home," she went on. "Auntie tries to be very good, but she doesn't know how. And then a young girl may have strong feelings, and oh, I do love so utterly!"

"Wh-ah!" I gasped, surprised out of propriety. "The devil you do!" It was very improper, but then to think of her being sold to a man of 60, and then "loving so utterly!" Wonderful creatures are women. My abruptness made her recoil, but it was only for a moment.

"Then you won't think me immodest—unwomanly? I could not bear it. You, of all people in the world!"

There it was again. Why in the deuce did she care for my opinion so much if she loved Goldwin "so utterly?"

"Unwomanly! never!" I said vaguely.

"Oh, thank you thank you!" She was beginning to get excited again. "I felt you would understand; you have seen more of me than any one else; you can make allowance for a young girl's feelings overstepping the bounds of prudishness."

I rose and walked to the mantel. I began to believe that the stone sphinx that upheld it had turned suddenly soft and blonde and crept into the form of the White Mouse. She was surely talking in riddles of the deepest.

"Tell me once more," she said, following me to the hearth, "that I lose nothing in your eyes by—by what you know."

"Under any circumstances," I began, wadly, "real, deep love!"

"Oh, and how I do love! God knows how deep and pure is the passion that makes me forget all bonds and almost all proprieties! What else could excuse my being able to speak of it now—to you? You know I am pledged unwillingly to another!"

"To what?" I almost shrieked.

"To Mr. Goldwin, whom I—yes, whom I hate!" the girl answered, with ten times the spirit I thought in her.

"And you don't—it isn't—you don't mean it's Goldwin you care for?" I stammered in confusion.

"Goldwin! Oh, how can you jest with me at such a moment? You know whom I—yes, you have long guessed even before I confessed my love for—for—another!"

Again the purple flood dyed her brow and neck, and then died, quickly out. I felt dazed and queer. Here was I alone at midnight with a timid White Mouse, who had suddenly asserted herself, and told me she did not love the man she was engaged to, and "did so" love somebody else. There was nobody else except Tom Jones, now talking terrier with the groom up stairs, and—myself! Great heavens! could the girl mean me? No, nonsense! I must be mistaken. I smiled a sickly smile to reassure myself. Then I said, "I don't—that is, you know—I could not—you would not suspect me of jesting about a—um—your sacred feelings." She seized my hand impulsively and pressed it.

"They are sacred!" she cried—"sacred as the first worship of a pure girl's heart must ever be. Oh, you know, you must feel how strong and all absorbing is the passion that can change me into a self-asserting woman! that can make me defy prejudice and custom, as you see I do, when I say that I will give up home and friends—that I will face all the world and tell them boldly, as I now do you, that from the bottom of my heart I love!"

She dropped her face into her hands as she spoke the last word, but all the rest she had said with her eyes fixed unwaveringly upon mine and looking down into my very soul. I am considered by most of my friends to be rather a modest man. On this particular occasion I must confess that I was rather taken aback and became rather misty in the mind. But there could be no doubt as to what the girl meant. Driven to desperation by her forced engagement, feeling the unbearable grasp of a hated fate tightening on her, she was—yes, there was no room for doubt—she was making love to me!

For a second the base idea crept into my mind, Revenge! Bettie Blythe, the jilt, the shameless flirt, cannot triumph over me if I marry the heiress of "Shady-nook" instead of the poor lawyer's daughter! For a second I was on the eve of clasping the White Mouse in my arms, and blackening my soul with the perjury that I adored her—that I never had loved but her!

Thank heaven! it was only for a second, when the unnatural, the frightful sight of modesty stood naked in my sight. Much as I had despised the girl before, I actually loathed her now. But to tell her so? That was the rub. I appeal to any young lawyer who has had an heiress make love to him at midnight if it isn't a little awkward to refuse her?

"Miss Belton," I said at last, looking into the fire, "I make every allowance for your trials—for your unusual excite-

ment that has driven you to say things to me you may wish unsaid to-morrow."

"To-morrow I shall glory in them even more than now!"

"To-morrow you may regret," I continued, heedless of the interruption, "that you said them to me."

"You are the sole man on earth to whom I would ever dream of speaking so!" she broke in hastily; "to no one else could I be so immodest as to—"

Here she melted into a perfect cataract of tears. I don't like tears. They wash all the manhood out of me; they dissolve me as if I were beet root sugar. I began at once to regret the accident that had made the young woman care for me; and, to try and be a little more gentle, I put myself through a strict cross-examination as to whether I had ever given her any cause to believe I cared for her, any encouragement, any reason. But a hastily impeached jury of conscience, habit and memory acquitted me nem. con.

Then, panoplied in the triple consciousness of right, I turned once more upon the young woman before me.

"Miss Belton," I said, with an arctic frigidity in my tone, "you will permit me to say that I am astonished and—"

"Astonished! You!"

