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Telegraphic News

London, Feb. 16.—Last despatch reports another engagement at Port Arthur. Russians lost eight vessels sunk and ten captured.. Not confirmed.

London Feb. 13—Despatch from Tokio, says an official report, that the Russian fleet was destroyed—four battleships and three cruisers being sunk, and that two Japanese warships were damaged in the engagement off Port Arthur, Japanese getting between Russians and entrance of harbor before fight commenced.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13—Repeating the charge that Japan's attack on Port Arthur was made from Wei Hei Wee, the "Novoe Vremya" to-day bitterly assails Great Britain in allowing Japan the use of harbour as basis of operations.

"Great Britain has violated the fundmental principles of neutrality Wei Hei Wei must be regarded as port of Japanese territory and Great Britain has forfeited right to participated in any deliberation over eventful fate of harbour the case analogous to that of Alabama claim, and Russia is to demand compensation from Great Britain for losses sustained.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 13—Report has been received from Viceroy Alexieff, says Japanese torpedo transport "Yemseha" was blown up as result of striking mine at Port Arthur. 95 men were lost.

London—Feb. 13—The British collier, Foxton Hall, has been detained by Russians at Port Arthur. Russian soldiers having been put on board with British captain and sent to Chee Foo.

Berlin Feb. 13—The blame of Russian defeat in the Orient is openly attributed by the Russians to the Czar himself.

London Feb. 14—A report from Tokio says three Russian cruisers presumably the Vladivostock squadron had been torpedoed in the Straits of Tugaro yesterday.

The Russian warships encountered a fleet of Japanese Transports and sank several of them. Rumors of bombardment have been current but lack conformation from either Tokio or St Petersburg.

Nagasaki 15th—Mobilisation of Japanese arms has been carried out methodically It is thought that 300,000 troops are now ready to be placed in field without impairing national defence.

Chee Foo 15th—Reliable report says three Russian torpedo boats have been sunk by guns from forts. They were mistaken for Japanese vessels.

Tokio 15th—Three of the four Russian warships from Vladivostock which entered the Tugaro straits to attack Hakodate were blown up by mines on night of Feb 13th, while attempting to pass the straits.

Pekin, Feb. 15th—The Russians freely admit their unpreparedness for the Japanese attack to have been a terrible blunder. Only half of the ships were in line of battle, and their officers were on shore celebrating the anniversary of Viceroy Alexieff's birthday.

Victoria, Feb. 13—Steamer Tees on her way from North went on Trial Island off Oak Bay last night. She is still hard and fast on the rocks.

Nanaimo 15th.—Steamer Nell arrived Sunday having on board three Indians. They are charged with murdering the Japanese at "Bella Coola" two years ago. Suspicion was directed on them on account of statements made by themselves.

Washington 15th.—Senator Hanna died this afternoon.

Victoria 15th.—Steamer Tees was floated this afternoon.

NAVAL STRENGTH
OF JAPAN & RUSSIA.

The naval forces of Japan and Russia in Eastern waters is given as follows:—

JAPAN.

First-class Battleships—Mikasa, 15,200 tons, 18 knots, 741 men.
Hatsuse, 15,000 tons, 19 knots, 741 men.
Ashai, 1,200 tons, 18 knots, 741 men.
Shikishima, 14 850 miles tons, 18 knots, 741 men.
Yashima, 12,300 tons, 18 knots, 600 men.
Fuji, 12 300 ons, 18 knots, 600 men.
Armoured Cruisers, 1st Class—Asama, 12,300 tons, 18 knots, 600 men.
Tokiwa, 9,750 tons, 23 knots 590 men.
Idzumo, 9,800 tons, 22 knots, 483 men.
Iwate—same as Idzumo.
Yakumo, 9,850 tons, 21 knots, 482 men.
Azuma, 9,456 tons, 21 knoes, 482 men.
Protected Cruisers—Sixteen Ships, 58,843 tons.

RUSSIA.

Fighting strength in the East—First-class Battleships—Tsarevitch. 13,110 tons, 18 knots, 740 men.
Retvisan, 12,700 tons, 18 knots, 740 men.
Peresviet, 12,674, 19 knots, 775 men.
Pobieda—same as Peresviet.
Poltava, 10,950 tons, 17 knots, 636 men.
Sevastopol, 10,950 tons, 17 knots, 636 men.
Armoured Cruisers, 1st class—Gromovoi, 12,336 tons, 20 knots, 890 men.
Bayan, 7,800 tons, 22 knots, 600 men.
Rossia, 12,200 tons, 19 knots, 841 men.
Rurik, 10,940 tons, 768 men.
Protected Cruisers—Twelve Ships, 62,583 tons.

