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The "Scotch Concert" in the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening was a splendid entertainment from start to finish. The attendance was not very large, but the audience was a most appreciative one. Those who contributed toward the excellent program were: Miss Jean McDougall, Miss Margaret Ross, Miss Warn, Miss E. Allan, Messrs. Kendall, Brown, Tweedale, O. Boult. Miss C. Wood presided at the new piano. Miss McDougall's fine and cultured voice was heard to advantage in Scotch songs, and she received repeated encores to which she graciously responded. Miss Ross sang old familiar Scotch airs in charming style and was also repeatedly encored. Miss Allan proved to be a very accomplished elocutionist, her poses & gestures, voice and expression being easy and natural: she was splendid in both serious and humorous selections.

Prior to the commencement of the program Miss Margaret Ross was presented with a handsome gold Maple Leaf brooch and a boquet by friends who appreciate her continued kind services to the church

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C. O. C. F., ENTERTAINMENT.

Vancouver Council, No 211a, gave a grand banquet and dance on Thursday evening in Oddfellows' Hall About five hundred guests and members of the Order were present. The hall, and lodge rooms upstairs, were gaily decorated for the occasion, and Green's Orchestra discoursed fine dance music. The tables were loaded with substantials and dainties. The occasion was in celebration of Council No. 211a having reached 200 membership. This Council was organized by Dr. Robt Lawrence on March 30th, 1900, with a Charter list of 18, 13 new members and five who joined by card. Today there are 200 members and a good balance in the bank.

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The annual meeting of the Local Council of Women will be held on Tuesday next, February 7th, in the St. Andrew's Sunday School Hall, Richards street. Election of officers and reading of reports of affiliated societies will occupy the afternoon session which opens at 3 o'clock. Tea will be served by the ladies of St. Andrew's Church Guild. The evening session will begin at 8 o'clock, when Miss Bowes and Mrs. Griffin will give their reports of the National Council Meeting at Winnipeg, and a musical program will be provided by the Ladies' Guild of St. Andrew's Church. The Clergy of the city and the general public are cordially invited to be present.

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If you know any items of Mt. Pleasant news—Social, Personal or any other news items—send them in to "The Advocate," or by telephone—B1405.

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MOUNT PLEASANT METHODIST CHURCH.

The pastor's morning subject on Sunday will be "God and Small Things"; evening subject: "Choice of Life."

At the close of the morning service a Reception of New Members will be held, after which the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

In the Sabbath School it will be Decision Day

The Epworth League on Monday evening will hold the regular monthly Consecration meeting. A full attendance is requested.

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Mrs. Morrison of Twelfth avenue, is dangerously ill, and Miss Olive Morrison has been telegraphed to return home as no hope is entertained of her mother's recovery.

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MRS. McCLURE'S RECITAL.

The Ladies' of the Maccabees tendered the citizens of Vancouver an evening of rare enjoyment on Monday January 30th, in Pender Hall, when under their auspices Beatrice McClure made her first appearance in this city. Mrs. McClure is an artist, and sways her audience by her unaffected, graceful and truthful rendering of her character studies. Her reading of the "Japanese Nightingale" was delightfully natural and pleasing. Her voice is sympathetic, her gestures expressive and she possesses a charming personality which wins her audience from her first appearance on the platform. Miss Ella Walker, the well-known and popular soprano, gave several solos during the evening in her imitable style and both Mrs. McClure and Miss Walker were most kind in responding to the hearty encores, accorded them by a most gratified and large audience. The opening piano solo by Miss Luela Webber was a selection cleverly executed in that young pianist best style. The local L. O. T. M., announce the entertainment to have been financially a success.

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Doily Social in Mason's Hall, February 10th. Admission 25c.

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Miss Irene Whiteside entertained a few of her young friends on Thursday evening at the home of her parents, Eighth avenue, east. The evening was passed with games, music, recitations and dainty refreshments served. Present; Miss Grace Lord, Misses Claribell and Eda Sprung, Miss Mary Draney, Miss May Snell, Miss Hilda White, Miss Annie Kennedy, Miss Kathleen Whyte, Miss Ethel Pearson, Miss Mildred Copeland, Miss Alberta Balfour, Miss Myrtle Foote, Miss Anna Johnston.

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Mt. Pleasant Lodge L. O. L., No 1842, will meet on Wednesday evening next in Oddfellows' Hall. The arrangements for the Concert, Dance and Supper to be given on March 8th, are progressing favorably. Orangemen who have Certificates put away in their trunks, should get them out and affiliate with No. 1842, which is a growing lodge with enthusiastic Orange workers in its membership.

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Two weeks Sale.—All Winter Goods at Cost. W. W. MERKLEY.

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Madison Wright, who has leased the old Baptist Church from Mr. David Saunders, will hold services on Sunday at 11 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m., and through the week at 7:30 p. m. The denomination Mr Wright represents are known as Deciples or Christians, and this is the first time they have made an effort to establish a church in this province.

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Any one having friends or knowing of strangers visiting on Mt. Pleasant will confer a great favor by informing 'The Advocate." Telephone B1405.

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Reserve Wednesday Feb. 8th, for the Dance under the auspices of Court Ladysmith, Ancient Order of Foresters, in the Mt. Pleasant Oddfellows' Hall. Tickets $1.00 per couple. Invitations can be secured from Miss S. Hatch, Mrs. A. Clegg, Mr. L. J. Barclay, Mr. J. D. Pearson.

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Before starting on a shopping tour, look over the advertisements in the ADVOCATE.

Mason's Hall, Feb. 10th. Don't forget!

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BIRTHS.

ALLEN.—Born to Dr. Naboth and Mrs. Allen, January 28th, a son.

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Mr. Mulligan, late of Victoria, is having a $3,500.00 dwelling built on the lots he recently purchased on Quebec street and Fifteenth.

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Mrs. S. McClay gave a pleasant and successful tea in the interests of St. Michael's Church Mission Fund, on Wednesday afternoon at her home, Seventh and Westminster road.

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Mr. S. B. Netherby, School Inspector for Vancouver Island, visited his son, Mr. Chas. Netherby, proprietor of the Central Drug Hall, this week.

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Mr. H. Duncan, the well-known and popular Fireman, has been appointed Captain at the new East End Fire Hall, assuming his duties on Wednesday. After eleven years at No. 3, he certainly will be missed by his host of friends Captain Duncan has six men to "boss."

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The funeral of the late Stafford D. Bingham of Peterborough, Ont., took place from the home of Mr. F. Bingham, 609 Ninth avenue, east on Wednesday afternoon, Rev. A. E. Hetherington officiating. The deceased came to Vancouver some nine months ago to visit his son, and was taken ill not long after from the effects of which illness he died on Saturday evening last.

If you know of any local news item of interest such as parties, dances, socials, arrival and departure of visitors, society meetings, etc., send it in to THE ADVOCATE or by telephone B1405.

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Reserve Feb. 8th, for A. O. F. Dance and Supper in Oddfellows' Hall, Mt. Pleasant. Tickets $1.00 per couple.

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The young men of St. Michael's Congregation gave a jolly little dance Wednesday evening in Oddfellows' Hall. Good music, good floor, good dancers and last but not least good supper made the affair very enjoyable

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MOUNT PLEASANT BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev A. A. McLeod, for many years a Missionary in India, will give a stirring Missionary Address on Sunday at 11 a. m. The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the morning service. In the evening Rev. A. W McLeod will preach on "Things That Are Commonly Blessed." Mr. David Ward who has made a great reputation as a teacher of voice culture, will sing at the evening service.

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Telephone Numbers of Local Ministers.

B1799—Rev. G. H. Wilson, (Anglican).
1086—Rev. G. A. Wilson, (Presbyterian).
B1249—Rev. A. E. Hetherington, (Methodist).

Be sure and attend the Doily Social in Mason's Hall on Feb. 10th. Admission 25c.

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Mrs. W. H. Griffin, Dept. Provincial Comm. L. O. T. M., has been quite ill with an attack of erisypelas but is improving.

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Mrs. C. Dougan has been visiting Mrs. J. B. Dongan of Quebec street, the past week.

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A jolly surprise party took possession of the home of Mr. and Mrs John Harford, corner Sixth avenue and Quebec street, on Thursday evening, and enjoyed themselves till a late hour, with games and music. Present: Misses F. and G. Harford, Misses L. and M. Verge, Miss Devlin, Miss Dyson, Messrs. Gray, Philips, A. O. Lawrence, M. Bowman, E. Robson, R. S. Cummings.