The invariable recurrence of that pronoun and the dreadful emphasis upon it were beginning to wear my patience out. I continued rather hastily:

"Astonished, surely; and I may say I am astonished at the confession of what I cannot but consider a passing—a caprice."

The White Mouse flashed round at me. She seemed to expand and dilate in the flickering light, and her lips were compressed till they seemed very white in the reflection.

"May I remind you such a suspicion is injurious to my modesty?" she said, coldly. "I know in my heart I will prove to you by my whole future that my love is a part of my being—will end only with my life!"

Did ever a modest man meet such persistence? I could not strike that girl and crush her where she stood. Oh how I longed for a man in her place! For had he been the Benicia Boy I should have pounded him then and there. Morally certain that the white haired young creature was dying of love for me, half persuaded that she was going to marry me then and there by force, what could I say? I stared blankly at her, while a smile of wonder and sweetness stole round her lips, as she murmured, half to herself:

"Let the world say what it will; love like mine purifies all. We will be very, very happy."

Tender of heart, I began to pity the young woman. Laboring under a terrible hallucination about the future as she was, there was still something almost sublime in the faith she held in the power of her love. Its spell began to work on me. Rapidly I ran over my chances for the future if I fell into her views. I almost began to waver, though half unconsciously, as I said:

"You would be sacrificing everything. Mr. Goldwin's fortune is immense, and—"

"Goldwin's fortune! I had rather love another with the coat upon his back unpaid for than that creature in an emperor's robes."

By Venus! she seemed in earnest. There was that in her eye I could not disbelieve. But how in the world did she know that my coat was not paid for? That it was a fact did not make it a subject to dwell on; and then it was so decidedly unromantic! Still the girl's sincerity and evident truth so touched me that it was very meekly I returned to the charge, and then I only set up objections for her to knock down.

"But in throwing over Goldwin," I said, more gently, "you do not reflect how you risk your own fortune?"

"My own fortune! Oh, you have never loved as I do, or you would see that could not weigh one grain of sand. My fortune! Can you think me selfish, base enough to set that trash for one moment against one single look, one single word, of love?"

Now that was no doubt very noble, very heroic, but then it was also decidedly indiscreet. It might have done on the stage, but hardly here. I had not a dollar, as she well knew; and yet this inscrutable young female could not only make love to me off hand, but could talk of her fortune whistled down the wind as if it were not ten cents in stamps.

"But there is no danger of that," she added, carelessly, "for my aunt could not be angry with me a week. She would forget her disappointment—we should both be equally dear to her."

Here was balm in Gilead; for the ancient Griffin, worship of the Grove estate, was reputed "very warm." I looked thoughtfully into the fire, and the words fell upon my shocked modesty and some wonderment like soothing balm. Railroad shares—bank shares—corners in Erie—brought front on the avenue—all passed in rapid panorama between my eyes and the glowing coals. There was a half relenting in my voice as I said, "Are you very sure of that?"

"Very sure. But what of that? He whom I love—and the girl fixed her eyes full upon mine with never a blink nor a tremor—"he whom I love would value it all as trash."

The deuce he would! Then I little knew myself. But the information just given was sufficient, and I began to see daylight. I actually believe for the last ten minutes I had forgotten the very existence of Bettie Blythe. I had not even remembered the little shock to my pride at finding out her duplicity—had lost even my ire at Tom Jones' perfidy. I was doing a little sum in mental arithmetic, in which the White Mouse was the exponent of an unknown power of farm, manor house and woodland.

But I could not restrain my desire to speak at least part of the truth. She was leaning now upon the mantel, her pale forehead resting upon her right hand and her left hanging carelessly by her side. I took that left hand in my own, not without a tinge of conscience. "You and I have long been friends," I said. "We are sympathetic, perhaps, but we hardly know each other well enough yet to speak surely of certain things."

She withdrew her hand very gently.

"Why not?" she asked.

"Because it may be—that is—it was horribly embarrassing to explain—are you very sure that you love—a—that you know your own mind?"

"As sure as that I live!" She spoke earnestly and absently, but looked straight into the fire and not at me.

"And you do—you think—that is you

save—in your own mind you have reason to trust that—"

"Had I not a certainty beyond trust—beyond reason," she broke in—"I had been false to my sex to speak to-night to you."

Wonderful power of love! Wonderful confidence of passion!

But where in the deuce had I ever given her one reason to believe I cared for her? Once more the triple jury held a hasty session over me; once more I was triumphantly acquitted.

"Anna," I said—very gently now—"perhaps your aunt would not forgive. Would you be willing to sacrifice everything, to endure poverty even, for the sake of your love?" The girl only looked at me for answer, but that strange smile flickered once more around her lips.

"And suppose you do another more than justice—suppose your loss of fortune should change feelings you now believe?"

"Never!" she said. "My love is too secure for that."

"And would it override all obstacles? Would it forgive a recent rivalry and the love that is even now scarcely driven from the heart you would make your own?"

