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Yours truly, SARAH GRUNDY.

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G. W. SCOTT, City Bakery,
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Amateur Beats Jeffries.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 22.—Champion Jeffries lost a decision last night in a four-round contest with Jack Munro, after four rounds of furious fighting. At one time the champion went to his knees, and a knockout looked possible. Jeffries' manager had posted a forfeit of $250 for any one to stand against Jeffries for four rounds, and Munro accepted the challenge. At the end of the fourth round Munro was still ready to fight. Munro is amateur champion of the Pacific coast. Fitzsimmons has posted a forfeit of $800 to put Munro out in four rounds.

Visit Matheson's tailoring establishment and see his unrivalled range of winter suitings. Prices strictly correct.

EXTENSION ACCIDENT FUND

Half-Yearly Meeting Held in Ladysmith Saturday Night.

The members of the Extension Accident Fund held their semi-annual meeting in Nicholson's (Woodmen's) hall, Ladysmith, on Saturday, Dec. 20th, 1902, President R. E. Nimmo in the chair.

The secretary's report showed that no meeting had been held since January last, though one was called at Extension Tunnel in June last, but no members attended. At the January meeting the secretary reported a balance on hand of $261.91, and nine death claims unpaid, amounting to $2,700 00. These claims have all been paid during the past year.

Two members were killed while at work and one member was paid total disablement benefits. Since the last meeting eight special assessments were levied during the year.

The fund has paid out since Jan. 1st, $6,895.30, and the receipts for the same time have been $8,107.98; which leaves a balance of $1,206 68 in the treasury, with no claims unpaid. This statement includes a donation of $25 00 per month from Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing term:

President—R. E. Nimmo, Ladysmith.
V. President—P. Malone, "
Secretary—Bert Swanton, Extension.
Fin. Secretary—F. D. Pelkey, Ladysmith.
Treasurer—Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, Victoria.

The secretary was authorized to have 500 copies of the by-laws, as amended, printed. Business being concluded the meeting closed.

BERT SWANTON, Secretary.

BASKETBALL

Ladysmith Wins Both Saturday's Games Easily.

On Saturday evening last in the pavilion the two Ladysmith basketball teams, seniors and intermediates, defeated with comparative ease the two similar teams from Nanaimo. The scores were, seniors 16 to 14 in favor of the home team. This was a pretty game; very fast and at times looked as if it would break even. Ladysmith seniors have improved greatly of late, and can do some excellent work.

The intermediate game was somewhat of a walk-over for the home men, who won with a score of 12 to 4. The visitors were not, of course, familiar with the hall, and found one or two things to bother them, but on the whole the best teams won.

During the matches the Ladysmith band played enjoyable selections. After the basketball there was a dance, which lasted until midnight, the band providing the music. The whole affair was very much enjoyed by all present.

A Superb Publication.

Victoria Tourist Association is evidently out in earnest for the tourist trade of the North Pacific, and is leaving nothing undone that will serve to attract the wealthy travelling class to their beautiful city. The latest of those lures in one that reflects very high credit on the authors. It is a pamphlet entitled "Picturesque Victoria." Mr. Herbert Cuthbert has done the writing and the letterpress is from the Colonist office. The illustrations are simply splendid, as fine specimens of this class of work as can be turned out today on the American continent.

Mr. Cuthbert has well described the joys of life for those who dwell in and around Victoria. The tourist in search of a spot in which to get the most for his money will find this pamphlet just the guide he is looking for. A wide distribution of those pamphlets should bring in golden returns to the enterprising citizens who are pushing the Tourist traffic idea along.

As the author of the first article ever published in a Victoria newspaper on this subject, the present writer congratulates the people of Victoria and the Tourist Association on the fact that they are now on the right track.

Mount Benson was covered with snow on Monday morning; hence the nipping and the eager air which blew. The snow on the hills behind Ladysmith is moving in steadily, and should reach town by the end of the year. So far it has been a remarkably open winter, belying all the predictions of Siwashes and scientists. January and Feburary are to come.

AN APOLOGY WANTED

Another Echo of The Excitement at The Big Fire.

It has been hinted to The Leader that an apology is due from it to the persons who stormed Mr. P. H. Marshall's residence on Sunday morning on the occasion of the fire, for the severity of the remarks published in The Leader in commenting on the conduct of those persons.

The position is very simple. There were two parties (1) Those who went there to help, and (2) those who went there to plunder. To the former The Leader owes no apology, and they have been handsomely thanked, as they deserved to be, through the usual medium of an advertised card of thanks in these columns. The other party are invited to lay their grievance personally before the editor of this paper, who will have the greatest pleasure in life in handing them personally over to the police.

When people are so desperately anxious about other people's property that they smash in back doors, lay violent hands upon the lady of the house, chop the hot water connections of the kitchen stove and the bath with axes, throw costly piano lamps from the porch over the embankment, wrench valuable pictures clean out of their frames, and carry on like the First of April in a lunatic asylum, The Leader is of opinion that the proper argument is for the gentlemen of the house to defend their property and themselves with whatever weapons come handiest at the moment. It is useless to attempt explanations of the disgraceful conduct of those bandits who committed the depredations in the Marshall residence during the fire, but it is exceedingly unfortunate that none of them was recognized, because it was a clear case for the criminal court.