Both nations have many torpedo boats, destroyers, and a few submarines.

Of the naval strength of the two countries the "Scientific American" gives that of Japan as consisting of 33 ships, with a total displacement of 208,240 tons. Battleships. 1st class, 6, average displacement of 14,115 tons. 2nd class battle-ships, none. 3rd class, 1 of 7.220 tons. 1st class cruisers, 8 of about 4,500 tons average displacement. 3rd class, 8 of an average of 2,870 tons. Gunboats, 2 of 875 tons.

The Russian navy is given at 50 ships of an aggregate displacement of 358,670. 1st class battleships, 10, average displacement of 12,160 tons. 2nd class, 10, average displacement, 9.545 tons. 3rd class, 3, average displacement, 4,126 tons. 1st class cruisers, 5, average displacement 10,260 tons. 2nd class, 9, average displacement 6,425 tons 3rd class. 4, average displacement about 3,500 tons. Gunboats, 9 of 500 tons

Of the fleet available for battle in the Pacific, where the naval engagements must take place, Russia is cut down by various causes to 31 battleships and cruisers of an aggregate displacement of a little over 200,000 tons made up of 8 battleships, 4 cruisers of 11,400 tons, 6 2nd class, 5 3rd class, and 7 gunboats. To this may be added about a score of torpedo boats and destroyers on both sides, the Japanese being of about 300 tons, Russian 340 tons displacement, leaving total number of ships and displacement in favor of Japan. The same paper forecasts that naval supremacy will be tested by the battleships and armoured cruisers, and here Japan is particularly strong, the latest of these the "Mikasa" being typical of the whole fleet. Armed with a 9in. continuous belt, 6in. armor protecting central battery, carrying four 12in., fourteen 6in., twenty 3in., and a dozen smaller guns, all of the latest Armstrong pattern. The best Russian battleship the Tsarevitch has a [illegible] battery of four 12·4 and twelve 6in. guns entirely in turrets. The article says "a most interesting feature in the event of a conflict is the fact that the Japanese and Russian battleships will represent two different schools of design, the Japanese the British, and the Russian the French. The chief difference is in the method of carrying the guns of the secondary battery, which in the Russian ship of the later type is carried in pairs in turrets, while the British guns fire from casemates or open central batteries.

The MAGNET CASH STORE.

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Every 25c. purchase in my Store entitles you to one guess as to—How many Beans there are in the bucket that is in my window.

1—Handsome Meat Platter and Vegetable Dish, value.....	$2 55
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4—Box Toilet Soap, Broom & Wash Board, value.....	2 25
5—Box Cigars, value.....	2 50

Beans to be counted Saturday evening, February 27th, 1904, at 8 p.m.

1st nearest guess gets first choice of the above prizes; 2nd nearest gets second choice; 3rd &c. &c.

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Local and Personal

J. Harvey and wife returned from Victoria Tuesday.

The Council met last night. Report is left over for want of space.

Mrs Davies' dancing class will be held Friday evenings in future.

Miss Murdoch arrived from Victoria Thursday. Mrs Murdoch, her mother, is in poor health.

You can get Pit Boots, Overalls, Pit Caps, &c., at rock bottom prices at the Corner Store.

Hon. Judge Harrison arrived last Wednesday and stayed until Friday on official duty.

The ladies of Methodist Church are preparing for the annual Sale of Work which is to take place early in March. Particulars later.

Mr S. Calhoun of the Valley, was unfortunate enough to have a barn crushed in by the weight of snow last week. It is reported that a valuable horse and three cows were killed by the fall.

Have you seen our short Erect Form Corsets at fifty cents. The same quality is usually sold at nearly twice the price.—Stanley H. Riggs.

Mrs J. P. Watson was taken to Vancouver last Friday for special treatment, the unfortunate lady suffering from some physical ailment. The greatest sympathy is felt for Mr Watson, and the general hope is that Mrs Watson will be [illegible]

W. H. Ross, for many years a resident of the upper Comox Valley, died on the 9th inst. at St Joseph's Hospital, Victoria, at the age of 89 years. Mr Ross was for years a familiar figure in Comox, and was well and favorably known throughout the entire community.

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FOOTBALL DAYS.