Anna Belton, the White Mouse, turned short upon me. Something in my words transfused her. She was a very Pythonesse, and her eyes flashed fire as she drew her slender height up before me.

"Silence, sir!" she cried. "Perhaps I am rightly punished for forgetting I was still a maiden who should not speak. When you spoke of money, you merely injured me. To intimate the possibility of a rival is insult. After all I have said to you, after all you know, it is bitter insult, which I will not listen to."

And the young person swept out of the room, utterly ignoring the hand I stretched out to detain her.

I looked stupidly into the fire.

And even as I gazed the face that rose before me was not Anna's, but Bettie Blythe's.

### CHAPTER V. IN THE DEPTHS.



"She told me she could make it all right with you."

How long I gazed stupidly into the fire I know not, but the shadow of the past rose out of it, shutting out the present utterly. No sooner was the pressure of her presence taken off than my mind rebounded from the White Mouse. I forgot her very existence.

Blacker and blacker grew the coals, and with them the gloom of my thoughts grew deeper and deeper; but, bitter as they were, the cold became more bitter still, and I was literally driven by it to seek my own room.

As I entered the door I almost ran over the hostler, who was still engaged in his mysterious interview with Tom.

"And are you sure you understand perfectly, Bosley?" the latter was saying. "We must have no risk of a mistake this trip."

"I got it all yere, plain as writin'," responded sagely he of the stables as he tapped his forehead. "Let 'em zee—noon rises at three, starts at four, drives nineteen miles in two hours and a half, and feeds light on cut feed and looks out for Jalap's kickin' in his near foreleg."

"Right as a trivet, Bosley! You're a trump, and this is yours; and Tom coughed the fellow a bright blue eagle as he left the room. Then he jerked off his coat and lighted an Havana.

I could stand it no longer.

As the grinding groom left the room I turned upon Tom and prepared to charge.

"Hold a bit, old boy," he said. "I have treated you badly, I know."

A fierce snort was the only response I designed to give.

"Yes, I know it, but prudence was essential. You're not riled?"

"Riled!" I answered, with forced calmness. "I can't see how you have used me badly, but you must permit me to say you have done yourself great injustice."

Tom seemed a little puzzled.

"And you have done a palpable, a gross injustice!" I was grand now, doing the outraged virtuous—"to an old person who—"

"Oh, bother the old person!" he interrupted, carelessly. "But then you have really twigged what I am up to in the morning?"

"In the morning." A ray of light began to dawn upon me.

"Yes, in the morning. I'm going to-morrow, old boy, don't look scared—I'm going to run away and be married!"

"To be married! And in the morning! The ray of light was a blinding gleam now. I was literally staggered. I dropped into a chair with a big lump in my throat."

"Yes, my boy, I'm to be married in the morning. You know I'd have told you before, but Bet and I only fixed it yesterday. She arranged it all in the sleigh as we came along; and, for reasons you know so well, we must be quick; I'm done for if the old party suspects. But it's all fixed—you're to help me."

"I help you!" I gasped, faintly.

"Certainly. Who else? You must come with us; you must be best man; you must go with us to Uncle Bob and help Bet explain all about the—"

"Lieutenant Jones!" I rose stiffly and stood at attention as Tom's eyes opened very wide. "Lieut. Jones, I have no criticisms to make on your cousin's course. If she desires to—"

"Desires! the devil! Why, man, she planned the whole thing—arranged the Christmas frolic, suggested all the details of the elopement, and she specially insisted you should aid us."

"She did?"

"Yes; she said you were so fond of us both you'd be glad to do it."

Oh, the cruel girl! the hardened, ingrained flirt! This was why she had led me on then. Tom kept on, speaking rapidly, but with no sense to me in the sound till I caught:

"So you see, my dear boy, it was she originated the affair; she planned every

detail, not I!"

"Stop sir!" I cried, hoarsely—"my face must have been purple; it felt black—"

"You have a right to run away, perhaps—to stoop to anything you please—the lady is to be your wife. But, by heaven! you have no right to compromise your cousin by saying these things."

"There's something in that," Tom muttered, thoughtfully. "I mustn't let Bet's name get out, of course. I only told you, you know." I gave a grunt that was meant for scalding sarcasm. "Bet will tell you all about it herself."

"Oh, she will," I panted.

"To be sure. She told me she could make it all right with you. That's what we were talking about when you drove over the cad today."

Oh, the cold blooded, heartless coquette! To deliberately plan a torment for me thus! And he, my old schoolmate, my bosom friend! If the soft answer turneth away wrath had been a dead weight, I should have used it then. But it wasn't; so I said no word, only strode about the room, loosening my neckcloth by fierce and sudden tugs.

Tom, lying flat on his back and puffing little wreaths into the air, eyed me with some wonderment. At last he said cheerily:

"Well, old boy, don't take on so. It's as sudden for me as it is for you, and a decent sight more serious to boot. So I'll count on you of course in the morning."