The Leader learns with satisfaction that Mr. and Mrs. Marshall have recovered a large number of their valuables, the only things now missing being small articles, which, however, may come in later.

Our 10 per cent. discount sale keeps us hustling. We are handing out the silverware. The people know a good thing when they don't have to guess it. Cory S. Ryder.

Another Nanaimo Sensation.

Nanaimo is to have another sensation probably next week, when certain little matters connected with some recent police department operations will be enquired into, and, if possible, adjusted. Threats of lawsuits are rife, and the prospects of a lively time for all concerned are said to be excellent. Revelations that will astonish are promised.

Marconi Victorious.

Signor Marconi, the wonderful young Italian scientist, has succeeded in sending messages from Canada to England, and is now doing so regularly, having conquered the innumerable difficulties in the way. Congratulations from princes, potentates and powers are pouring in upon Marconi.

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UNION LABEL

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1902.

The Leader

wishes all its readers

A Very Merry Christmas.

KINGSLEY AND McINNES.

In the hurly burly of election time it is not easy to take the calm, philosophic view of things and of men that we so much desire to take at all times; but now that the stour of battle has subsided, and the angry passions aroused to order have been returned to stock, until the next election shall arm brother's hand against brother's (with the jawbone of an ass, most like) we can review one or two matters of curious interest that happened during the simoon of a week or two ago.

Most fantastic of all the shapes that rise in recollection's purview of that animated situationis this of a foreigner, a citizen of the United States having the magnificent gallaptry to come over into this country to tell a Canadian audience some very unflattering, and at the same time some most unjust things about a gentleman who is exceedingly popular with a, shall we say? majority, of the people of this district.

Comrade Kingsley did not confine his talk on behalf of Mr. Parker Williams to clear definitions of the issues at stake, but he had the grand hardihood to risk the personal by making a savage and unprovoked attack upon a Canadian public man, in presence of a Canadian audience in a Canadian town. Nothing short of the Victoria Cross should be apportioned to this real hero in real life.

For, look you, Canadians, supposing that Hon. Mr. McInnes had gone over into the State of Washington and told a large audience of American citizens, a very large proportion of whom admired and supported the object of his attack, that the man whom they looked upon as a clever, honest and upright man was nothing but a clap-trap talker, with no more principle than he should have—what would have happened to Mr. McInnes or any other Canadian who should try that? Why, they would kill him before he had spoken ten sentences.

Yet we sit and listen to an alien, a foreigner, who speaks our language with difficulty, and in a patois that makes it barely recognizable to English ears, we listen to such a man bawl coarse and unjustifiable insults into the face of our provincial secretary, one of the members of the Government. It is marvellous.

Comrade Kingsley said that he had heard all the great orators in the United States from James G. Blaine and other heavy guns down to "such paltry little fellows as ourselves." Let us tell Mr. Kingsley that we have heard (and reported) speakers compared with whom James G. Blaine and the other American *speakers mention by him, are street* corner harangners, and we hold the opinion, which is just as honest and blunt as Mr. Kingsley's, that Hon W. W. B. McInnes could make a very respectable appearance even in the British House of Commons, and indeed in any legislative body in the world.

The world is a much larger place than the United States, and even to this day the remark of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes is very true and applicable—"The United States is still the home of the green fruits of literature" and we may justly add—of oratory. We fear Comrade Kingsley is parochial.

THANKS, DON'T DANCE.

Everybody has heard the story of the big ball in Dublin where the hostess was much distressed to observe that the gorgeously-attired officers of the Tenth Hussars were not dancing. She went up to the Colonel, so the story goes, and asked him to join the throng in tripping the light fantastic toe, and also to invite his officers to do so. The Colonel, "a h'arbitary gent" seemingly, replied with aristocratic hauteur, which no doubt nearly choked him, "Aw, thanks, the Tenth don't dawnce."

"Then," replied the witty hostess in a moment, "then perhaps the Tenth can walk," at the same time pointing to the door of the salon. And the legend says that the Tenth did walk.

That was long ago, but it would appear from present day statistics and comparison of notes that there has been a great deal of recruiting for the Tenth, for from all quarters comes the wail of the distracted hostess who declares, with tears, that the young men are not dancing as they used to. Why? There's the rub. All sorts of solutions are offered, but the real cause of the disinclination of the gilded youth, and even of the sort without the gilding, is as hard to find as ever.

One will observe at social functions where dancing is one of the main cards, that more and more men "wallflower," to coin a convenient term for the occasion. At one function lately, not a hundred miles from Ladysmith, it is an actual fact that nearly all the young fellows could not, or would not dance, and the ladies had to fall back on the old boys, who had learned in their youth and were well able to save the situation.

Is it because the young fellows think the dance beneath their dignity, and that it looks too much like child's play to go bobbing or whirling up and down a room? Or are our young men growing too serious with the burden of modern life and its constant strain of intense competition?

Whatever it is society is confronted with a grave situation, for it is becoming harder than ever to fill programmes, owing to the ignorance of dancing or unwillingness of the young men to join in the dance.

Very significant it is that so large a proportion of the best articles in the big reviews at present deal with American influence on European affairs. The Nineteenth's two leading articles this month are on "America's bid for naval supremacy" and "The weak spot in the American Republic."