THE football days have come again,
  the gladdest of the year;
One side of Willie's nose is gone
  and Tom has lost an ear.
Heaped on the field, the players jab and
  punch and claw and tear;
They knock the breath from those beneath and gouge without a care;
They break each other's arms and legs
  and pull joints out of place,
And here and there is one who gets his
  teeth kicked from his face.

The freshman and the sophomore, besmeared with grime and mud,
Go gallantly to get the ball and quit all
  bathed in blood;
The senior knocks the junior down and
  kicks him in the chest;

The high school boy is carried home and
  gently laid to rest,
While here and there a crowded stand
  collapses 'neath its weight,
And forty people get more than they paid
  for at the gate.

Oh, brave, oh, happy, careless days! How
  deep the mother's joy
What time she thinks of all the things
  they're doing to her boy!
How proud she is to know that he is on
  the team! How sweet
His face appears to her since it is only
  bloody meat!
With honest pride she lays away his amputated ear
And puts his eye in alcohol to be a souvenir.

—Chicago Record-Herald.

Queer Uses of English.

No man living perhaps can pronounce the English language aright at all times and in all places, for correctness depends largely on time and place, and sometimes to be right you must be wrong. As soon as you step on shipboard and sail, the horizon, being clear and definite, sheds the need for a long "i," and at sea it rhymes with "orizon." In the army a route is always called a "rowte." Moreover, the cavalry, by long standing tradition, calls a horse an "orse," and the order is "stand to 'orses."—London Globe.

Soot as a Fertilizer.

Soot is an excellent fertilizer, adding by its chemical properties much to the richness of color of flowers and foliage. Apply in the form of a tea, but be careful to keep off the foliage. Soot is particularly good for roses and pansies.

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Poor man! He can't help it. He gets bilious. He needs a good liver pill—Ayer's Pills. They act directly on the liver, cure biliousness.
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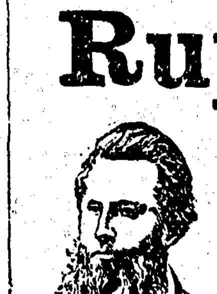

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It may be only a trifling cold, but neglect it and it will fasten its fangs in your lungs, and you will soon be carried to an untimely grave. In this country we have sudden changes and must expect to have coughs and colds. We cannot avoid them, but we can effect a cure by using Bickle's Anti-Consumptive Syrup, the medicine that has never been known to fail in curing coughs, colds, bronchitis and all affections of the throat, lungs and chest.

Pessimists are people who go round looking for thorns to sit on.

A hobo's idea of a nightmare is to [illegible]

She: And you believe all fields are open to women now?
He: Yes; but she doesn't dare to go in the cars where the cows are.

The number of men employed on the railways of the United Kingdom, including boys, is [illegible].

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A Singular Method of Treatment.

A peculiar case of poisoning by a physician was that of Dr. Stephen Eotvos in Hungary many years ago. Eotvos undertook to hasten the death of patients whose cases he considered hopeless by putting them out of their misery, as he termed it, with fatal drugs. He encountered no opposition to his peculiar methods of benevolence while he practiced them on people of no particular standing, but when the doctor hastened the death of a well known land proprietor named Szlavy, who was slowly dying of cancer, the relatives of the dead man presented a violent protest and demanded the prosecution of Eotvos.

The physician declared on trial he was actuated by humane motives and had merely eased the journey of his victims to the inevitable goal. This defense was not accepted by the court. Eotvos was acquitted of malice, but found guilty of homicide without malice and sentenced to a long term of imprisonment.

When Other Eyes Meet Mine.

"Love is blind," he complained.

"That ought not to worry you," she said encouragingly, "because we have eyes only for each other."

The man who is always talking about how much work he does should remember that some people work so hard that they don't have time to tell about it.—Atchison Globe.

Much Buried Soldier.

The following is the epitaph over a Spanish soldier's grave: "This is the fourth burial place of Don Epiphanius Calcanares. He parted with his left arm in the Philippine Islands, with his right thigh in Tetuan and with his left in Burgos. Here reposeth what was left of him."

It is calculated that during the year ending August 29th there were 411 deaths due to horses in England and Wales, whereas the total number of passengers and railway officials killed by accidents to passenger trains on British railways was eight.