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The Ladies' Aid of the Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church will give a Doily Social on Friday evening, February 10th, in Mason's Hall. A splendid supper will be served to all and at the door as one enters a doily will be presented which in case of a gentleman he can pass on to his sweetheart, wife or mother if not keeping "bachelor's hall."

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Central Park.

The Central Park Literary and Debating Society will debate the following resolution on Wednesday evening, February 8th, in the Horticultural Hall: "Resolved, that Iron is of more use than Gold." The speakers for the affirmative will be Mr. Barclay, H. Swain and A. McDonald. The negative will be Mr. Clark, Mr. Beauchoux and L. R. Alcock. Musical numbers will be rendered before and after the debate, and a cordial invitation is extended to everyone to be present.

A Temperance meeting will be held on Friday evening the 10th, in the Agricultural Hall, with a view to forming a regular Temperance Society.

Mr. Joseph Bowman has been agreeably surprised lately by arrival of a baby boy at his home. Joe intends to name the boy Edward—the First.

Another addition to Central Park's population arrived on Monday morning, January 30th, when a little daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Young.

The Masquerade Ball given in the Horticultural Hall last Friday evening by Messrs. H. Earle, A. E. Buchanan, A. McKay and F. Battison was very successful. The floor was in splendid shape for dancing and the music by Green's Orchestra excellent. Refreshments were served at midnight and dancing resumed until two-thirty o'clock when a special car was in readiness for the guests from Vancouver,

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A number of Miss F. Howes friends gave her a surprise party on Wednesday evening of last week, at her parents home, 393 Tenth avenue, east. The merry crowd spent a most delightful evening, during which Mr. Jefferson favored the guests with latest selections in music. Games of various kinds were indulged in after which refreshments were served, and then dancing was the feature until early morning. Present: Miss M. Revels, Miss M. Draney, Miss M. McKenzie, Miss M. Gray, Miss S. Burns, Miss B Draney, Miss A. McCauley, Miss N. Lobb, Miss G. Healey, Messrs. A. Carter, F. Crocker, H. Kemp, S. McKenzie, R. Burns, G. Conn, F. Ford, W. McClean, J. Hatch, G. Wood, R. Hatch, Mr. Jefferson.

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Mt. Pleasant School.

When the school bell rang at the Mt. Pleasant School on the morning of January 5th, the teachers were greeted with the smiling countenances of 906 children.

Principal Jamieson transferred between 60 and 70 of these to the Public School Department in the new High School building, thus lowering the attendance of January to the following:

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TUESDAY.

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THURSDAY.

Vancouver Council No. 211a, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends meets the 2d and 4th Thursdays of the month.

FRIDAY.

Alexandra Hive No 7, Ladies of the Maccabees holds its regular meetings on the 1st, and 3d Fridays of the month

The Filigree Ball

BY ANNA KATHERINE GREEN

AUTHOR OF

"THE LEAVENWORTH CASE."

The house is too well known for me to attempt a minute description of it. The illustrations which have appeared in all the papers have already acquainted the general public with its simple facade and rows upon rows of shuttered windows. Even the great square porch with its bench for negro attendants has been photographed for the million. Those who have seen the picture in which the wedding-guests are shown flying from its yawning doorway, will not be especially interested in the quiet, almost solemn aspect it presented as I passed up the low steps and laid my hand upon the knob of the old-fashioned front door.

Not that I expected to win an entrance thereby, but because it is my nature to approach everything in a common-sense way. Conceive then my astonishment when at first touch the door yielded. It was not even latched.

"So! so!" thought I. "This is no fool's job; some one is in the house."

I had provided myself with an ordinary pocket-lantern, and, when I had convinced Hibbard that I fully meant to enter the house and discover for myself who had taken advantage of the popular prejudice against it to make a secret refuge or rendezvous of its decayed old rooms, I took out this lantern and held it in readiness.

"We may strike a hornets' nest," I explained to Hibbard, whose feet seemed very heavy even for a man of his size. "But I'm going in and so are you. Only, let me suggest that we first take off our shoes. We can hide them in these bushes."

"I always catch cold when I walk barefooted," mumbled my brave companion; but receiving no reply he drew off his shoes and dropped them beside mine in the cluster of stark bushes which figure so prominently in the illustrations that I have just mentioned. Then he took out his revolver, and cocking it, stood waiting, while I gave a cautious push to the door.

Darkness! silence!

Rather had I confronted a light and heard some noise even if it had been the ominous click to which we are so well accustomed. Hibbard seemed to share my feelings, though from an entirely different cause.

"Pistols and lanterns are no good here," he grumbled. "What we want at this blessed minute is a priest with a sprinkling of holy water, and I for one—"

He was actually sliding off.

With a smothered oath I drew him back.

"See here!" I cried, "you're not a babe in arms. Come on or— Well, what now?"

He had clenched my arm and was pointing to the door which was slowly swaying to behind us.

"Notice that," he whispered. "No key in the lock! Men use keys but—"

My patience could stand no more. With a shake I rid myself of his clutch, muttering:

"There, go! You're too much of a fool for me. I'm in for it alone." And in proof of my determination, I turned the slide of the lantern and flashed the light through the house.

The effect was ghostly; but while the fellow at my side breathed hard he did not take advantage of my words to make his escape, as I half expected him to. Perhaps, like myself, he was fascinated by the dreary spectacle of long shadowy walls and an equally shadowy staircase emerging from a harkness which a minute before had seemed impenetrable. Perhaps he was simply ashamed. At all events he stood his ground, scrutinizing with rolling eyes that portion of the hall where two columns, with gilded Corinthian capitals, marked the door of the room which no man entered without purpose or passed without dread. Doubtless he was thinking of that which had so frequently been carried out between those columns. I know that I was; and when, in the sudden draft made by the open door, some open draperies hanging near those columns blew out with a sudden swoop and shiver, I was not at all astonished to see him lose what little courage had remained in him. The truth is, I was startled myself, but I was able to hide the fact and to whisper back to him, fiercely:

"Don't be an idiot. That curtain hides nothing worse than some sneaking political refugee or a gang of counterfeiters."

"Maybe. I'd just like to put my hand on Upson and——"

"Hush!"

I had just heard something.

For a moment we stood breathless, but as the sound was not repeated I concluded that it was the creaking of that far-away shutter. Certainly there was nothing moving near us.

"Shall we go upstairs?" whispered Hibbard.

"Not till we have made sure that all is right down here."

A door stood slightly ajar on our left.

Pushing it open we looked in. A well furnished parlor was before us.

"Here's where the wedding took place," remarked Hibbard, straining his head over my shoulder.

There were signs of this wedding on every side. Walls and ceilings had been hung with garlands, and these still clung to the mantelpiece and over and around the various doorways. Torn-off branches and the remnants of old bouquets, dropped from the hands of flying guests, littered the carpet, adding to the general confusion of overturned chairs and tables. Everywhere were evidences of the haste with which the place had been vacated as well as the superstitious dread which had prevented it being re-entered for the commonplace purpose of cleaning. Even the piano had not been shut, and under it lay some scattered sheets of music which had been left where they fell, to the probable loss of some poor musician. The clock occupying the centre of the mantelpiece alone gave evidence of life. It had been wound for the wedding and had not yet run down. Its tick-tick came faint enough, however, through the darkness, as if it too had lost heart and would soon lapse into the deadly quiet of its ghostly surroundings.

"It's—it's funeral-like," chattered Hibbard.

He was right; I felt as if I were shutting the lid of a coffin when I finally closed the door.

Our next steps took us into the rear where we found little to detain us, and then, with a certain dread fully justified by the event, we made for the door defined by the two Corinthian columns.

It was ajar like the rest, and, call me coward or call me fool—I have called Hibbard both, you will remember—I found that it cost me an effort to lay my hand on its mahogany panels. Danger, if danger there was, lurked here; and while I had never known myself to quail before any ordinary antagonist, I, like others of my kind, have no especial fondness for unseen and mysterious perils.

Hibbard, who up to this point had followed me almost too closely, now accorded me all the room that was necessary. It was with a sense of entering alone upon the scene that I finally thrust wide the door and crossed the threshold of this redoubtable room where, but two short weeks before, a fresh victim had been added to the list of those who by some unheard-of, unimaginable means found their death within its recesses.