Nobody seems bold enough to dispute the proposition heard on every hand that Vancouver Island is at last on the threshold of great developments. Just as well to believe it even if one cannot see it. This Island seems to have been waiting a long time for this development, and it seems a pity that the initiative should not come from Canadians *themselves.*

General de Wet has the hardihood to assert in his recently published book that the Boer women in the concentration camps were "shamefully ill-treated by the English." He says that England will have to act as a great conquering race should act toward the peoples it has vanquished before the cruelties it has perpetrated on the Boer women and children can be forgotten. General de Wet should certainly be asked to explain what he means.

Crockery of all kinds, white cups and saucers, from 80c per dozen. Colored cups and saucers, from $1 to $1.25 per dozen. Clover leaf pattern $1.25 per dozen. To be had at D. Taylor's, opposite E. & N. railway station.

THE CHRISTMAS SHOWS

Ladysmith Merchants Make a Brave Display This Year.

All who remember the sort of place Ladysmith was a year ago will best appreciate the wonderful change which has taken place, and the remarkable contrast presented between this year's Christmas displays and those of a year ago. There are many more stores, and the exhibits of goods are far ahead of what they were then. In fact Ladysmith will bear comparison with any of the neighboring towns, both as to extent and excellence of stocks, and the tastefulness shown in their arrangement.

Of course, the Leader's advertisers, being the most enterprising and modern amongst the town's merchant community, are far in the lead in this matter, and their places of business are well worth the attention of the shopper today and tonight. The Leader has, with a good deal of pleasure, jotted down a few notes of the Christmas shows of those thriving and up-to-date establishments, and hopes that those firms will reap a rich reward for their admirable efforts to please the public and make known the fact that they are in business through the widely-read columns of The Leader.

SIMON LEISER & CO., LTD.

Everyone admires the pluck and the indomitable energy with which this fine, old-established firm, one of the earliest pioneers of Ladysmith, met the cruel blow which befel them a little more than a week ago. Before a week had passed away from the date of the disastrous fire the firm were into temporary premises, ready, or almost ready to greet their numerous customers with the old-time courtesy and attention which have ever marked the dealings of this representative business establishment with the public. By Monday morning, by dint of good hard work, Messrs. Leiser's staff were ready to resume duty almost on the old stand, and with a fresh stock of high-class groceries, dry goods and other staples carried by them. All the firm's old customers are rallying round them again, and the prospects are, that in spite of the lessened space and consequent impossibility of doing the splendid Christmas business of former years, the firm will do fully as well as could be expected in the unfortunate circumstances.

C. E. STEVENSON & CO.

Enterprise is the motto of this well-known business house, and the Ladysmith branch, under the management of Mr. Walters, worthily upholds the traditions of the firm. No better Christmas stock is to be found on the Island than that which loads the counters of Messrs. Stevenson & Co., Ladysmith. For some days past the public have streamed into the store and business has been very good. All preparations are made for meeting the wants of a large army of patrons today and this evening. Everything and anything in the line of dry goods, fancy goods and nick-nacks, suitable for Christmas purchases, can be found at Stevenson's. The firm always challenge comparison in prices, and these have been made specially tempting for this season.

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The same methods which built up the famous establishment in Nanaimo and secured for it the well-founded claim of being second to none in the grocery line on Vancouver Island, are doing the same sort of work for the branch established in the Oddfellows' block. With a really magnificent stock, skilled and obliging clerks, and prices that are cut to compete with any possible rivalry, it is no wonder that A. R. Johnston & Co., of Ladysmith, are making a powerful bid for a front rank place in this town and vicinity. They are showing all the latest lines in high grade groceries, especially the Christmas good things. It would be impossible to specialize any particular line where there is such a bewildering luxuriance in quantity and quality, but the best way is to drop around and see the display for oneself.

E. ROLSTON.

Mr. Rolston's fine store looks like a section of Fairyland today, and if for nothing else than the pleasure of viewing a pretty sight is well worth a visit. He has made a great specialty of toys this season, and there are no better to be found anywhere out of Victoria. With the addition of a number of handsome cases, and added counter room, Mr. Rolston is enabled to show his stock to great advantage. Besides the toys there are plenty of nice things for the grown-ups, in the way of pretty articles suitable for presents. Mr. Rolston deserves credit for his thoroughly enterprising and businesslike efforts to meet the wants of Ladysmith's holiday shoppers.

M. W. WAITT & CO.

This firm's name is a household word throughout British Columbia, owing to the clever way in which it has won and keeps a front place in the attention of the great purchasing public. The firm's solid, practical *business wisdom* was well displayed in their selection of a permanent representative in this town. Mr W. H. Lively, a gentleman whose popularity with the citizens of Ladysmith is as much due to his high personal character as to his courteous and exceedingly obliging disposition and his strict attention to business. Mr Lively has proved many times over that Messrs. Waitt & Co. did wisely and well when they chose him as their agent here. Messrs Waitt & Co., carry a splendid stock of musical instruments, sheet music and stationery, and these are displayed in a manner that betokens the possession of considerable skill on the part of somebody. In Christmas cards, books, presents of all kinds, their display is not excelled by any firm north of Victoria.