There never was and never will be a universal panacea, in one remedy, for all ills to which flesh is heir—the very nature of many curatives being such that were the germs of other and differently seated diseases rooted in the system of the patient—what would relieve one ill in turn would aggravate the other. We have, however, in Quinine Wine, when obtainable in sound, unadulterated state a remedy for many and grievous ills. By its gradual and judicious use the frailest systems are led into convalescence and strength by the influence which Quinine exerts on nature's own restoratives. It relieves the drooping spirits of those with whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of interest in life is a disease, and by tranquilizing the nerves, disposes to sound and refreshing sleep—imparts vigor to the action of the blood, which, being stimulated, courses through the veins, strengthening the healthy animal functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result, strengthening the frame and giving life to the digestive organs, which naturally demand increased substance—result improved appetite. Northrop & Lyman of Toronto, have given to the public their Superior Quinine Wine at the usual rate, and, guaged by the opinions of scientists, the wine approaches nearest perfection of any in the market. All druggists sell it.

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Most of the things you think you know your neighbors know you only think.

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If you are bilious, blame the liver. If your digestion is impaired and you suffer from headache and dizzy spells, blame the liver. If your bowels are irregular, constipation and looseness alternating, blame the liver. If you have pain under the shoulder blades, feelings of fullness after meals, aching limbs, a yellow, muddy complexion, blame the liver.

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Sir Charles Barry's noble Gothic pile, pitched between the venerable Abbey of Westminster and the classic Thames, and enshrining the ancient Westminster Hall, stands forth an eloquent witness to the antiquity and virility of the English Parliamentary system. Now at least 650 years old, the mother of Parliaments has survived the wreck of centuries and the crash of dynasties. By a process of continuous development it has adapted itself to every vicissitude of changeful time. It has suffered temporary eclipse at the hands of despotic sovereigns and the obloquy that followed its own attempt at autocratic Government. It has witnessed the servility of the sycophant, the noble courage of the patriot. Time was when every member had his price—to-day the House of Commons is probably freer from political corruption than any other popular assembly in the world.

Glamor of the Place.

The centre of gravity of the British Parliamentary system is admittedly now to be found in the House of Commons. In that respect it is sui generis. Although it has been the prototype of many popular elective bodies, none are exactly like it. All have departed more or less from it. This is not surprising. Institutions cannot be transplanted. The curious customs, the quaint ceremonies, the odd relics of a bygone time, the glamor of a hoary tradition cannot survive a different atmosphere. When they become mere anachronisms, superficial imitations without the spirit and associations which can alone render them not merely tolerable, but valuable, they are better left alone. Thus it follows that foreign and colonial visitors look with amazement at many of the usages and practices of the House of Commons. Transient impressions often lead to hasty judgments, but they are not alone in this. Many an iconoclast in the mother land has thundered against the absurdities and punctilios of the House of Commons—till he got inside himself. Then the glamor of the place seizes him. He soon subsides into acquiescence and ends by becoming the ardent defender of what he so fervently condemned, and the most merciless castigator of the tenderfoot who infringes the unwritten rules of the House. In fact, it is in the very air members breathe. All these unwritten traditionary practices once mastered become the certificate of full initiation. They are the secret symbols that separate the member of Parliament from the ruck of mankind and "The House" becomes the synonym for "My House."

Hall Mark of the House.

Reputations in public life never become fixed till they receive the hall mark of the House of Commons. Success on the platform avails little unless followed by achievement on the floor of Parliament. And the House of Commons is in many ways the most truly democratic assembly in the world. Rank, education, social position, personal appearance, elocutionary gifts, unaccompanied by more solid qualities, weigh little with an audience great men have declared to be at once the fairest and most critical that can be faced. What the House requires to win its approval is that the speaker really has something to say. If he has the House will listen, but if he has nothing but empty words, nothing can save him from speedy extinction. Many of the men who have held the listening Senate at command, have described their nervous dread on first rising to address the House of Commons. Even after years of apprenticeship some have confessed they never rose to their feet without a tremor. So strong and searching is the effect of the traditions and associations that cluster round the plain comfortless chamber where sit His Majesty's faithful Commons.

A Quaint Procession.