My first glance showed me little save the ponderous outlines of an old settle, which jutted from the corner of the fireplace half way out into the room. As it was seemingly from this seat that the men, who at various times had been found lying here, had fallen to their doom, a thrill passed over me as I noted its unwieldy bulk and the deep shadow it threw on the ancient and dishonored hearthstone. To escape the ghastly memories it evoked and also to satisfy myself that the room was really as empty as it seemed, I took another step forward. This caused the light from the lantern I carried to spread beyond the point on which it had hitherto been so effectively concentrated; but the result was to emphasize rather than detract from the extreme desolation of the great room. The settle was a fixture, as I afterwards found, and was almost the only article of furniture to be seen on the wide expanse of uncarpeted floor. There was a table or two in hiding somewhere amid the shadows at the other end from where I stood, and possibly some kind of stool or settee; but the general impression made upon me was that of a completely dismantled place given over to moth and rust.

I do not include the walls. They were not bare like the floor, but covered with books from floor to ceiling. These books were not the books of to-day; they had stood so long in their places unnoted and untouched, that they had acquired the color of fungus, and smelt— Well, there is no use adding to the picture. Every one knows the spirit of sickening desolation pervading rooms which have been shut up for an indefinite length of time from air and sunshine.

The elegance of the heavily stuccoed ceiling, admitted to be one of the finest specimens of its kind in Washington, as well as the richness of the carvings ornamenting the mantel of Italian marble rising above the accursed hearthstone, only served to make more evident the extreme neglect into which the rest of the room had sunk. Being anything but anxious to subject myself further to its unhappy influence and quite convinced that the place was indeed as empty as it looked, I turned to leave when my eye fell upon something so unexpected and so extraordinary, seen as it was under the influence of the old tragedies with which my mind was necessarily full, that I paused, balked in my advance, and well-nigh uncertain whether I looked upon a real thing or on some strange and terrible fantasy of my aroused imagination.

A form lay before me, outstretched on that portion of the floor which had hitherto been hidden from me by the half-open door—a woman's form, which even in that first casual look impressed itself upon me as one of aerial delicacy and extreme refinement; and this form lay as only the dead lie; the dead! And I had been looking at the hearthstone for just such a picture! No, not just such a picture, for this woman lay face uppermost, and, on the floor beside her was blood—

A hand had plucked my sleeve. It was Hibbard's. Startled by my immobility and silence, he had stepped in with quaking members expecting he hardly knew what. But no sooner did his eyes fall on the prostrate form which held me spellbound, than an unforeseen change took place in him. What had unnerved me, restored him to full self-possession. Death in this shape was familiar to him. He had no fear of blood. He did not show surprise at encountering it, but only at the effect it appeared to produce on me.

"Shot!" was his laconic comment as he bent over the prostrate body. "Shot through the heart! She must have died before she fell."

Shot!

That was a new experience for this room. No wound had ever before disfigured those who had fallen here, nor had any of the previous victims been found lying on any other spot than the one over which that huge settle kept guard. As these thoughts crossed my mind, I instinctively glanced again toward the fireplace for what I almost refused to believe lay outstretched at my feet. When nothing more appeared there than that old seat of sinister memory, I experienced a thrill which poorly prepared me for the cry which I now heard raised by Hibbard.

"Look here! What do you make of this?"

He was pointing to what, upon closer inspection, proved to be a strip of white satin ribbon running from one of the delicate wrists of the girl before us to the handle of a pistol which had fallen not far away from her side. "It looks as if the pistol was attached to her. That is something new in my experience. What do you think it means?"

Alas! there was but one thing it could mean. The shot to which she had succumbed had been delivered by herself. This fair and delicate creature was a suicide.

But suicide in this place! How could we account for that? Had the story of this room's ill-acquired fame acted hypnotically on her, or had she stumbled upon the open door in front and been glad of any refuge where her misery might find a solitary termination? Closely scanning her upturned face, I sought an answer to this question, and while thus seeking received a fresh shock which I did not hesitate to communicate to my now none-too-sensitive companion.

"Look at these features," I cried. "I seem to know them, do you?"

He growled out a dissent, but stooped at my bidding and gave the pitiful young face a prolonged stare. When he looked up again it was with a puzzled contraction of his eyebrows.

"I've certainly seen it somewhere," he hesitatingly admitted, edging slowly away toward the door. "Perhaps in the papers. Isn't she like—?"

"Like!" I interrupted, "it is Veronica Moore herself; the owner of this house and she who was married here two weeks since to Mr. Jeffrey. Evidently her reason was unseated by the tragedy which threw so deep a gloom over her wedding."

CHAPTER III.

Not for an instant did I doubt the correctness of this identification. All the pictures I had seen of this well-known society belle had been marked by an individuality of expression which fixed her face in the memory and which I now saw repeated in the lifeless features before me.

Greatly startled by the discovery, but quite convinced that this was but the dreadful sequel of an already sufficiently dark tragedy, I proceeded to take such steps as are common in these cases. Having sent the too-willing Hibbard to notify headquarters, I was on the point of making a memorandum of such details as seemed important, when my lantern suddenly went out, leaving me in total darkness.

This was far from pleasant, but the effect it produced upon my mind was not without its result. For no sooner did I find myself alone and in the unrelieved darkness of this grave-like room, than I became convinced that no woman, however frenzied, would make her plunge into an unknown existence from the midst of a darkness only too suggestive of the tomb to which she was hastening. It was not in nature, not in woman's nature, at all events. Either she had committed the final act before such daylight as could filter through the shutters of this closed-up room had quite disappeared—an hypothesis instantly destroyed by the warmth which still lingered in certain portions of her body—or else the light which had been burning when she pulled the fatal trigger had since been carried elsewhere or extinguished.

Recalling the uncertain gleams which we had seen flashing from one of the upper windows, I was inclined to give some credence to the former theory, but was disposed to be fair to both. So after re-lighting my lamp, I turned on one of the gas cocks of the massive chandelier over my head and applied a match. The result was just what I anticipated; no gas in the pipes. A meter had not been put in for the wedding. This the papers had repeatedly stated in dwelling upon the garish effect of the daylight on the elaborate costumes worn by the ladies. Candles had not even been provided—ah, candles! What, then, was it that I saw glittering on a small table at the other end of the room? Surely a candlestick, or rather an old-fashioned candelabrum with a half-burned candle in one of its sockets. Hastily crossing to it, I felt of the candle-wick. It was quite stiff and hard. But not considering this a satisfactory proof that it had not been lately burning—the tip of a wick soon dries after the flame is blown out— I took out my penknife and attacked the wick at what might be called its roots; whereupon I found that where the threads had been protected by the wax they were comparatively soft and penetrable.

The conclusion was obvious. True to my instinct in this matter the woman had not lifted her weapon in the darkness; this candle had been burning. But here my thoughts received a fresh shock. If burning, then by whom had it since been blown out? Not by her; her wound was too fatally sure for that. The steps taken between the table where the candelabrum stood and the place where she lay, were taken, if taken at all by her, before that shot was fired. Some one else—some one whose breath still lingered in the air about me—had extinguished this candle-flame after she fell, and the death I looked down upon was not a suicide, but a murder!

The excitement which this discovery caused to tingle through my every nerve had its birth in the ambitious feeling referred to in the opening paragraph of this narrative. I believed that my long-sought-for opportunity had come; that with the start given me by the conviction just stated, I should be enabled to collect such clues and establish such facts as would lead to the acceptance of this new theory instead of the apparent one of suicide embraced by Hibbard and about to be promulgated at police headquarters. If so, what a triumph would be mine; and what a debt I should owe to the crabbed old gentleman whose seemingly fantastic fears had first drawn me to this place!

Realizing the value of the opportunity afforded me by the few minutes I was likely to spend alone on this scene of crime, I proceeded to my task with that directness and method which I had always promised myself should characterize my first success in detective work.

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Too much sensibility creates unhappiness; too much insensibility creates crime.—Talleyrand.

Remedy For Burns.