W. H. LIVELY.

Without any wish to pun at the expense of a gentleman who holds the respect of all who know him, The Leader might take the liberty of remarking that very seldom indeed is a name more happily wedded to a man than Mr. Lively's is to him. His name exactly describes his business methods. Since his advent in Ladysmith he has led his rivals a lively dance, and says he really hasn't begun to move as he intends to when Ladysmith cuts its wisdom teeth. Mr. Lively has has got in a stock of jewelry, watches, ornaments and other cunning work of the goldsmith and silversmith that will make the eyes of beauty glisten with pleasure and the big dollars burn holes in the pockets of the chaps who want to shine in her sight. A visit to Mr. Lively's well stocked store will settle the question of what to buy with many. And the big pun'kin is waiting *to tell its secret* in carefully counted seeds, while the splendid prizes on view silently testify that Mr. Lively does not believe in half-measures when it comes to a competition in enterprise.

CORY S. RYDER.

If push, go, careful study of the people's wants, and a practical knowledge of his business are the requisites for fortune-making, then Cory S. Ryder ought to end his business career a very rich man. The Leader has no doubt that he will, as Ladysmith is going to be a big city, and Mr. Ryder will never consent to be a back number in any commercial community, or any other kind. His display is simply immense, great. Toyland it might be called, and one has only to listen to the delighted exclamations of the youngsters to know that they have struck a spot they don't want to leave in a hurry. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder and their assistants have been doing a land office business for some days back and the prospects for today and tonight are just as good. They deserve it.

R. GRANT JESSUP.

The genial proprietor of the Pharmacy, High Street, has great confidence in the good taste of the Ladysmith public, and their appreciation of that kind of enterprise which brings right home to them the beautiful things of their dreams; things which they thought they would have to go down to Redfern's or Challoner and Mitchell's, or over to Trorey's to get. Mr. Jessup has them, and nobody in Ladysmith can get them as cheap by going to the far-away firms mentioned. "How can you do it, Jessup?" The Leader has heard people ask him, when informed of the surprisingly low price of some article of beauty or usefulness. Mr. Jessup smiles, assures them that it is not a mistake, and so another happy customer. In fine perfumes, soaps so dainty that one might be excused for taking a mouthful of them in mistake for nougat or some other toothsome candy, and in all the fine articles which are peculiar to the well-conducted drug store Mr. Jessup has no rival in Ladysmith, and very few in the province.

JOHN BICKLE.

As usual, Mr. Bickle, the First Avenue grocer, is to the fore with a tempting array of Christmas goods, and is meeting with increased patronage from the discriminating public of Ladysmith. Mr. Bickle is an old pioneer of this district and knows to a dot what is wanted, hence his success as a business man.

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— THE —

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which is on First Avenue, crown of the hill, Ladysmith. Filled right up with Xmas notions and things. I can fit you out with most anything you want for a present, and not scare you with the price, either. *Better drop in any old time before* Xmas Eve, and we'll talk it over. Yours truly,

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He is showing fine lines of seasonable fruits, candies and the things needful for the Christmas table.

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Since opening up their new store in the Stevens Block, corner of First Avenue and Gatacre street, Messrs. Fletcher Brothers have met with plenty of support to convince them that they have not made a business mistake in thus showing their confidence in Ladysmith's future. They carry a first-class stock of the famous Gerhardt-Heintzman pianos and also other makes; musical instruments of all kinds, and at all prices. An important section of their well chosen stock is their sheet music, of which they make a special feature. Their fine new store is well situated for catering to the wants of the public, who at this season are particularly in want of good music and lots of it. Messrs. Fletcher Brothers have a fine range of goods from which to select valuable and appropriate Christmas presents.

THE CITY MARKET.

Mr. Robert Williamson, proprietor of the City Market, has made ample preparation to meet the demands likely to be made on him for choice meats at this festive season. Prime beef, mutton, veal, pork and the fat Christmas turkey are to be had in perfection in his store, and by the way that orders are pouring in on him, Ladysmith is determined to fare well, if not sumptuously tomorrow.

C. W. MILLS.

For some days back Mr. C. W. Mills of the High Street meat market has been busy with special Christmas orders, which he is filling with all possible despatch. He is fully stocked with a supply of Christmas meats, including choice turkeys. He reports the best Christmas trade since he entered into business in Ladysmith.

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Since moving into their fine new store in the Stevens block Messrs. Pannell and Plaskett have greatly increased their trade, and they are now doing a splendid Christmas business. They have made all preparations for the season of feasting, and have on view prime home-fed meat of all kinds. They also report the Christmas trade all that they could wish.

LADYSMITH FISH MARKET.

Mrs. Trumper's store on Roberts Street is becoming a regular place of call with the housewives of the town, for they fully appreciate that nothing beats a nice piece of fresh fish as a wholesome change from the monotony of the regular diet. For tomorrow's dinner Mrs. Trumper has laid in an assortment of fish that ought to find ready sale. The Christmas dinner is incomplete without a course of sweet, daintily cooked halibut, cod, herring, or other favorite fish.

W. SNEDDON.

Those who have never tasted a hot chicken tamale know not one of the chief supper joys of life. It is a Mexican concoction of white corn meal, tomatoes, boiled chicken, chillies and something that makes a fellow feel like a base burner all the way down. Mr. Sneddon imports them regularly and they make just as nice a Christmas Eve snack as a chilly person would require. They are cheap and "awful good."