"Count on me! I tell you I'll have nothing to do with it. Your uncle Blythe would never—"

"Popcorn! I say, Bet will make it all right with Uncle Blythe; I verily believe he'd have helped us if we had dared to trust our secret."

"Helped you! Mr. Blythe not object! And still you are mad enough to risk letting the tongue of gossip soil the name of the woman you love! You plan this mad escapade far away from his roof when he might have consented!"

"To what?" Tom sat bolt upright on the bed, resting on his hands, behind him. A strange, fitful contraction swept over his face, followed by a very grim of agony. I was merciless.

"To your union with his daughter," I said sternly.

My words struck him like a bullet. He clenched his teeth until the cigar dropped in two from them; his face grew crimson, his muscles twitched convulsively and his chest heaved with a desperate struggle for breath. Then, with a gasping sob, he buried his face in the pillow, while his whole frame shook and trembled like an aspen.

I was pained, shocked. The sight of "the tears of bearded men" is always touching beyond expression, and besides I was at a loss to account for the great violence of his sudden emotion.

I became more puzzled as I looked for he still sobbed and shook with the weakness of a child.

I walked up and down the room and tried to think more calmly. After all I had no real claim on Miss Bettie. She had refused me once; and never allowed me to address her again; I could not but confess that. True, she had let me think there was hope, but what woman is strong enough to refuse to sniff the incense burnt upon the altar of her vanity? Then Tom, too, was an old and tried friend. Poor fellow! how he shook and groaned in his great agony! and if a vicious flirt had cruelly played upon my feelings through him, why should I let that react upon his head?

Not I would be a Roman! a very Pythias! I would crush down my own feelings into my heart; I would brave the mayor's anger; I would die of smothered rage, but her feline triumph should be cheated of its prey.

Yes, I would do as she had planned for me. I would see her wed another, would give her away at the altar, and not one of the thousand torments that were rending me should give her the expected pleasure of its evidence.

Twice Tom had raised his head and moved his lips in a fruitless essay to speak; twice a torrent of mixed passions had swept over him.

And then a moment over his face a tablet of unutterable thought was traced. And then—

he buried it in the pillow again! There was something in his eyes that made me shudder with a shapeless, undefined dread that his reason might give way.

Now he lay quiet. He had ceased to sob, but his face was still buried in the pillow, while ever and again a quick, hysterical shudder ran through him.

I laid my hand kindly on his shoulder: "Tom, old fellow, I was hasty."

He slipped away from my touch like a hot child, and again the shudder, longer and more marked than before, thrilled through him.

I respected his feelings too much to look upon his suffering; I blew out the candle.

"My dear old boy!" he muttered hoarsely. The voice was still much broken, with a hysterical catch in it. I only pressed his hand for answer, but I felt the bed shake under me with the effort he made to control himself. It was a mighty one. Then he spoke again.

"We have been friends for years," he said. "You know me for a man of honor, and I pledge you that honor my—my uncle will be fully and entirely satisfied when—when I come—that—that I have married his daughter!"

Once more his feelings overcame him; once more he crushed his face into the pillow while the gust of passion rent and shook him.

I was more mystified than ever.

Was he deceiving me? No, he was a man of honor; he would never stoop to that. But, then, why this terrible emotion he could not control?

A startling thought leaped into my brain. Great heavens! was Tom drunk? Had he gotten liquor from Bosley, the hostler? No, that was too absurd.

I gave it up; I was dead beat.

Still wondering, I drew myself ready down upon the bed. Tom lay quiet now, but I intended to watch him by the fitful firelight, lest his intense excitement should make him really ill.

But the narcotic administered by the ancient spinster, added to my unwonted exertions behind those demon horses in the frosty air, were too much for me. I slept profoundly.

### CHAPTER VI. HOUR BEFORE DAY.

How long I slept I know not, but I was lying only half awakened when I heard a very gentle tap at the door.

The moon had risen, and her great white disk shone clear over the trees, throwing a broad light into the room. Tom lay and the tap and answer on the



"You'll take Bet," Tom whispered instant. By the moonlight I saw that he was dressed as when he first threw himself down, and could not have been to bed. As he opened the door gently:

"Sh—h, dear Tom!" said a soft voice in the hall. "The moon is up, and I heard Bosley take the sleigh over the snow about ten minutes since."

"I'm all ready, Bet dear; won't be a minute."

"I couldn't trust the servants, of course, and fearing you'd be too late, I thought I'd call you myself," Bettie answered.

Great heavens! what an escape I had made! How had I misunderstood that girl! Here was a bride elect on the very verge of a runaway waking her lover herself, urging haste in his movements, and generally being as cool as a cucumber.

"That's right," she added coolly. "Anna's all ready, and the old lady sleeps like William Tell; so hurry, dear."