For a dry burn, carron oil. Shake the bottle, saturate a soft cloth with the mixture and lay over the burn. Then cover closely with cotton batting or flannel to keep out every bit of air and secure the whole with a light bandage. Burns may also be treated by a thick application of any bland oil, vaseline, sweet oil, castor oil, butter, cold cream or any fat not rancid, excepting glycerin, which is too irritating. Soft powders may also be dusted on—flour, laundry or corn starch. For a burn by scald or steam apply a dressing of saturated soda.

"—and it's just as good for pastry!"

Royal Household

THE BEST FLOUR FOR EVERY PURPOSE

NO MORE CRISP NOTES.

Uncle Sam's New Paper Money Is to Be Soft and Velvety.

The days of the crisp bank note are numbered. Instead of being crisp the money which the government bureau of engraving and printing will hereafter turn out will be soft and velvety, if important experiments which are now being conducted in the presence of treasury officers for the purpose of demonstrating the advantage of a novel chemical treatment for paper prove satisfactory. The result of the adoption of the new secret process will be to revolutionize a portion of the work connected with the printing of paper money in the United States. Under the new process it will take just sixty days less time to manufacture a bank note than under the present method. The chemical solution not only renders the paper soft and velvety, but it also makes it nonshrinkable. By applying it to a Japanese napkin that article becomes as soft and pliable as a tissue of silk. The chemical preparation acts as an antiseptic and preservative. When applied to old documents it seems to knit the fiber together and prevent further decay. Under the present process of printing paper money the paper has to be thoroughly soaked in water. While it is in this soaked condition one side of the paper is printed. The sheet is then placed in a steam room and kept under a high temperature for thirty days, the time necessary for the ink to dry. The sheet is again soaked as in the first instance and the reverse side of the bill printed. The thirty day drying process then has to be repeated. In cases where a third impression on the bill is necessary, which is required when the printing is done in two colors, the wetting and drying process has to be repeated for a third time, and another month is thus consumed in its production. Besides the delay of this process the wetting and drying rot the fiber of the paper, and, although it is "starched" to give it the crisp appearance, the starch soon wears out and the bill becomes limp and worn. In printing bills on paper that has been treated by the new process no wetting is necessary. The ink loses none of its luster when applied to the paper, as under the old process, and is thoroughly dry within forty-eight hours after the printing is done.

HOW TO STAY YOUNG.

Will Power a Large Factor In Keeping Away Decrepitude.

How old are you? The adage says that women are as old as they look and men as old as they feel. That's wrong. A man and woman are as old as they take themselves to be.

Growing old is largely a habit of the mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." If he begins shortly after middle age to imagine himself growing old he will be old.

To keep oneself from decrepitude is somewhat a matter of will power. The fates are kind to the man who hangs on to life with both hands. He who lets go will go. Death is slow only to tackle the tenacious.

Ponce de Leon searched in the wrong place for the fountain of youth. It is in oneself. One must keep oneself young inside, so that while "the outer man perisheth the inner man is renewed day by day."

When the human mind ceases to exert itself, when there is no longer an active interest in the affairs of this life, when the human stops reading and thinking and doing, the man, like a blasted tree, begins to die at the top.

You are as old as you think you are. Keep the harness on. Your job is not done.

BUNYAN'S TOMB.

Burial Place In England of the Author of "Pilgrim's Progress."

John Bunyan's tomb is in the vast burial ground of Bunhill fields, originally called "Bonehill fields," probably from the quantity of bones which, as Maitland tells us, were transported thither in 1540. This is now closed as a cemetery, but the forest of tombs shaded by young trees is a green oasis in a black part of London.

Near the center of the "Puritan Necropolis," a white figure, lying upon a high modern altar tomb, marks the grave of John Bunyan. He died at Snow hill from a cold taken on a missionary excursion Aug. 31, 1688, aged sixty.

Macaulay in one of his essays says: "The spot where Bunyan lies is still regarded by the Nonconformists with a feeling which seems scarcely in harmony with the stern spirit of theology. Many Puritans, to whom the respect paid by Roman Catholics to the tombs of their saints seems childish and sinful, are said to have begged with their dying breath that their coffins might be placed as near as possible to that of the author of 'Pilgrim's Progress.'"—London Mail.

Sportsman (from the bog)—Confound you, didn't you say there was a sound bottom here? Shepherd—Zo there be, maister, but thou 'aven't got down to un yet!

THE DANGER OF ANAEMIA

Its Victims Are Defenseless When Disease Strikes—The Blood Should Be Kept Rich and Pure.

Anaemic people—people with watery blood—are without defense when disease threatens. The strongest weapon against disease is a plentiful supply of rich, red blood. A robust person may catch cold, but quickly throws it off. But a cold lingers with the anaemic one, goes to the chest and the first signs of consumption appear. It is the anaemic one who suffers from headache and dizziness, who cannot climb a stair without resting, whose heart flutters and palpitates wildly at the least exertion. Such people can only be be saved by a supply of new, rich, red blood, and Dr. Williams Pink Pills is the only medicine that actually makes rich, red blood with every dose. Ordinary medicines only touch the symptoms of disease—Dr. Williams Pink Pills go right straight to the root of the trouble and drive it out. That is why these pills have a larger sale than any other medicine in the world, and that is why thousands and thousands of people praise them so highly. Miss Florence G. Marryett, Chester, N. S., says: "I have used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for several months, and I am happy to say they have restored me to health after all other means had failed. I was suffering from anaemia in its most severe form. The least exertion would leave me breathless and worn out. I had no appetite and suffered greatly with nervous headaches. I was pale and seemed to be going into decline. I had medical attendance, but it did me no good. Then a friend advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and in a few weeks I found they were helping me. I continued their use for several months, and am again enjoying good health. I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will make every weak and ailing girl strong and healthy."

You can get these pills from any dealer in medicine but you should be careful to see that the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People," is on the wrapper around each box. If in doubt write the Dr Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be sent at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50.

MAJOR DELMAR SOLD FOR BIG SUM.

Major Delmar, the world's champion trotting gelding, with an unpaced trotting record of 2.01¼ and a paced trotting record of 1.59¾, was sold at Madison Square Garden, New York, for $15,000. The purchaser was C. G. Billings, owner of Lou Dillon. It was announced that Mr. Billings would race Major Delmar and Lou Dillon in an effort to break the world's record. Major Delmar was consigned by Mr. Smathers, who bought him last year for $40,000. The record price at the sale was paid for Sadie Mac, another of Smathers' string, who was bought by Miss Wilks, of Galt, Ont., for $15,400. Miss Wilks is the owner of Oro Wilks and of several horses that won blue ribbons at the last horse show in New York. Prince Alert, the world's champion pacing gelding, with a world's record of 1.59¼, and a record of 1.57 with a wind shield, was sold to Edward Mitchell, of New York, for $2,600. Grace Bond, the champion three-year-old trotter of 1904, consigned to James Gatcomb, was sold to Alonzo Maynard, of New York, for $13,000.

The Canadian Pacific Railway have announced excursion rates from Manitoba and the Northwest Territories to Vancouver, Victoria, Kamloops, Vernon, Peachland and Summerland. Tickets will be issued December 1st and 2nd, 15th and 16th, and January 5th and 6th, good to return within three months. The rate for the round trip will be single first-class fare.

MAY EVEN STOP POKER GAME.

An ordinance which has just been passed by the New York board of aldermen having for its object the prevention of six-day bicycle racing is quite broad in its provisions, so much so that it might be interpreted to stop many popular games. It forbids any person in a contest of "speed, skill or endurance" from remaining in the contest for more than three hours out of any twenty-four. Under strict application the new ordinance as signed by the mayor might affect golf, bowling and even the time-honored poker game.

$40 TO EASTERN CANADA.

Tickets will be on sale November 28th to December 31st at rate of $40 as far east as Montreal; proportionately higher rates beyond, and will be good for return three months from date of sale. Special arrangements will be made to make travelling a pleasure on any of the four trains departing from Minneapolis and St. Paul every day. The finest of high back seat coaches, free reclining chair cars and sleepers make these trains most popular with travelers to Eastern Canada. Special pamphlet giving time of trains, etc., or any other information will be gladly furnished upon addressing Geo. A. Lee, Travelling Agent Northwestern Line, 339 Main street, Winnipeg.

SECURES NEW FIRE INSURANCE AGENCY.

Messrs. Christie and Heubach Get the City Agency of the Manitoba Assurance Company.

Quite recently it was announced that the Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company had secured the control and business of the Manitoba Assurance Company.