Dr. T. Glendon Moody, Dentist, will return to Ladysmith Friday, Saturday and Sunday of this week. Dr. Moody will make regular visits to Ladysmith. Office at Nicholson's Hall. Victoria office, Old Postoffice building.

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Books! Books! Just received, a big consignment of popular fiction, well bound, well printed and cheap. Call and look them over. At Jessup's Pharmacy.

Association Football.

The Ladysmith Leaders travel to Nanaimo to meet the Thistles in that long looked for game. The match will be played on the Cricket Ground and is to be played for the widow of an old Ladysmith player. A stage will leave the Grand Hotel at 9 a. m. sharp Xmas morning. Returning immediately after the game.

Hundreds of young men say it was their neat appearance when applying for a position that got it for them. Consult Matheson, Ladysmith's famous tailor, he knows the secret.

Emigrants From Bohemia

By EPES W. SARGENT

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Jack Thurston gazed curiously across the little table at the young woman that Carl, the presiding genius of the Skye Terrier, with a muttered apology, had seated opposite him. Time was when the Skye Terrier could afford a table to every guest. Now it was difficult to get even a seat.

It was the first time that Thurston had ever seen a really pretty woman at the Terrier. It was a novelty. His soup grew cold as he watched and admired. She was clearly timid, but bore herself so well that even with the license afforded by the supposed bohemian tendencies of the place she was well on toward the quarter section of ice cream and he had lit his third cigarette before he spoke.

She regarded him with absolute terror for a moment when he made some trivial remark, flipping the ashes from his cigarette as he did so to cover his own confusion, but Thurston had a face to inspire confidence, and falling into the spirit of the thing a community of interest soon ripened the acquaintance.

Both had come from small country newspapers to engage in a "journalistic career," in Thurston's case represented by a fifteen dollar a week job as a reporter on one of the minor papers. She ran a children's page for a "patent inside" for twelve.

SHE REGARDED HIM WISTFULLY FOR AWHILE.

Both had decided to become bohemians, and as all the newspaper articles they had ever read located Bohemia in the cheap table d'hotes they had picked out the Terrier, which just at that moment was affording free food to the space writers who gave their attention to establishing reputations for tenth rate cafes. This was located on the east side and was sufficiently dirty to commend it to the seeker after the unreal.

Her name, she told him, was Mabel Evaline Manton, but she signed M. E. Manton in a mannish hand to the tales she submitted to the magazines and sought to be mannish, as all bachelor girls should be.

She fairly hungered for companionship, and each evening (Thurston worked on an evening paper and was off the early shift at 4 o'clock) found them at the same table in the Terrier. Here she brought her manuscript for revision, here he told his hopes and fears. When the influx of novelty seeking society grew oppressive, they moved on to the Blue Ostrich, in Thompson street, conducted by an old black mammy, who gave them Maryland chicken instead of goulash and corn pone instead of bread sticks.

They were going home one night about six months after their first meeting when Thurston proposed. His salary had been raised $5 a week, and in the pride of wealth he told her that he thought that with economy he could undertake the support of a family, if only she would consent. He was a manly, straightforward fellow, and his avowal of love was the sort that would appeal to any good woman. They had been walking uptown and were resting on one of the benches in Washington square.

She regarded him wistfully for awhile. Her face went first white, then red. Thurston, eagerly studying her expression, was torn between exultation and fear. A tremendous upheaval was going on within. Love was struggling with some intruder, and the conflict was sharp.

When at last she spoke, there were tears in her eyes. "I'm so sorry, Jack," she said softly. "I do love you; I really do, but it would kill my career. I have come here to work and win. Marriage would spoil all my chances."

Thurston mentally consigned careers to a place where they would be very apt to shrivel up and gave voice to many arguments, but all in vain. Mabel's head was filled with all the nonsense written about Bohemia and the necessity for being a bachelor girl if one would succeed in literature. Her mind was set upon success, and she never realized that she was starving soul and brain by living in a makeshift apartment and eating with the bohemians, where the feast of reason was supposed to atone for a lack of food.

Against this fixed idea even the argument of her own heart was unavailing, and when they resumed their stroll homeward the best promise Thurston could get from her was that when fortune came to both she would marry him.

Beyond a warmer handclasp when they met and parted no allusion was made to the incident for several weeks. Jack was politic and saw that a campaign was necessary. A coup would not avail. The forces were too evenly matched. According to military strategy, a siege was necessary.

He induced her to change their restaurant. The society people and those who constitute the under crust had followed the space writers to the Ostrich. The mammy had grown rich, and with her increased position came the belief that she was losing money, running accounts which never would be paid by those who had virtually created the place.

The new Bohemia was located in Bleecker street. The proprietor had an Italian name, and they drank logwood Chianti at 10 cents a pint and tried to like it. At the Ostrich the cooking at least was clean. Here nothing was. The hot summer days had come. Luigi was fighting the ice trust at the expense of his patrons, who accounted themselves fortunate if half the dinner was eatable.

Mabel wanted to change, but the bohemians had not yet moved on. Thurston noted the fact with satisfaction and encouraged Luigi to persevere, even going to the extent of writing up the place while he paid his bill.

One August evening the revolt came. The soup was thinner than Croton water. The fish fairly appealed to the board of health for investigation. The entree was worse, the roast but little better, while the inevitable ice cream was half melted and utterly without flavor. Mabel's best story had come back that afternoon. She was sick and discouraged.