I breathed a fraction more freely. At all events, she was to have another female in the escapade. That would be more respectable, perhaps, when the affair came to be talked of. But how had she persuaded that little milk-and-water thing to brave her Argus and the proprieties at such an hour and for such a purpose?

I actually pinched myself to see if I was really awake. The whole thing seemed like an ugly dream, and I could scarcely realize that a single day could have crowded into it the overturn of all my hopes that had almost grown to certainties; the substitution of so unexpected a rival; and, more than all, the unheard of fact of—Anna Belton stepping so far out of her modesty as to make me a formal declaration of love!

Not I was wide awake. The whole series was only too real, and there was Bettie Blythe standing at our door in the gray dawn. She was really going to run away with her cousin. She had in very fact driven me to desperation, and she had actually persuaded the White Mouse to rebellion.

It was really remarkable what wonderful sway she could exert over all who came within her influence. And yet there was no tremor in her voice to show the slightest agitation. By George, she was going to clandestine matrimony as she would to her breakfast!

"He's ready. He's going with us, of course," Miss Blythe definitely said. "You told him I would settle that?"

An irrepressible groan of rage and despair burst from me. They did not notice it as Tom answered:

"Oh, yes. But you must be careful to explain fully as soon as you can."

"Leave him to me," was the short answer. "Now wake him."

"In one minute; he's all dressed," Tom replied, cheerily. "But you ought to know that he thinks!" He stepped into the hall and drew the door gently behind him.

It was only gone a moment. A sound of whispering and a half smothered sob came over the transom; a light step tripped up the hall, and Tom re-entered with his hands pressed over his face.

"Then I knew he had told her how I had spoken. I felt a thrill of triumph that she heard I had borne the news so calmly."

"Wake up, old fellow."

Tom stood by my bedside, and I saw in the moonlight something of the expression on his face that I had worn the night before. It died out, however, as I spoke.

"I am awake. I have no dressing to do," I said, gloomily.

We were soon ready. Walking stealthily as burglars, Jones and I reached the foot of the broad staircase. The back door stood wide open, and the moonlight, faintly reflected from the dark panels, showed two ruffled and veiled figures awaiting us.

To be continued.

We tried to be forgiven this parody of lines from Longfellow's "Psalm of Life." Husbands who are wise and thoughtful, know that the happiness of the husband depends largely on the health of the mistress of the home. Many are the tests which daily confront her. How can a woman overcome against the trials and worries of housekeeping, if she be suffering from those distressing irregularities, ailments and weaknesses peculiar to her sex? Dr. Ferris' Female Pills are a specific for those disorders. The only remedy sold by druggists under a positive guarantee from the manufacturer. Satisfactory in every case or money refunded. See printed guarantee on bottle wrapper.

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FEATS WITH THE CARDS.

TRICKS THAT REQUIRE NO PREPARATION TO PERFORM.

There is no Slight-of-Hand About Any of These Simple Problems—They May Appear Quite Mysterious to the Uninitiated, However.

Tricks with cards are universally interesting and they have the advantage of requiring no elaborate preparations. The material for the following feats may be carried in a waistcoat pocket and they demand no legerdemain. They are strictly mathematical in principle and require no training for their successful performance.

To ascertain as many as seven cards thought of by as many different persons, have the pack thoroughly shuffled and, handing it to any person, request him to draw seven cards from the pack, note one of them, shuffle them well, and then place them, face downwards upon the table. Repeat this process with each successive person, placing the cards drawn from the pack face downwards upon those drawn by the preceding person. When all of the forty-nine cards have been thus placed, deal them out in seven heaps, face upward. Ask each person in which heap his card now is. That of the first person will be the uppermost card of his heap, that of the second person the second card in his heap, and that of the third in his heap, and so on. It sometimes happens that two or more of the chosen cards are in the same heap; but the rule, nevertheless, applies. Should there be a lesser number of persons to draw from the pack only so many cards as there are persons, and in that case the number of heaps into which the cards are to be dealt must correspond to the number of persons choosing.

PAIRS REPAIRED. Any number of persons having thought of two cards each, the person performing this trick wishes to ascertain what they are. This problem is sometimes called the pairs repaired. After giving the pack to be shuffled deal out twenty cards, face upward, but placing them in couples. Invite as many of the company as please to note any particular couple they think fit, and to remember those two cards. When they have done so gather up the cards, picking them up in any order you may please, taking care, however, that none of the couples are separated. You now deal them out again, face upward, in rows of five, according to the following formula: Mutus dedit, nomen cocis, or any four words, of five letters each, containing in all ten letters twice repeated. The above sentence contains ten letters only (m, u, t, s, d, e, i, n, o, c, c), each twice repeated. This gives the clue to the arrangement of the cards, which will be as follows:

Table with 4 columns and 10 rows of letters: M U T S, D E I N, O C C, C O C, I S, S I S, S I S, S I S, S I S, S I S

Imagine the four words printed as above upon the table. Deal the first card upon the imaginary "M" in Mutus and the second the imaginary "U" in Uten, the next two on the imaginary "T" and "S", the next two on the two "I"s, and so on. You have now only to ask each person in which row his two cards appear, and you will know at once which they are. Thus, if a person says his two cards are now in the second or fourth rows, you will know that they must be the two cards representing the two "I"s, that being the only letter common to those two rows. If a person indicates the first and fourth rows you will know that his cards are those representing the two "S"s, and so on.