Let us imagine ourselves loitering in the inner lobby of Sir Charles Barry's $15,000,000 creation, some afternoon just as Big Ben in his deep bass notes tells the hour. Ere the echoes have died away a stentorian roar proclaims "Mr. Speaker," and the roar is repeated down the corridors in ever receding tones. Again the terrific roar, "Hats off, strangers" and there looms into view a figure looking for all the world as if it had stepped down from one of the canvases of Reynolds or Gainsborough. Ruffles, frills, knee breeches, silk stockings, sword and twinkling buttons and buckles; on its shoulder, a huge gilded mace, two centuries and a half old, and the lineal successor of the article which vanished at Oliver Cromwell's contemptuous command, "Take away that bauble." It is the sergeant-at-arms, Captain Henry David Erskine, sometime of the Scots Guards. Then floats into view the Right Hon. William Court Gully, Speaker of the House, and the first Commoner in the land, also in full court dress, crowned with a full bottomed wig and clad in a black robe so preposterously long as to require the services of a skilled trainbearer. Immediately after him appears Mr. Speaker's chaplain, gowned, banded and hatted, and in rear Mr. Speaker's secretary, in the garments of the common or garden mortal. The little procession vanishes into the doorway. The door is closed and the same lusty official, with quite unnecessary ferociousness, proclaims, "Speaker at prayers." When these are over we may enter with the public.

The Chamber.

What we see is an oblong chamber 70 feet or so long, 45 feet broad and as many high, of dingy and faded aspect. Opposite us is Mr. Speaker. Before him sit the three clerks of the House, arrayed in wig and gown, whose business it is to minute the proceedings and assist the Speaker. Only at rare intervals does it fall to the lot of the principal clerk to emerge into prominence. But when a new Parliament meets it becomes his duty to rise and, without uttering a sound, to point his forefinger at the leader of the House, who, forthwith rises and proceeds to propose an honorable member for the Speakership. It is the unwritten rule now so well settled as to be invariable, to renominate the occupant of the office in the previous Parliament. This practice was followed by the Conservative Government that succeeded Mr. Gladstone's Home Rule Administration, although Mr. Gully's election had been carried by only a small majority on a party vote. It is part of the fine deference paid by Parliament to the chair and the determination to render Mr. Speaker as far as possible independent of party influence and prejudice.

Gladstone's Emphasis.

In front of the clerk's table is the table of the House, set lengthwise, littered with books and papers. There is a writing desk on either side, regarding the contents of which there are legends and surmises believed to have a more substantial foundation than the usual somewhat malicious gossip. Be that as it may, these desks are of great value to the oratorical tub-thumpers on the front benches. They bear manifest tribute to Mr. Gladstone's proclivities in that way by the numerous dents made by the ring which adorned that distinguished man's little finger. His remarkable emphasis in driving home his points would indeed have earned for him the admiration of the old Scotswoman whose greatest compliment to the efficiency of her minister was that he had "knockit twa pu'pits to pieces, and, dung the guts oot o' three Bibles." Well indeed might Mr. Disraeli congratulate himself, as he publicly did, that so substantial a defence as the table of the House stood between him and his redoubtable antagonist.

On the table rests the mace, of which every honorable member stands much in awe. If by any chance that weapon was elsewhere while Mr. Speaker is in the chair, it is impossible to say what would happen to the fabric of the State. Before the revision of the rules, the threat that reduced a recalcitrant member to silence was that he should forthwith be named. A too curious man asked Mr. Speaker Denison what would occur if he were to be named. The Speaker looked at him and said, "The Lord only knows," a remark which left the result as vaguely terrible as before. It is the only answer possible to any enquiry about the properties of the mace, which, when the House is in committee, is tucked away under the table, to reappear on the return of the Speaker to the chair.

The Bar of the House.

From the table to the door runs a strip of cocoanut matting, separating two tiers of longitudinal benches, covered with faded green leather. Near the swinging glass door a broad dark piece of leather is sewn into the matting. It marks the Bar of the House, which on occasion is further made visible by drawing a thin brass rod across the passage. From each side of this passage rise five tiers of benches at a slope of about 30 degrees. Each set of tiers is bisected by a narrow staircase at right angles to the passage and known as the gangway, at the end of which, under the galleries, are the cross benches.

The benches on the right of the Speaker are occupied by the supporters of the Government of the day—those on the left by the Opposition. The seats below the gangway, i.e., further from the Speaker, are supposed to be the resort of the independent or quasi-independent members, although as matter of fact, a truly independent member or mugwump is a rare bird and anathema to the party whips. Opposite the Speaker is a public gallery with the famous clock set in the front that figured so largely in the days when Mr. Biggar of raucous fame reduced obstruction to a fine art and made members exhaustively acquainted with the contents of blue books which otherwise would have been buried in probably deserved oblivion.