Their table was in a little nook free from observation. She let her head drop forward on her hand. Thurston's hand stole softly toward her own. It was convulsively clasped as a tear dropped on it.

"Mabel," he urged, "don't you think it about time you gave this sort of thing up? You have lived eight months in Bohemia. You see what an empty farce it all is. Let's go out and get married and start housekeeping in the morning. In place of coffee and rolls we will have a real breakfast. We will have a real home, and we won't get indigestion from changing the nationality of our stomachs every time the leading bohemians exhaust their credit. We aren't real bohemians, dear. Let's go back home."

An energetic nod of the head answered the question, and Mabel looked up, smiling through her tears. "I wanted to when you first asked me," she said; "now I'm sorry I didn't say 'yes' then."

Thurston called the waiter. "Carlo," he said impressively, "you take this bill. Go up to the saloon on the corner and get a bottle of real wine—the real thing, you understand, not the stuff we get here. We want to drink to our last night in Bohemia."

The Virtues of Saffron.

To the virtues of saffron whole volumes have been devoted, references to some of the more important of which are given in Canon Ellacombe's "Plant Lore and Garden Craft of Shakespeare," where there is a long article on the subject. The plant was chiefly used for diseases of the lungs, whence came its title of Anima polmonum; for assisting the eruption of measles, smallpox, etc. (in measles it is still occasionally prescribed); as a cardiac and general stimulant, and as a digestive and strengthener of the stomach. To this last (supposed) virtue its use in "meats" is due. Lyte says that so taken it "comforteth the stomacke and causeth good digestion, and sodden in wine it preserveth from drunkennesse." It was also used as a love philter and still enters largely into some popular recipes for "making up" horses.

The most extravagant notions of its powers were formerly held, and some old writers went so far as to term it the king of vegetables. Even so late as the middle of the last century it held a prominent place in our official dispensatories, but it has now come to be used only as a coloring and flavoring agent, being medicinally almost inert, its property (such as it is) being mildly stimulative.—Notes and Queries.

What Pipe Smokers Have to Fear.

Those who use the pipe have to fear epithelioma, otherwise called the cancer of the lips and of the tongue. The first of these is particularly common among those who smoke short clay pipes. The cancer of smokers shows itself generally at the point where the stem of the heated pipe is carried upon the lower lip. That of the tongue appears on the side where a stream of smoke is likely to strike the tongue at each inhalation. These two forms of a horrible disease are without doubt the most serious that smokers can meet with. It is the fear of these formidable accidents that has converted many.

The frequency of them, however, should not be overrated. Statistics alone can give us an idea of the truth. Those of the city of Paris show that there are 155 cases each year of deaths caused by cancer of the mouth, while the number of smokers in Paris itself I estimate to be at least 355,000. Admitting that half of these make use of the pipe and that all of the cases of cancer can be attributed to them, there is but one victim to every thousand pipe smokers.—Revue des Deux Mondes.

No Lion to Her.

Mrs. Muggins—That woman's husband is quite a literary lion.

Mrs. Ruggins—Why, she told me he was a perfect bear.—Philadelphia Record.

DRESS OF THE DAY.

FASHION IS FLORALLY MINDED AND THE ROSE REIGNS.

All Over Flower Designs—Tiny Empire Wreaths of Chiffon Roses. Muslin, Voile and Foulard—The Artist's Touch In Hats.

Roses are everywhere, for the latest muslin gowns display rose wreathed patterns, while hats are rose laden, and on parasols are roses painted and embroidered. These and other flowered muslins suit very happily in the fashioning of the simple gown, being so ornate themselves they need little decoration. A couple of frills on the hem of the skirt and a frilled fichu on the bodice will suffice to achieve good results. Under such circumstances they are only suited to young girls of slim figure. Tiny empire wreaths of roses, made of chiffon in natural colors, are sometimes scattered over a pure white mousseline de soie or chiffon skirt, which has no other trimming than the underpropping of frou frou frills at the feet.

FROCK OF RED AND WHITE FOULARD.

Besides the popularity of muslin, canvas is also well liked and is seen at its best in an ecru tone, trimmed with little pipings or strappings of self colored silk, with a vest of Irish lace and a suggestion of pale blue or pale mauve at the neck.

There is a large choice of fabrics just now, for foulard is by no means neglected even with such serious rivals to combat as the voile and the muslin, and foulard dresses, usually bearing dark grounds and light patterns, are selected as being eminently suitable for every occasion and easily rendered specially elegant by applications of lace or a lawn embroidered collar and undersleeves.

The double sleeve and its later comrade for the season, the elbow sleeve, hold favor in their line.

For the croquet player there is a costume of red and white foulard trimmed with insertion and bordered with red. With this may be worn a muslin hat wreathed with roses.

In the pretty hat sketched one sees a new shape in straw, without doubt inspired by oriental modes. It turns well down over the face and is very daintily trimmed. In headgear contrast seems to be permissible; there is often a touch of grass green beside a bunch of La France roses, and sky blue would seem to be almost a necessary accompaniment of a pink rose trimmed straw hat.

A NEW SHAPE OF HAT.

The more artistic the hat the more we owe to the art of the milliner, who with a few yards of straw shapes the exact form she desires. A touch of black against the pink roses and soft cloudy loops of tulle gives the artist's touch.