THE MAGIC TRIPLETS. This trick is very similar in principle to the last, twenty-four cards being used in this instance, dealt in triplets instead of couples. After the spectators have made their selection, pack up the cards as directed for the last trick, taking care to keep the respective triplets together. Then deal them in rows of six, the formula in this case being:

Table with 4 columns and 8 rows of letters: N A L A T A, V E L E T E, V I L I N I, V O N O T O

READING HIDDEN VALUES. Four packets of cards having been formed face downward on the table, discover the total value of the undermost cards.

This trick should be performed with the piquet pack of thirty-two cards, which is the ordinary pack with the deuce, tray, four, five and six of each suit left out. Invite one of the spectators to select privately any four cards and to place them separately, face downward upon the table; then, counting an ace as eleven, a court card as ten and any other card according to its usual value, place upon each of these four as many cards as, added to its value thus estimated, shall make fifteen. Value is to be taken into consideration only with the original four cards, those placed on them counting as one each, whatever they may happen to be. When the four heaps are complete advance to the table and observe how many cards are left over and above those placed in the two heaps. To this number mentally add thirty-two. The total will give the aggregate value of the four lowest cards, calculated as above mentioned. Should there be no cards left over the total value of the lower cards will be thirty-two, but should there be an insufficient number of cards to complete the four heaps ascertain the number lacking and abstract it from thirty-two. This can only occur, however, when the four sevens happen to be the undermost cards.

PLACING AN UNKNOWN CARD. A person having thought of a certain card and noted its position in the pack, the performer can make that card appear at such number in the pack as another person shall name. Permit the pack to be shuffled and cut as freely as the company may please. Offer the pack to any of the spectators and request him to look over the cards, to think of any one of them and to remember the number at which it stands in the pack, reckoning from the bottom card upwards. Then ask another person to ascertain privately

From the first one the original number in the pack at which the card stands, and then to mention another number, higher than the first, at which he would like the card to appear. Suppose, for instance that the second number decided upon shall be 25. Then count off twenty-five cards from the bottom of the pack and place them on the top, or count off from the top of the pack the difference between the number chosen and the total number of the cards, fifty-two, and place them on the bottom; it is immaterial which method is adopted. Now, ask the number at which the card originally stood, which, for example, was number 10, saying that you intend to commence your counting with that number. Begin to count from the top of the pack, calling the first card (in this instance) 10, the next 11, and so on. When you come to the second number selected, in this case twenty-five, the card found at that number will invariably be the one thought of.

HOW MANY WERE MOVED. A row of cards being placed face downward on the table, indicate by turning up one of them how many cards have, during your absence, been transferred from one end of the row to the other.

This trick requires a row of fifteen cards placed face downward upon the table, the first ten cards having been rearranged in the following manner: First a ten, then a nine, then an eight, and so on down to the ace, inclusive. The suits are of no consequence. The eleventh card should be some court card. This card, in the process which follows, will stand for 0. When the fifteen cards are placed their arrangement will therefore be as follows: 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, \* \* \*, \* \* \*. The four asterisks representing any four indifferent cards. Offer to leave the room and invite the audience during your absence to remove any number of cards, not exceeding ten, from the right-hand end of the row and place them in the same order at the other end of the row. On your return you have only to turn up the eleventh card, counting from the left hand end, which will indicate by the number of points the number of cards removed.

TO DISCOVER A GIVEN CARD. There are several methods of discovering a given card. One is to deal the cards into three packs, face upward, and request a spectator to note a card and remember in which heap it is. When you have dealt twenty-one cards, throw the rest aside, these not being required for the trick. Ask in which heap the chosen card is, and placing that heap between the other two deal again as before. Again ask the question, place the heap indicated in the middle, and deal again a third time. Note particularly the fourth or middle card of each heap, as one of those three cards will be the card thought of. Ask, for the last time, in which heap the chosen card now is, when you may be certain that it is the card which you noted as being the middle card of that heap.

This same result can be produced with any number of cards, so long as such number is odd and a multiple of three. The middle card in the last heap indicated will always be the chosen card.

ANOTHER WAY. Another method is to take any number of cards and deal them face upward upon the table, noting in your own mind the first card dealt. Ask any number of persons each to note a card and to remember at what number it falls. When you have dealt all cards you first took in your hand take them up again without disturbing their order and turn them face downward. Invite the company to take any number they choose of the remaining cards, such number being unknown to you, and place them either above or below the cards you have dealt. Allow the cards to be cut, freely shuffled, as many times as the audience may please. Now, for the first time, ask each person what was the number of his card, and, on being informed, deal the cards again, turning them face upward. When the original first card appears count silently on from this, as number one, to the number mentioned, at which number the chosen card will again appear. Should all of the cards be dealt out without reaching the required number turn the cards over again and continue from the top of the pack until the number is reached.—New York World.