On each side run galleries, two benches deep, reserved for members, and which are technically within the House. Right above the Speaker is the Press Gallery, and behind and above the paperstainers is the cage or Ladies' Gallery, carefully enclosed by a gilded grating. It provides accommodation for some three dozen ladies. During Mr. Gladstone's Parliamentary career one corner of it was sacred to Mrs. Gladstone, who was unfailing in her attendance and punctilious in adorning that careless dresser with a buttonhole on the nights of special importance. A boutoniere in the G.O.M.'s lapel was a sure sign that a great speech was in hand.

Members Cheek by Jowl.

What first strikes a visitor from Canada, accustomed to the magnificent provision made for the Federal and Provincial Legislatures, is the absolute dearth of these in the British Lower House. There are no desks, no chairs, no electric bells and no cuspidors. Hon. members sit cheek by jowl and on great occasions wedged and packed together like the proverbial herrings in a barrel. There is not even room on the floor of the House for the representatives of the people—they overflow into the cross benches and upstairs to the side galleries. Inconvenient and archaic as it all seems, it is a moot question whether it is not really an advantage in the conduct of business. There is nothing of the stiff formality inseparable from the apparatus of desks, tribunes and the like. There is a greater electrical sympathy and force generated. The House is more readily responsive to the ebb and flow of debate. It all helps to foster and develop that eminently social feeling which is one of the most distinctive marks of the British House of Commons. It has been called the best club in London, and if not quite as clubable in these ultra democratic days, it retains enough of the temperament, manners and habits which render it still so fascinating to all who come under its spell.

Who Goes Home.

At the conclusion of business the old cry still resounds through the corridors, "Who goes home?" reminiscent of the time when it was dangerous to walk London's streets in the small hours unaccompanied. Then the opposing whips, always the best of friends, hold a confidential confabulation and compare notes. Seldom, indeed, does personal animosity enter into the political life of the House of Commons in these days. The finest feature of the House is the anxious care with which all parties seek to conserve its traditions and to maintain all that makes for the firm and fair conduct of debate. They have been greatly aided in this by a succession of Speakers conspicuous for strength of character, clearness of judgment and an impartiality unquestionable and unquestioned. While this temper exists the House of Commons will remain the finest fruit of an enlightened party system and in this respect a model for popular assemblies throughout the world.

A REFORMING KING.

Baneful Habit of Hard Drinking Opposed by King Edgar.

King Edgar must be credited with doing a noble work in the reformation of his subjects from the baneful habit of hard drinking. This monarch nearly anticipated by a thousand years the legislation proposed by the United Kingdom Alliance. Acting on the advice of Dunstan, says Strutt, he put down many ale-houses, suffering only one to exist in a village or small town. He further ordained that pins or nails should be fastened into drinking cups or horns, at stated distances, so that whoever should drink beyond these marks at one draught should be liable to a severe punishment. Archbishop Dunstan was equally zealous in checking intemperance in the church. The following extracts are from a code drawn up by him:

"Let no drinking be allowed in the church.

"Let men be very temperate at church wakes and pray earnestly and suffer there no drinking or unseemliness.

"Let priests beware of drunkenness, and be diligent in warning and correcting others in this matter.

"Let no priest be an ale-sop, nor in any way act the gleeman."

The Danes drank to great excess, and during the time their Kings occupied the throne of England drunkenness cast a blight over the land.

Many important changes in the social life of the country were brought about by the Norman Conquest. One was the decrease of drunkenness. Sobriety was not the least of the virtues of the Normans.

The custom of pledging has come down to us from an early period in our annals, and few of us, as we perform the ceremony at the festive board, call to remembrance the ancient historical associations connected with the usage. It is generally agreed that the word "pledge" is derived from the French "pleige," a surety or gage. Some students of the past say we derive the saying, "I'll pledge you," from a practice instituted in the days when the Danes were a power in this country.

It is asserted that it was no uncommon occurrence for the treacherous invaders to invite the Saxons with whom they came in contact to drink with them, and while drinking to plunge a knife or dagger into their throats. It came to pass that a man would not drink with a stranger until someone undertook to give a pledge for his safety. The pledger then held up his knife or sword to protect the person drinking. An unprotected man was an easy victim for a foe when engaged in the act of taking a drink.

Some curious notes on this theme appear in the "History of Great Britain," by the Rev. Robert Henry, D.D. In the second volume, published in 1774, it is stated: "If an Englishman presumed to drink in the presence of a Dane, without expressing

mission, it was esteemed a great mark of disrespect, that nothing but his instant death could expiate. Nay, the English were so intimidated that they would not adventure to drink even when they were invited until the Danes had pledged their honor for their safety. The man who pledged the drinker stood by weapon in hand to protect him."