This new arrangement regarding the Manitoba places it in the front rank amongst the fire insurance companies of Canada, worked as it is now under a Dominion charter, the policies being guaranteed by the Liverpool, London and Globe, whose available assets are over sixty millions of dollars, is a feature that will certainly commend itself to the business men of our community.

The city agency under the new arrangement regarding the Manitoba has been secured by the well known firm of Christie & Heubach, who intend devoting special attention to this department of their business. The arrangement should be a good one for the Manitoba, as the firm of Christie & Heubach s closely identified with many of the leading financial institutions in the city and is well known to the business men of Winnipeg, a connection which should be of material assistance to them in securing valuable insurance patronage.

W. J. Christie has been long identified with real estate interests in Winnipeg, having for the past fifteen years been well known in these circles. His opinion upon matters in connection with real estate is highly valued, his knowledge enabling him to speak with authority.

F. W. Heubach is also one of the best known men around town, and his activity and ability were never more displayed than in connection with the recent Dominion exhibition. Since the formation of the partnership of Christie & Heubach, his large and varied general knowledge has stood him in good stead, and it is safe to say that there is no real estate or financial firm in the city which more merits the confidence of the investing public than that of Christe & Heubach, who are being congratulated upon the latest addition to their business operations.

The Western territory is under the supervision of Mr. Fred W. Pace, the Superintendent of the "Liverpool & London & Globe."

Occasionally a man meets a woman and marries her, but more often she overtakes him.

HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS.

The extremely low rates granted by the railway companies for Holiday Excursions during the month of December makes it possible for residents of the Northweest to spend the winter in the east at a comparatively small expense. The new fast trains from Winnipeg to St. Paul makes the route via St. Paul and Chicago more popular than ever. The Burlington Route which runs along the banks of the Mississippi river for three hundred miles is one of the most popular lines, as it gives passengers an all day ride through the famous Mississippi River Valley, the most picturesque and delightful in America. The route is through a prosperous terest to the traveller. The Burlington and well settled country all the way, towns and cities are numerous, and every mile presents something of in Route have issued a very attractive and interesting descriptive folder which gives the time of trains, and a map via all routes from the North-west to Eastern Canada, a copy of which will be sent on application to A. L. Fidlemiller, Travelling Passenger Agent Burlington Route, who will make the Clarendon Hotel, Winnipeg, his headquarters during December.

THE STORY OF A SUCCESSFUL MAN

HE FOUND HIS LOST HEALTH IN DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Leading Business Man of Welland Gives His Experience with the Great Canadian Kidney Cure.

Welland, Ont., Dec. 5.—(Special).—There is no better known or more highly respected man in Welland than Mr. J. J. Yokom. Born and brought up in the neighboring township of Crowland, by his own industry and sterling honesty he has grown to be one of Welland's leading merchants. Consequently when Mr. Yokom comes out with a statement that he was cured of a serious illness by Dodd's Kidney Pills, everybody knows it must be so.

"For a year or more I had Kidney Trouble in all its worst symptoms," says Mr. Yokom. "My head was bad, I had no appetite and I lost weight fast. At times I was entirely incapacitated. I doctored with a physician of vast experience but got no good results.

"I became despondent of ever being well again, when by good luck I chanced to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and from the first day they seemed to suit my case. Five boxes cured me completely."

A QUEER ANIMAL.

The Ermine Is One Thing In Summer and Another In Winter.

The ermine is a queer animal. It is one thing in winter and another thing in summer. That is a strange statement, but it is true, for in winter the animal's fur is as white as snow and is called the ermine. In summer its fur turns reddish brown on the upper part of the body and a light yellow on the lower part. The animal is then known as the stoat.

This change is quite familiar to naturalists, but not to unscientific people, and the ermine and the stoat are therefore generally regarded as distinct animals.

The fur of the ermine is much valued and is in great request. At one time it was a mark of great royalty and the state robes of judges and magistrates were lined with it as an emblem of purity.

The ermine is so cunning in its way that it is almost as difficult to catch it is to "catch a weasel asleep." In fact, about the only way to capture it is to mark its course from its hole and then strew mud in its pathway. When the dainty, fastidious little animal reaches the point in its path where the mud is strewn it will lie down and subject itself to capture and death rather than smirch one of its snow white hairs.

Sleep.

To sleep is to strain and purify our emotions, to deposit the mud of life, to calm the fever of the soul, to return into the bosom of maternal nature, thence to reissue, healed and strong. Sleep is a sort of innocence and purification. Blessed is he who gave it to the poor sons of man as a sure and faithful companion of life, our dear healer and consoler.—M. Amiel.

The Last Thing He Did.

It was said of Lord Palmerston that he never grew old and was as light hearted as a boy to the very end. When he was on his deathbed and the doctors told him that his time had come he brightened up for a final joke. "Die, my dear doctor! That's the last thing I shall do!" It was.

Dirty woodwork or any other part of the house that requires cleaning can best be cleaned by using

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It will remove every particle of dirt and make the whole house bright and cheery. Absolutely pure, and every bar possesses remarkable cleansing power.

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OAK LAKE NEWS.

OAK LAKE, MAN.

WESTERN CANADIAN EDITORS.

A series of articles describing their lives, their aims and their influence.

No. 12.

Victor C. French.

VICTOR C. FRENCH,
Editor and Proprietor of the Wetaskiwin Times.

The Canadian West, it has often been said, is the land of opportunity. This is true not only of those portions of its vast area that have been developed to a comparative extent, and where the possession of a moderate amount of capital ensures returns much greater than is possible in the older communities in the East, but also, and to an even greater extent, in the large and naturally wealthy districts being continually opened up as the march of progress and development, due to the steady inflow of population, goes on. These developments are as remarkable for their permanence as for their rapidity. One season sees the prairie grasses waving in the wind, and far as the eye can see there is no sign or vestige of human habitation. Ere a year has passed, the railway has penetrated the prairies, and the beginnings of a busy town appear. And, almost with the pioneer storekeeper comes the country publisher, sets up his Washington—or, if his capital approximates his ambition, his cylinder press—issues his first copy of a six-column folio, and starts out on that career of public-spirited publicity that makes the paper a weekly blessing to the merchants, the farmers, and every other class of the new community.

Many of the best country weekly and semi-weekly properties of the Canadian West had the humblest beginnings. But, with the unerring instinct and the deep-seated faith of the pioneer publisher, the men who risked every cent of their modest capital, and incurred obligations that in the event of non-success would permanently cripple their finances, went ahead in their enterprise, confident in the field that they had selected, and satisfied that time would vindicate their judgment. And, in the vast majority of instances, they have "won out." In many cases two or three years has seen such changes and growths in a western Canadian weekly that would surprise one not familiar with the speed at which things move in the West. It should not, however, surprise anybody who knows that the country which can raise fullfledged towns in a year can also produce full-grown and ably conducted newspapers in the same space of time.

A fine illustration of this rapidity of development is afforded by the Wetaskiwin Times. It is some three and a half years old, it having been established and first issued on March 22nd., 1901. Its beginnings were most modest. It appeared as a six-column folio. But, within the limits of its space, the Times even at that early date, was a newspaper. It gave the news. It was public-spirited, believed in its own town. It had its opinions, and expressed them. In every way it identified itself with the progress and prosperity of the district in which it was published. The Wetaskiwin people recognized that they had a live newspaper—one that could be depended on to back up the efforts of its citizens to make their town a place of importance. As a natural consequence they were a unit in supporting it. Also as a consequence, it did not take long before the two-column folio was too small for the increased importance of both the town and the paper. Soon it had to be enlarged to a seven column, and, after another interval of continuous growth, two additional pages had to be added. From two pages of six columns to six pages of seven columns, and all in the space of three and a half years! Need there be any further commentary than the mere recital of facts as to whether or not the Canadian West is the land of opportunity for the properly qualified newspaper publisher, as well as for the farmer, the rancher, the merchant, and the investor?