Better Witty Than Rich. That is a very pretty and eminently French story told to the effect that a woman on the witness stand on being asked her age and replying that she was 80, was asked if she had not given the same age when before the magistrate a couple of years previously.

"I think it very likely," she answered coolly. "I am not one of those women who say one thing to-day and quite another tomorrow." Quickness is in wit more than at the moment. The thing which at the moment is keen and clever is dull, stale, flat and unprofitable when delivered half a moment afterward. The power of this quick replying, the gift of mental swiftness which makes it possible to return a reply as rapidly as an echo would a peal back, is given to only a few men, but those men are an unfailing source of amusement and delight to their companions. It is better to be born witty than to be born rich—for one's friends.

A Code of Kisses. A brief but correct classification by a philosopher who has drawn up a code of kisses under four heads: "On the forehead, protection; on the hand, respect; on the lips, affection; on the cheek, sagaciousness."

Dangerous Whig. A good cat story, illustrating the sagacity of the felines, is told by a gentleman who saw the occurrence. A cat saw a large rat run out from under a table and seek shelter under a woodpile. Tommy followed his ratship and tried to reach him, but could not do so. Finding that his efforts were in vain, Tommy scratched his head and hit upon an idea. Leaving the woodpile, he went off a short distance, informed another cat of what was up, and the two went back to the woodpile. Tommy No. 1 stationed No. 2 at the place where the rat had entered the woodpile, while he climbed upon the wood and began scratching. This frightened the rat and out he ran into the chops of Tommy No. 2, who had been expecting such an occurrence.

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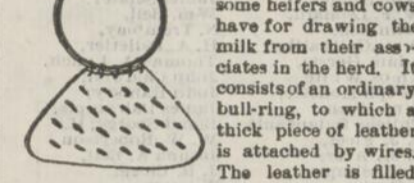
Articles That Farmers Can Make During Stormy Winter Days to Their Comfort and Well-being in Spring and Summer—A Forest Convenience.

The following represents what is known among woodmen as 'brake' and is made by the farmer.



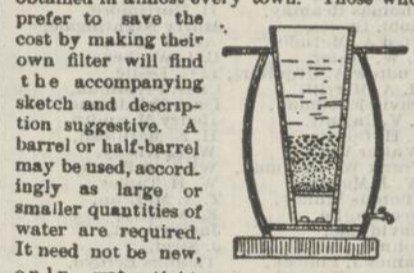
It is a SERVICEABLE BRAKE, consisting of a forged piece of timber supported as shown in the engraving. The stick to be worked is inserted in the fork and is held fast by its own weight, aided if desired by pressure on the outer end. It is used for sharpening points and similar purposes.

A Bovine Nose Jewel. The device shown in the engraving is designed to restrain the propensity which some heifers and cows have for drawing the milk from their associates in the herd.



It consists of an ordinary bunting, to which a thick piece of leather is attached by wires. The leather is filled with tacks driven from the lower side, so that their sharp points project above. The ring is slipped into the cartilage of the animal's nose, a hole having first been made for the purpose with a trocar or some similar instrument. This device, while it answers its purpose completely, does not interfere with the feeding of the animal.

Cheap Home-made Filter. When rain-water is used for drinking and household purposes, it should be filtered. Very good filters for the purpose can be obtained in almost every town. Those who prefer to save the cost by making their own filter will find the accompanying sketch and description suggestive. A barrel or half-barrel may be used, according to the quantity of water required. It need not be new, only water-tight.



SECTION OF FILTER. A false bottom is fastened in the nest-box consisting of two boards, sloping to the center, with a space between just wide enough to admit an egg. When the hen turns to lay over the nest-laid egg and then to devour it, she is naturally astonished to find an apparently empty nest. It is not expected that she will work upon her feelings so much that she will resume her place and lay another egg, but it will at least place the one already laid beyond the reach of her beak.