Silky straws in bold mixtures of blue and green tartan, marquise hats in course, soft straw, with bunches of flowers and foliage enwreathed at the back, are well adapted to the young.

Popular Shirt Waist Materials.

Scotch madras and Scotch cheviots, white piques and white dimities, dotted and embroidered swiss, mercerized cheviot, white butcher's linen, linen lawn, fancy white cotton and wash silks appear among popular shirt waist materials.

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THE CITY.

Mrs. Geo. Thomson visited Mrs. W. K. Leighton, Nanaimo, on Saturday last.

Fresh Halibut and Kippers nowat the Fish Market.

Provincial Constable E. Hodgson of South Wellington paid Ladysmith a visit yesterday, on business.

Did you see the prizes given away this time? Have a look at them. They are on exhibition in our window. Lively, the Leading Jeweler.

Mr Marshall who is attending Victoria Collegiate Institute, is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Marshall.

Election was on Monday—you know the result? And Ryder will give away some more of that beautiful silverware.

Mrs. W. J. Watson has gone over to the Mainland to be present at a family reunion at Ladner's tomorrow. She will also visit Vancouver and New Westminster.

B.B.B., G.B.D. pipes at the Drug Store. Every pipe guaranteed.

On New Year's night the choir of the Methodist church are giving a concert in the church—the first annual thing of the kind. Announcements later.

Look at our advt. on this page. Note the prizes given away. They are dandies. Lively, the Leading Jeweler.

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Mr. Frank Allison came in from the Portier Pass lighthouse Monday and was welcomed by all his old friends around town.

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Rev. Gordon Tanner is in the throes of moving into the new parsonage lately finished, and ought to have the sympathy of all who have been in the some fix. He hopes to be all straightened out in a day or two.

The most complete line of silverware to choose from in town for Xmas presents. Lively the Leading Jeweler.

Hon. James Dunsmuir has given $300 to the Ladysmith Band fund. The subscription list is increasing daily, and the band will soon be in a position to purchase the much-needed new instruments.

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Mrs. Davis of the New Western Hotel has planted a row of young poplars along the front of her property. They will add considerably to the appearance of the house.

Hello, Sam, where did you get that watch? Why at Lively's. Where do you suppose I would get it? And I got a few guesses on the Pumpkin, too.

Nanaimo is talking about starting another co-operative store, as a result of the somewhat strained relations arising from the recent discovery of a mercantile black list, particulars of which were published exclusively in the Leader.

Ho! Ho!

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MAY BUILD IN BRICK.

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Mr Simon Leiser, head of the firm of Leiser & Co. Ltd., was in Ladysmith a day or two ago, and in reply to questions from The Leader said the firm would proceed with all despatch to erect a building even larger and in many ways more commodious and convenient than the fine block recently destroyed. Mr Leiser would not say whether it would be in brick, or a frame structure like its predecessor but The Leader has since learned that there is a strong probability that brick will be the material. Also that the new store and warehouse will probably be three stories in height, and the windows provided with fire-proof shutters and partition doors of iron.

Mr. James Auld is being generally complimented upon his creditable bit of rush work on the Leiser temporary building.

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CHRISTMAS TREATS.

The Churches will Remember the Little Folk.

The preparations for the annual Christmas Sunday School treat at the Methodist Church are now complete. It comes off on Christmas Eve (tonight) and the public are to be admitted free—and are promised a good programme and evening's entertainment; of the genuine old time sort. The cantata to be given is entitled "The Christmas Glory."

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Great success has attended the canvass for subscriptions for the Christmas tree to be given for the benefit of the children of First Presbyterian church. It is expected that there will be two trees, and each will be loaded with as many presents as it can hold. No fewer than 150 are promised, and probably more. There will be an interesting musical entertainment during the evening, followed by the stripping of the trees. None of the children of First Presbyterian church should miss this opportunity.

THE ENGLISH CHURCH.

No efforts have been spared by the ladies of the Anglican church to make their Christmas tree entertainment Tuesday night in the church a thorough success. A handsome sum has been subscribed throughout the town, and it is hoped that the tree will bear on its branches such a load of good things for the little ones as they have seldom seen. Besides the pleasant task of distributing the gifts from Santa Clause there will be a musical entertainment for the youngsters. Prospects are good for a very large attendance of the children and their elders.

The Liquor Question.

Mr. G. Morton Walker of First Presbyterian church preached on the liquor question as it affects Ladysmith, last Sunday night, to a crowded house. Much interest was shown by the audience, as the preacher in bold unequivocal terms condemned the state of things existing here and in other places in this province. He presented a number of strong arguments for not signing the petitions for license, and declared that so many liquor shops in a place amounted to a very serious political menace; the people would be powerless to cope with the evil through the proper channels unless they were careful. He quoted Lord Rosebery who said that if the state did not soon control the liquor traffic the liquor traffic would soon control the state.