On the mechanical side of his training, few men are better equipped than Mr. Victor C. French, the editor and proprietor of the Wetaskiwin Times. He is not yet thirty years of age, having been born near Oshawa, Ont., in 1875. He was educated at the Exeter schools, completing his education with a term at Toronto College. Deciding to learn the printing business, he was apprenticed to John White & Son, of the Exeter Times. After completing his term he accepted the foremanship of the Mitchell Recorder, holding the position for nearly three years, when he went to Toronto and obtained employment in the well-known job office of the Monetary Times. Later he accepted a position in the office of McLean Bros., the well-known trade journalists. In 1898 he was offered the foremanship of the Clinton New Era, one of the best papers in western Ontario, and held the position till the fall of 1901, when he came west to Alberta, and after a few months of prospecting, decided to locate at Wetaskiwin, and established the Times. As may be imagined from the success of his venture, Mr. French has never had occasion to regret the call that bade him come west.

To any one who realizes and appreciates the rapid strides that all parts of the West has made within the past few years, it seems certain that the measure of success that has attended Mr. French in his newspaper venture in the past will be surpassed by its future growth. The district served by the Calgary & Edmonton line is one of the best in the West, and Wetaskiwin is evidently destined to be one of the most important centres along the line. The Times, under its present management, is amply able to keep pace with its future growth. Already it is regarded as among the most influential papers of the Territories. It is ably edited and carefully printed. Its advertising patronage is large, and as a news medium it is one of the very best in Western Canada. The present position of the Times is the best possible proof of the progressiveness and ability of its proprietor, who is generally recognized as among the most efficient of the newspaper men of the West.

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No firm, no company, no corporation in the world has the courage or facilities to offer like "Quality" or "Value."

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Most people think too lightly of a cough. It is a serious matter and needs prompt attention. Take

Shiloh's Consumption Cure The Lung Tonic

when the first sign of a cough or cold appears. It will cure you easily and quickly then—later it will be harder to cure.

Prices, 25c., 50c., and $1.00. 311

MINARD'S LINIMENT for Sale Everywhere.

A woman can board a train without a ticket, do a little crying and go wherever she pleases.

GREAT MEDICINE.—Tonti, one of the pioneers of French Canada, lost a hand and wore an iron hook as substitute. He was in the habit of boxing the ears of refractory Indians with his iron hand, and they have remarked that it was "great medicine." Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil is a great medicine, it takes hold of pain with an iron hand and knocks it out of the system.

To heat gasoline for cleaning small articles place the corked bottle of this dangerous stuff in a bucket of hot water "out of doors," adding boiling water as the water cools. Hot gasoline will clean laces speedily and thoroughly.

MESSRS. C. C. RICHARDS & CO.

Gentlemen,—I suffered for years with bronchial catarrh. I commenced in January last (as an experiment) to use MINARD'S LINIMENT which gave almost instant relief. And two bottles made a complete cure and I have had no symptoms of a return of the trouble since March.

Gratefully Yours,
MARK BURNS.

Yankleek Hill, Ont., Oct. 31, '01.

Lampwicks should be soaked for 24 hours in vinegar before being lighted. After this treatment they will be found to give a steadier, clear light.

Along about this time of year there are only a few votes between a hero and the other kind of a man.

Tying pink ribbons on a dog's neck is not the same as love for the lowly.

A man is not even civilized who loves cash more than country.

It's a poor faith that does not answer some of its own prayers.

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns, Etc.

To clean the coffee pot fill it with water, put in a pinch of borax and a piece of hard soap and set on the stove, letting it boil for half an hour. It will be as bright as new, and should be submitted to this treatment frequently.

Ayer's

For hard colds, bronchitis, asthma, and coughs of all kinds, you cannot take anything better than Ayer's

Cherry Pectoral

Cherry Pectoral. Ask your own doctor if this is not so. He uses it. He understands why it soothes and heals.

"I had a terrible cough for weeks. Then I took Ayer's Cherry Pectoral and only one bottle completely cured me."
MRS. J. B. DANFORTH, St. Joseph, Mich.

25c., 50c., $1.00. All druggists. J. C. AYER CO., Lowell, Mass.

for Coughs, Colds

You will hasten recovery by taking one of Ayer's Pills at bedtime.

In order to clean a gilt frame brush off every bit of dust and then wet a small area at a time with alcohol applied with a camel's hair brush. Rub the alcohol off before it dries with a clean, soft cloth of silk or flannel, and these cloths should be changed often, as the dirt comes off the frame with the alcohol on the cloth.

Heart Disease Relieved in 30 Minutes.—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gives perfect relief in all cases of Organic or Sympathetic Heart Disease in 30 minutes, and speedily effects a cure. It is a peerless remedy for Palpitation, Short Breath, Smothering Spells, Pain in Left side, and all symptoms of a Diseased Heart. One dose convinces.—83

Nearly everything made with baking powder may be raised equally as well with sour milk, buttermilk or soda, allowing one even teaspoonful of soda to each pint of milk.

A lady writes: "I was enabled to remove the corns, root and branch by the use of Holloway's Corn Cure." Others who have tried it have the same experience.

Blue windows in the soul turn the milk of human kindness into clabber.

The best way to make sure of heaven is to make your homes like heaven here.

Those who try to make the best of everything generally get the best of everything.

THEY DROVE PIMPLES AWAY.—A face covered with pimples is unsightly. It tells of internal irregularities which should long since have been corrected. The liver and the kidneys are not performing their functions in the healthhy way they should, and these pimples are to let you know that the blood protests. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will drive them all away, and will leave the skin clear and clean. Try them, andthere will be another witness to their excellence.

Educating your conscience into elasticity will not relieve you from guilt.

About the third or fourth day after election we have remarked that people are thoroughly tired of politics.

When weighing molasses sprinkle the scale well with flour and then it will slip off again quite easily without sticking.

"Bought My Life for 35 Cents."—This was one man's way of putting it when he had been pronounced incurable from chronic dyspepsia. "It was a living death to me until I tried Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets. Thanks to them to-day I am well, and I tell my friends I bought my life for 35 cents." 60 in a box.—80

Table cloths or linoleum on the kitchen floor can be kept fresh and cleaner with oil than with soap and water.

The man who discharges all his religious obligatons by going to church never had enough religion to bother any one.

One of the greatest blesings to parents is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator. It effectually expels worms and gives health in a marvellous manner to the little one.

A green grocer is one who trusts deadbeat customers.

The demagogue crop is never a failure.

Man's mission in life is to pay for the things woman wants.

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects. 38

Silk-lined gowns interest a woman more than silver-lined clouds.

The man who goes to law may be sure that his lawyer will get justice.

THE FLAGGING ENERGIES REVIVED.—Constant application to business is a tax upon the energies, and if there be no relaxation, lassitude and depression are sure to interxene. These come from stomachic troubles. The want of exercise brings on nervous irregularities and the stomach ceases to assimilate food properly. In this condition Parmelee's Vegetable Pills will be found a recuperative of rare power, restoring the organs to healthful action, dispelling depression, and reviving the flaging energies.

It is better to take a reef in the sails than to sail the boat on a reef.

You never know what you can do until you try to undo something you have done.

Did it ever occur to you that summer girls and peaches disappear simultaneouosly.

Marriage, which should make one out of two, often results in sixes and sevens.

Occasionally a man meets a woman and marries her, but more often she overtakes him.

Down deep in his heart the average man is anxious to see some other man get it in the neck.

A woman's idea of happiness is her ability to purchase something the woman next door can't afford.

It s sometimes the custom in Russia for each lady at a big dinner to smoke a tiny cigarette after each course. This is supposed to assist digestion, besides removing the flavor of the previous course from the palate.

PLANS TO AID CONSUMPTIVES.

A despatch from Stockholm says: Sweden, to celebrate the semicentennial of the introduction of postage stamps, is printing jubilee stamps for sale in every posto—co in the country. These jubilee stamps are worth nothing alone, but must be affixed to the letters beside the regular stamps. The profits obatined will be devoted to the establishment of a free hospital for consumptives.

What Makes You Despondent?—Has the stomach gone wrong? Have the nerve centres grown tired and listless? Are you threatened with nervous prostration? South American Nervine is nature's corrector, makes the stomach right, gives a world of nerve force, keeps the circulation perfect. A regular constitution builder for rundown people. One lady says: "I owe my life to it."—84

This advertisement appeared the other day: "Sonny: Come home immediately. Father still unemployed and imbecile. We are trying to get him into the war office. Mother."

Ask for Minard's and take no other.

Ask any girl who was the greatest musical composer, and she will think of the wedding march and say "Mendelssohn."

A rough remedy is better than the most elaborate regrets.