CAPONS AS MOTHERS. Mr. George Q. Dow says capons, with a little training, make the best of mothers, taking most excellent care of twenty or thirty chickens at a time, and keep at it all summer, and get large and fat themselves. Being so much larger and stronger than a hen, they are much more for the care of the chicks, and twice as many can live under the way. The way to make them good mothers is as follows: When the capon has reached the age of 9 months he is old enough to become a material dolt. If you have chicks ready, catch the capon and place four or five under his breast, and at the same time switch him lightly with a cedar twig or any thing that will sting him a little. The object of this is to cause his breast to itch. Put him in a dark box about two feet square and leave him alone for twenty-four hours, standing up. Then put two or three chicks in with him. He will probably kill these, and when he does he should be taken out and switched again on his breast, after which he may be put back in the box and given a good whipping. At this time he will probably be glad to have them with him, as his breast will itch so that he will like to have them huddle under him, and will click to them eagerly, and treat them as kindly as an old hen. He should be kept under the box for twenty-four hours with the chicks, which should get a few bread crumbs and water, and care should be taken to have the capon far enough from the hen to prevent the chicks from hearing her call. The next day he may be kept under the box for another twenty-four hours, and he will probably be glad to have them with him, and at the same time the chicks that are large enough should be taken from him. In this way a capon will bring up a good many chickens, and the hen's time is not lost. The capon is always at home with a large family of chicks, after he is broken in.—Rural New Yorker.



A Tackle of the kind shown in the engraving can be rigged up in a very short time, and out of material which is always at hand. Stout, sound poles are lashed together, forming a tripod, and a common pulley-block is a GOOD WELL TACKLE. The two poles are joined, another one being fastened to a firm log driven or planted stake at the foot of one of the poles. It is better to use double pulley-blocks rather than single ones, as more power is obtained and there is less danger of accident. When wells are to be dug, or cleaned out, or deepened on the farm, this cheap, simple contrivance will be found to be the "right thing in the right place."

Pulveriser and Clod Crusher. During the severity of the winter the farmer finds many days hang heavy on his hands. A wide-awake correspondent suggests that days too stormy for outdoor work might well be utilized in making tools and machines for work in the spring and summer, and he sends a drawing as follows:



of a clod crusher and pulveriser he made last winter during stormy weather. Having tried it for a year he says it is effective after plowing, and leaves the field in the most desirable condition. The implement is very simple in construction, and can be made by any one in a couple of hours; the cost need not exceed two dollars. Take two planks two-by-eight inches, and sixteen feet long; cut each in two in the middle, which will give four pieces eight feet long. Then take two pieces of two-by-four-inch scantling, a little more than two feet long, to these bolt or spike the planks, lapping them two inches, as shown in the engraving. Slant off the front ends of the two pieces of scantling, and a piece of board six inches wide on these ends, to prevent dirt from shoving on top of the crusher when working. Bore a hole in the front end of each scantling and put a clevis in each, attach with a chain to doubletree. Go to your blacksmith, and have him take some three-eighths inch square bar steel, and cut this into six-inch lengths, and sharpen these like barrow teeth. It will need about four dozen. Now with a three-eighths-inch bit bore holes four inches apart in the front and second planks just in front of where the second plank laps on. This will require twenty-four holes in each plank, and will take as many teeth, which should be driven in so as to project four inches below the bottom of the plank. Make the holes in the second plank so that they will break joints with the other row, that is, so they will not track after the others. These

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will cut and comb the ground in a remarkable manner, and the small lumps that pass between will be ground to powder by the sharp edges of the planks that follow. The driver stands on the crusher while working, or a seat may be fixed, attached to it. Should there be much rubbish, this will be better very often, but this can be obviated somewhat by driving a staple near the back edge of the rear plank; into this one end of a small rope two or three feet long, and the other end into a ring to be held in the right hand. To dump rubbish, slip with the left foot upon the slanting board at the front and at the same time lift up with the rope, which is all easily and quickly done, and the obstruction will be drawn from the teeth as the crusher moves forward. In using the tool after the oven planter, the teeth shall be driven back so as not to run so deep as to disturb the seed.

THE POULTRY YARD. The bright-red combs of healthy fowls are greatly to be desired, and the fowls' health improved by giving some preparation of iron. Some use rusty nails or other iron rust in the drinking water. Perhaps the best tonic for fowls, mainly composed of iron, and is compounded by putting one-half pound sulphate of iron or common copperas in one gallon of water. To this, when dissolved, is added one-half ounce of sulphuric acid. About half a tea-spoonful of this mixture placed in the drinking water each day gives the fowls as good a tonic as they need for health.

A SAFETY HEN'S NEST. Our illustration is a sectional view of a device which, though not new, is quite novel, and is of great value in preventing the unprofitably prompt conversion of agricultural products which is involved in the habit which some hens have of eating their own eggs. A false bottom is fastened in the nest-box consisting of two boards, sloping to the center, with a space between just wide enough to admit an egg. When the hen turns to lay over the nest-laid egg and then to devour it, she is naturally astonished to find an apparently empty nest. It is not expected that she will work upon her feelings so much that she will resume her place and lay another egg, but it will at least place the one already laid beyond the reach of her beak.

SAFETY NEST. A false bottom is fastened in the nest-box consisting of two boards, sloping to the center, with a space between just wide enough to admit an egg. When the hen turns to lay over the nest-laid egg and then to devour it, she is naturally astonished to find an apparently empty nest. It is not expected that she will work upon her feelings so much that she will resume her place and lay another egg, but it will at least place the one already laid beyond the reach of her beak.

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