Mr Walker also pointed out that the bludgeon was used to compel people to sign: "sign or it will go hard with your business"; "sign or we'll see that you don't get any work," etc. Liquor selling was a mere extra to hotel keeping; it was not necessary; the hotel keeper had his work just as the miner had his to attend to; in the one case the getting out the minerals; in the other the accommodation of travellers or boarders He quoted the late Rt Hon W. E. Gladstone that publicans were not good for the revenue; "with a sober population, saving their earnings, I shall know where to get my revenue." Mr. Walker cited a mass of facts and figures to fortify his position, and read the moral and religious lesson of it all with powerful effect. He adjured his hearers to think what they were doing in signing petitions at the bidding of persons who were unworthy of consideration; it might be like signing the death warrant of a whole family.

A stirring and interesting address was concluded with a strong appeal to all to be true to themselves.

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2nd prize, Lady's Watch, Gold Filled, value	25 00
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5th prize, Lady's Watch Chain, "filled," value	8 00
6th prize, Lady's Gold Filled Bracelet, value	6 00
7th prize, Lady's Silver Watch, value	4 50
8th prize, Boy's Watch, value	3 50
9th prize, Lady's Lace Pin, Gold Filled, value	2 50
10th prize, Gent's Cuff Links, value	2.00

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Women's Masks.

In 1580 black masks were worn in public by ladies of all ranks. The mask was held in place by ribbons passed behind the ears or by a glass button held between the teeth.

Burton.

Robert Burton published the "Anatomy of Melancholy" at forty-five. It was written to relieve the strain of a mind bordering on insanity.

Toast.

Bread for toast should be stale, should not be cut too thick and should be before the fire long enough to get heated through before it begins to brown. Then let it take a rich creole complexion.

The Musical Festivals.

The Cycle of Musical Festivals of the Dominion of Canada, organised and directed by Charles A. E. Harriss, of Earnscliffe, Ottawa, is now in full swing, and reports from the cities in which festivals are to be held show that the music lovers in Canada are working with great enthusiasm to ensure to the scheme the success it deserves.

The Victoria Times says regarding Victoria's connection with these festivals:

The city is on trial. The eyes of the musical world are upon Victoria, who, it is certain, will give Mr. Harriss a striking proof of her appreciation of his efforts in the cause of good music. The next rehearsal will be held on Wednesday evening at the city hall commencing promptly at 8 o'clock, when Harriss's "Festival Mass" will be studied.

"Why the etc, etc, don't you incorporate this etc., etc., town and get streets and roads instead of these etc., etc., hog wallows?" enquired an angry stranger who had waded through from High treet to the Leader office." I'm etc., etc'd., if I know." replied the questioned! "the people here seem to think it's all right, so what are you growling about, a mere stranger?"

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Provincial Secretary's Office,

His Honour the Lieutenant Governor in Council has been pleased to make the following appointments:

9th December, 1902.

George Thomson, of Ladysmith, Esquire, S. M., Government Agent, to be a Registrar for the purposes of the "Marriage Act."

16th December, 1902.

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NOTICE is hereby given that all unappropriated Crown lands situated within the boundaries of the following areas are hereby reserved from pre-emption, sale or other disposition, excepting under the provisions of the mining laws of the Province, for two years from the date hereof, pursuant to the provisions of subsection (3) of section 41 of the "Land Act," as amended by section 6 of the "Land Act Amendment Act, 1901," to enable the Quatsino Power and Pulp Company, Limited, to select therefrom timber limits for wood pulp and paper manufacturing purposes, as provided by an agreement bearing date the 20th day of October, 1902, viz:—

Sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, in Township 38; Sections, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17 and 18, in Township 31; Sections 1, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 39; Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 35 and 36, in Township 27; Sections 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36, in Township 28; Sections 25 to 36, inclusive, in Township 17; Sections 1 to 12, inclusive in Township 18; also Sections 27 to 36, inclusive, in Township 17; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 19; Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 13, 14, and from 22 to 36, inclusive, in Township 20; Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 16, 17, 18, 25, 26, 33, 34 and 35 in Township 21, Sections 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, in Township 32; Sections 1 to 36, inclusive, in Township 10; Sections 1 to 12 inclusive, and 13, 14 and 15, and the southern half of Sections 23 and 24, in Township 9; Sections 5 and 6, in Township 6; Sections 10, 31 and 32, 3, 4, 5, and 6, in Township 4; the ungranted land in Township 11; Township 12, except Sections 35 and 36; Sections 1 to 30, inclusive, in Township 13; Township 14; Sections 1 to 3, to and 12, in Township 2; Sections 7, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 23 and 26, in Township 16; also the following described piece or parcel of land, namely:—Beginning at a point on the prolongation of the southern boundary of Township 16, one mile east of the south-eastern corner of Section 1, in Township 16; thence in a southerly direction about seven miles, or to a point one mile south and one mile west of the southern end of Victoria Lake; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east one mile; thence north five miles; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east two miles; thence north one mile; thence east two miles, or to the easterly extremities of Kathleen Lake; thence south half a mile; thence east one mile; thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence north half a mile; thence west one mile and a half; thence north half a mile; thence west one mile; thence north half a mile; thence west half a mile; thence north one mile; thence west one mile; thence north two miles; thence west along the south boundary of Townships 12 and 11 to the Southeast Arm, and thence along the shore of the Southeast Arm, in a southerly direction, to the southern extremity of the Arm, and thence north to the place of beginning.

All of which said lands are situated in Rupert District, Vancouver Island.

W. S. GORE,
Deputy Commissioner of Lands and Works.
Lands and Works Department,
Victoria, B.C., 30th October, 1902.

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