Reverence will not follow where respect does not lead.

People who have culture are never conscious of it.

Tastes are about evenly divided. Half the people want their pickles sour, and the other half want them sweet.

If attacked with cholera or summer complaint of any kind send at once for a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial and use it accoring to directions. It acts with wonderful rapidity in subduing that dreadful disease that weakens the strongest men and that destroys the young and delicate. Those who have used this cholera medicine say it acts promptly, and never fails to effect a thorough cure.

If a man can get into a bank after banking hours he considers himself a prominent citizen.

What has become of the old-fashioned woman who wore a nubia?

MINARD'S LINIMENT Relieves Neuralgia.

The weather to-day is as cold and raw as an old maid's second love.

The Pall of Rheumatic Pains.—When a sufferer finds permanent relief in such a meritorious medicine as South American Rheumatic Cure, how glad he is to tell it. C. W. Mayhew, of Thamesville, Ont., couldn't walk or feed himself for four months—four years ago three bottles of this great remedy cured him—not a pain since—isn't that encouragement for rheumatic sufferers?—82

When tins are hard to wash, where food has burned on, like baked fish or oatmeal, put the dish on the stove, filled with cold water and half a teaspoonful of baking soda, and let it boil and your dish will wash and the odor of fish will be gone.

Cut Glass

Our facilities are unsurpassed for obtaining the best possible assortment in cut glass.

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The frog's skin is a breathing machine. The supply of air is a necessary addition to that taken in by ordinary breathing. The skin is most remarkable for its powerful absorption of water, due to the numberless minute pores. He can soak up half his weight of water in an hour.

As the skin perspires quite as freely as it absorbs, we can comprehend why contact with moisture is necessary. Besides the loss from evaporation there is the stopping of skin breathing also, because the skin must be kept moist and soft to absorb fresh air and give off used air from the system. You have noticed the cold, clammy feeling of the skin of the frog when you have handled him. The soaking of water is the cause. If you put a redhot iron on a frog's flesh he will not feel it, simply because of the cold water in his skin, which the heat turns into vapor, escaping under the iron, but if hot water be dropped upon him he will instantly jump from pain, as it immediately strikes into the skin.

This moisture is a safeguard against drying up, and there is still another, which is an interior sack for storing water. Like the camel, it thus keeps a supply which carries the amphibian over many a dry place when it would otherwise lose all its moisture and die.

Bookworms.

Insects, it is said, will never attack books which are dusted once a year with powdered alum and white pepper.

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ORIGIN OF A PHRASE.

"Getting Into a Scrape" Comes to Us From the Game of Golf.

Not till quite recently has the true explanation of the phrase, "getting into a scrape," been popularly known. It has long puzzled dictionary makers, one suggesting that it is a corruption of escapade, another connecting it with a Swedish word skrap, to draw into difficulties.

Golf, the royal and ancient game at one time peculiar to Scotland, has of late become such a worldwide amusement that the mystery of this phrase has practically disappeared. In Scotland many of the golf courses are laid out on sandy downs bordering on the sea. These are the very places where rabbits abound.

One of the perpetual troubles of a golfer was that his ball constantly found a lodgment in these rabbit "scrapes," from which it was difficult to drive it with accuracy; hence special rules were framed at St. Andrew's, the Mecca of golf, fixing what was to be done when one got into a scrape. The phrase thus started from the golfers in the north and spread southward without its practical bearing being known.—London Chronicle.

His Cynical Theory.

"Father," said the small boy, "why do they call a speech made at a banquet a toast?"

"My son," was the answer, "it is probably because it is so dry."—Exchange.

Too True.

George—What can be more sickening than to see another fellow making love to a girl? Harry—To see another fellow making love to your girl.—Town Topics.

When tomatoes and milk are to be put together, as in cream soup, have the tomato juice and milk of the same temperature, then beat vigorously as the tomato is added little by little.

"Why did the congregation hurry out so quick after the benediction?" "The sexton makes them leave their umbrellas in the vestibule, and those who get out late haven't much of a choice."

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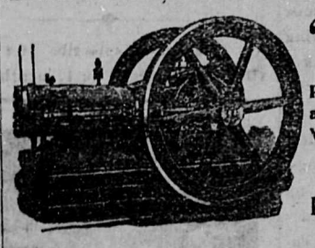

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Society of Encouragers.

J. H. JOWETT, M.A., in "Free Press," Christchurch, New Zealand.

I think one of the most conspicious lacks in modern life is a vocabulary of eulogy. The terms of criticism are familiar to everybody, but the words which are the vehicles of admiration and praise are rare and infrequent visitors. Listen to the multitudinous voices that are finding fault! They are like the sound of many waters. Listen to the voices that are bestowing praise! They are like the notes of some solitary robin on a gusty wintry day. My Society shall consist of people who will make it their daily aim to speak a cheery word, to tell out one's love, and to give expression to the sentiment of admiration.

We want a Society whose good word is spoken in life, and whose harsh criticisms may be delayed until after death.

I don't know anything more pathetic in the realm of literature than those terrible letters in which Carlyle unveils to us the remorse which he experienced when he recalled his forgetfulness towards his wife. The one thing that this apostle of silence most regrets is not speaking out his heart! He withheld the encouraging word until it was too late to give joy and inspiration.

I think there is many a customary phrase and customary method in our method and dealing with children which might be reversed. How often one has heard a mother or father when their little one has been in ways of disobedience make the remark, "Now I just thought you would do that." But how rarely one hears it when the little one has walked in the way of strictest devotion! Why should it not be spoken then? When the command has been obeyed and the work is done, why should not the parent say to the faithful little soul, "Now I just thought you would do that?" Let them know that our expectations are on their side, that our hopes as our wishes are leaning towards the gladness of the light, and not towards the misery of the darkness.

Our Society would also have to bring its ministry round about the lives of young men and women. There is no time when they are in such need of help as when they are just beginning to feel the galling burdens of life, of its pangs. If some veteran, who has passed along the hard way, will speak into the hearts of these sensitive ones an inspiring, encouraging evangel, the fruit of his kindliness will be found after many days.

And there are folk who have reached the afternoon! The men and women who are no longer young, and who are not yet old, but who are just beginning to feel the tiring burden of the afternoon! It is the long afternoon which wearies the pilgrim. There are two sorts of people to bring them encouragement. There are the people who are still in the morning, and there are the radiant souls who have come to their evening. All of these may be ambassadors of inspiration and revival, and may say the word which will bring a restoring breeze into the close, oppressive hours of the afternoon.

And lastly there is the depression which sometimes attacks the aged. People grow old and white and feeble. They look back to their young and youthful days when they were of some little use in the great fields of the world, and the very contemplation of what they use to be makes them feel so useless now. There is something pathetic in the sight of some aged body who hears the trumpet call of the times, and who would gladly answer it, but who, because of the burden and weakness of age, is unable to respond. Tell the old folk that ripening itself is a service; the souls reflect the mellowed influence which blesses and enriches the world and makes it more beautiful to live in. Lovely old age creates an atmosphere which sweetens and purifies common life. I lay the claims of this Society before the readers of the "Weekly Press." We will have no membership roll. Let every reader enter his own name in the mystic roll in the silent secrecy of his own heart, and let there be a big company of men and women who shall make it one of their purposes in life to speak the cheery word "which maketh the heart glad."

Young Peoples Societies.

SUNDAY.

Loyal Workers of Christian Endeavor meet at 15 minutes to 7, every Sunday evening in Advent Christian Church, corner Ninth ave. and Westminster Rd.

MONDAY.

Epworth League of Mt. Pleasant Methodist Church meets at 8 p. m.

B. Y. P. U., meets in Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church at 8 p. m.

TUESDAY.

The Y. P. S. C. E., meets at 8 p. m in Mt. Pleasasant Presbyterian Church.

The City Advertising.

On Friday last the Finance Committee gave the City Advertising for 1905 to "The News-Advertiser," though the "Mt. Pleasant Advocate" submitted the lowest tender for the work, and fulfilled the contract during the past year. At the price quoted by the morning paper, the Ratepayers of the City WILL PAY DOUBLE, if not more, for advertising this year. The argument that the "Advocate" has not wide enough circulation is groundless. Anyone interested in the City Advertising can always find out where it is to be found, and that a large number did so last year is shown by the large list of subscribers added during the year. That the Council should refuse to give "The Advocate" any patronage this year seems strange when by its help the Council were enabled to resist the 15c per line rate of the daily papers last year. The following were the tenders submitted to the Council:

"Mt Pleasant Advocate"—First insertion 5c per line, each subsequent insertion up to and including 12 at 3c, from 12 to 48 insertions at 2c.