It is generally believed that young Edward the Martyr was in 979 assassinated at the instigation of his false-hearted step-mother, the infamous Elfrida. He was stabbed in the back while drinking stirrupcup at Corfe Castle. The object of the murder was to place Elfrida's son on the throne. Some writers believe that from this tragedy we derive the custom of pledging.

The Gentle Voice He Heard.

"Naomi," he said softly as he gazed at the moon above them, "isn't the evening beautiful? Do you know, strange fancies throng my mind on a night like this. Every zephyr seems to bear gentle voices, perhaps from the spirit world. Do you hear such voices?"

Silence for a moment.

"I think I do, George."

"What do they sound like to you?"

"They are very indistinct, but they make me think that papa and brother Henry are calling the dog."—London Tit-Bits.

Insult to Injury.

He (reproachfully)—Perhaps you forget what happened yesterday. I was cut by my dearest acquaintance, the one I love best in all the world, in fact—

She (coolly)—The idea! Do you really shave yourself.

Bundles of Fears.

Women are bundles of fear. They fear poverty and they fear the responsibilities of wealth. They are afraid to get married and afraid to be old maids. Burglars, lightning, mice, the ballot, scandal, new ventures, old age, other women—they fear everything! Their commonest expression is "I am afraid." I know all about it. I am a woman myself.—A Prominent Clubwoman.

Old Yellow Flannels.

Old yellow flannels can be partially bleached by using borax and by washing in thin flour starch water. One tablespoonful of white flour boiled in each quart of water in place of soap and a rinsing in the same thin starch will go far toward clearing the sallow complexion of the garment.

She Had Reasons For Being Indignant

Silence as of a ton of ice stretched between them on the sofa.

At length she spoke.

"Mr. Sniffen," she observed, "are you aware that one hand of the Bartholdi statue measures 16 feet 5 inches?"

"So I have heard," he nodded, happy to be addressed again.

"The thickness of the head from ear to ear," she pursued lelly, "is ten feet."

"Yes."

"The nose is 4 feet 6 inches long."

"Yes."

"The mouth is 3 feet across."

"I believe so."

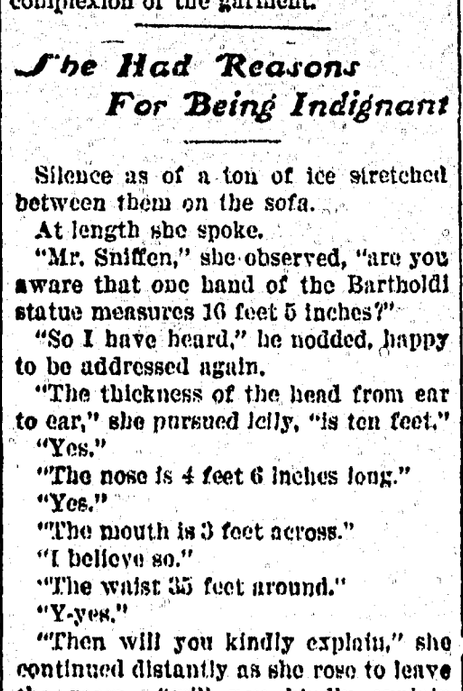
"The waist 35 feet around."

"Y-yes."

"Then will you kindly explain," she continued distantly as she rose to leave the room—"will you kindly explain why you stated in the poem which you addressed to me that I reminded you of the Goddess of Liberty?"

With these indignant words she swept away.—New York Times.

A Family Talk.



"Papa, I don't like to hurt your feelings, but it always makes me angry when folks say I resemble you so much.

"Don't worry, daughter. I get tolerably mad about it too."—Chicago Tribune.

Cute Boy.

Widow Eames—How would my little Johnny like a new papa?

Johnny (aged five)—Oh, you needn't shove the 'sponsibility on me, ma. It isn't a new papa for me, but a new husband for yourself, that you are thinking about.

Discredited Natives.

In the government of their East Indian possessions the Dutch have a law which provides that the testimony of one white man shall be equal to that of seven natives.