"Mainland News"—First insertion 8c per line; 2d at 5c, the 3d and all subsequent insertions at 2c.

"News-Advertiser," "The World" and "The Province"—First insertion 10c per line; each subsequent insertion 5c.

The man given to lying, to trickery, and deception dwindles as time passes; the liar is destroyed by his own lies, the trickster by his own tricks.—Altgeld.

It was finely said by Socrates that the shortest and most direct road to popularity is "for a man to be the same that he wishes to be taken for." People are egregiously mistaken if they think they ever can attain to permanent popularity by hypocrisy, by mere outside appearances, and by disguising not only their language but their looks. True popularity takes deep root and spreads itself wide: but the false falls away like blossoms; for nothing that is false can be lasting.—Cicero.

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THE GUARDIAN OF OUR BODY.

The foremost biologist of our day, M. Metschnikoff, has shown the world of science that there are leucocytes in our blood that act as scavengers or policemen. These policemen which are called *phagocytes* look out for the noxious or poisonous elements in our blood. Various offending elements are picked out of the blood and tissues by these policemen and destroyed. Therefore our lives are protected by these blood-cell-policemen, the *phagocytes*, and we enjoy immunity from disease so long as our blood contains plenty of phagocytes and red blood corpuscles.

"A new broom sweeps clean"—and in order to put our own house in order we must get rid of all the poisons in the blood with a new broom such as an alterative extract made from roots and herbs—without the use of alcohol, as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, a specific for making rich red blood—for eradicating the poisons from the blood. In some way the policemen in the blood are increased in number and strength—so that we are put in the best possible shape to resist disease—to cure neuralgia, colds, catarrh, and incipient consumption.

"The more study and time is given to the subject the more we find that the blood is the center of life"—says Dr. R. V. Pierce, the noted specialist of Buffalo, "the health and comfort of the average person depends entirely on this blood supply—for the heart must have pure blood or it will not pump and keep the body supplied regularly like the beautiful automatic engine it is. The nerves must be fed on pure blood—or we suffer the pain of neuralgia, which is the cry of the starved nerves for food. Headaches, cold in the head, catarrh—and many other things are due to stagnation of the blood."

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For children's frocks and school dresses the new cotton plaids deserve particular attention. They have never been in greater variety, while the colors are equal to those of the finest woollens.

Fancy silk and linen and silk and cotton tissues in lace designs are in great favor for summer afternoon and evening costumes. The past experience in these charming materials and their great popularity make them most welcome for the coming season. Some of the new weaves are surprisingly lovely, while the colors are faultless. Pink and mauves especially so.

That there is every indication of lace trimmings being quite as lavishly used in the coming summer as they were last season, upon forenoon and afternoon, as well as evening gowns, but, of course, with the proper limitations, as to quantity and quality.

LINEN WALKING SKIRTS.

Both linen suits had short walking skirts, the heavy linen one inlaid in broad plaits, while the Japanese linen skirt showed an effective use of box-plaits with broad spaces. For instance, one broad box-plait at the back, with an embroidered design, reaching halfway up the skirt, was followed by a gathered fulness at the sides, and an embroidered heading at the skirt hem. Two smaller box-plaits, each with upright motifs of embroidery, were laid upon the sides, but well towards the front, having a narrow design of embroidery reaching from the bottom of the front panel to knee height. A very charming skirt, indeed, and embroidered after a special sketch in the inimitable Japanese style. A blouse bodice to match, had a single flower branch design embroidered on the fronts, producing a most unique style in connection with the skirt. A very smart short jacket, prettily braided in white, with embroidered vest, was the second piece of the heavy linen suit, and a most desirable choice. The wearer's individual taste led her to select this novelty in the way of vest buttons, consisting of three sets in different colors, one of rich blue lapis, another of delicate green malachite, the third of rose-pink coral, all of which she ordered of medium size, and to be carved. With each set of buttons a hat of the same color is to be worn, white gloves, veil, parasol and girdle are to be of white. These original touches are a relief from oft-repeated ways of dressing.

POP-CORN BALLS.

It is quite unnecessary to have any complicated machinery for the manufacture of these dainties, for even the ground pop-corn cakes may be made at home in the following manner:

Pop the corn, and, as each popperful is ready, roll it on the bake board with the rolling pin; boil some New Orleans molasses the same as for molasses candy, and be sure that it is New Orleans molasses, for the Porto Rico article is not nearly so good for the making of confections. Pour the molasses syrup over the crushed popcorn after it is boiled, and then pack the entire mass into a long oblong baking or roasting pan, mark into squares, and when cold, cut right through the marks with a sharp knife and separate the cakes.

Popcorn balls are made in much the same fashion, only the corn is left entire; use only the perfect grains and prepare beforehand two cups of molasses, one cup of brown sugar, one tablespoonful of vinegar, and a piece of butter the size of a small egg. Make the candy in a large porcelain kettle, and when it hardens upon being tried in cold water, turn in the popped and salted corn. Prepare four quarts or more of the popped corn, stir all the corn into the candy that the latter will take, and then heap the mixture on to buttered plates; butter the hands repeatedly while forming the hot corn into balls so as to withstand the heat. Make of uniform size, as round as possible, and set aside to harden. If the mixture hardens before the last balls are made, reheat it over the fire, taking care not to scorch it.

SUGAR POPCORN BALLS.

For these, place over the fire two cupfuls of sugar, three-fourths of a cup of water and butter the size of an egg; cook together till it candies, and then proceed as above with the molasses balls.

One may vary popcorn balls, to the children's delight, by dividing the syrup, coloring part of it in pink, and part of it dar kbrown by adding a little red currant jelly or red fruit juice, and powdered cocoa or grated chocolate. Leave the other third of the syrup white, so as to form a pretty contrast, and then make up into balls, or crush the corn and make int olittle cakes. By packing the candied corn into a buttered baking powder can, some round corncakes may be made for a change. A pretty canary color may be produced by adding a few drops of tincture curcuma, a harmless coloring to be found at all druggists; this syrup should be flavored with the juice and grated rind of a lemon. The pink corn balls should be flavored with rose, and the chocolate with vanilla or cinnamon.

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City of Vancouver.

TENDERS WANTED.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to Saturday, April 1st, at 4 p. m., for the purchase of debentures of the City of Vancouver to the amount of $175,000.00. These debentures bear interest at the rate of four (4%) per cent. per annum, payable half-yearly and extending over a period of forty years. The City reserves the right to reject any or all tenders.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned.

THOS. F McGUIGAN,
CITY CLERK.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25th, 1905.

City of Vancouver.

NOTICE.

TAKE NOTICE that a by-law is intended to be passed by the City Council for levying a frontage rate to pay for stone block paving to be constructed in the lanes in the following blocks, viz: Blocks 3, 4, 5 and 28 Subdivision 541 and that a statement showing the lands liable to pay the said rate and the names of the owners thereof so far as they can be ascertained from the last revised assessment roll, is now filed in the office of the City Clerk, and is open for inspection during office hours The estimated cost of the work is $15,793.67, of which $5,264 56 is to be provided out of the general fund of the City. A Court of Revision will be held on Feb. 27th, 1905, at the City Hall at 4 p. m., for the purpose of hearing complaints against the proposed assessment or accuracy of the frontage measurement or any other complaint which persons interested may desire to make and which is by law cognizable by the Court.

THOS. F. McGUIGAN,
CITY CLERK.

City of Vancouver.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the Assessment Roll of the City of Vancouver has been returned to me and now remains in my office, where the same may be inspected by any person or persons interested therein.

If any person or persons complain of his or their assessment or non-assessment or of the assessment or non-assessment of any person or persons, he or they shall at least ten days previous to the first meeting of the Court of Revision, to be held on Wednesday, the 15th day of February, 11 a. m., in the City Hall, notify me of his or their ground of complaint, and the Council shall at the time and place above referred to form themselves into a Court of Revision for hearing such complaint.

THOS F McGUIGAN,
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Vancouver, B. C., January 1st, 1905.

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