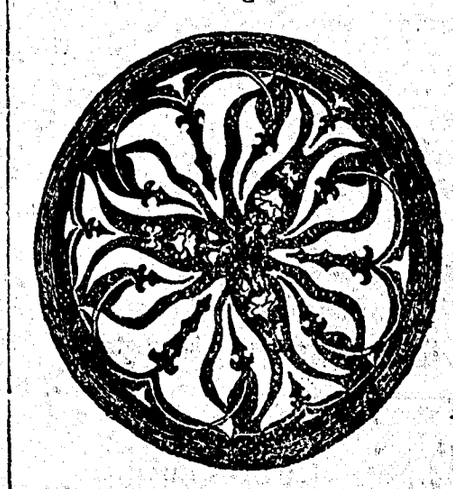
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

POKER WORK WILL FURNISH USEFUL AND ATTRACTIVE ARTICLES.

Design For an Ornamental Wooden Bowl For Cards, Fruit or Salad—An Opera Bag Easily Made In Dyed and Burned Leather.

The amateur artists and decorators at this season of the year turn their thoughts appreciatively toward any suggestions that carry a flavor of Christmas preparation with them, and such are some items for the pyrographers, which originate with the Household. Two objects for which designs are given are quite practical as well as decorative and fill wants that many a woman will be pleased to find recognized by good St. Nicholas on his annual round of giftmaking.

Presuming that the amateur possesses the knowledge and skill neces-



DESIGN FOR AN ORNAMENTAL BOWL.

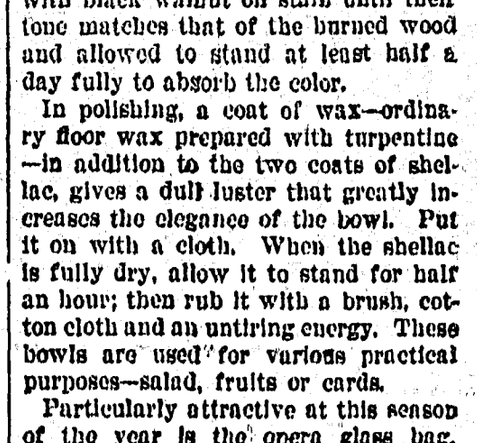
sary to execute such work, only a few special hints need be offered with the designs. The bowl to be used is an ordinary twelve inch chopping tray, obtainable at any department store or agricultural supply house. Select an unwarped one and sandpaper it carefully. The difficulty of transferring a pattern to its curved inner surface can be overcome by cutting the design into six equal sections, which should then be traced in the order of their succession.

With the curved point carefully burn the outline of the leaves, always trying to do as much as possible with one movement of the point. Half an inch from the top of the bowl burn the narrow band, which holds the design within its limits. Within this band make a background to represent basketwork, which is peculiarly effective and appropriate on these bowls. This is done by making closely together short, deep strokes with the sharper edge of the same curved point with which the outlining has been done. The whole undersurface of the bowl, with the exception of a band an inch wide at the top, should be burned with this stroke. The edges of the bowl, hitherto untouched, should be stained with black walnut oil stain until their tone matches that of the burned wood and allowed to stand at least half a day fully to absorb the color.

In polishing, a coat of wax—ordinary floor wax prepared with turpentine—in addition to the two coats of shellac, gives a dull luster that greatly increases the elegance of the bowl. Put it on with a cloth. When the shellac is fully dry, allow it to stand for half an hour; then rub it with a brush, cotton cloth and an untiring energy. These bowls are used for various practical purposes—salad, fruits or cards.

Particularly attractive at this season of the year is the opera glass bag, made preferably of ooze calfskin, which comes in rich dyes of green, brown and red. In selecting the leather beware of that which crocks, as sometimes is the case with newly dyed skins. They will cause great inconvenience, as the stain is almost indelible.

The bag is easy of manufacture. Cut out a piece of leather to fit the large end of the glasses and stitch to it in a seam a straight, rectangular piece five inches deep. Stitch up the side seam, face and draw up with silk cord or ribbon. Carefully transfer the fleur-de-lis pattern with a hard pencil and



OPERA BAG OF BURNED LEATHER.

then with a comparatively cool point outline the units, first, however, putting a piece of wood or cardboard inside the bag to protect the leather below it. If you prefer, fill in between the outlines with an even scorch. A heavy line burned around the bottom of the bag, to imitate cording in the seam, gives a desirable finish.

White of Egg.

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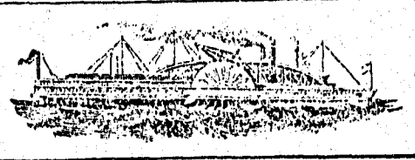

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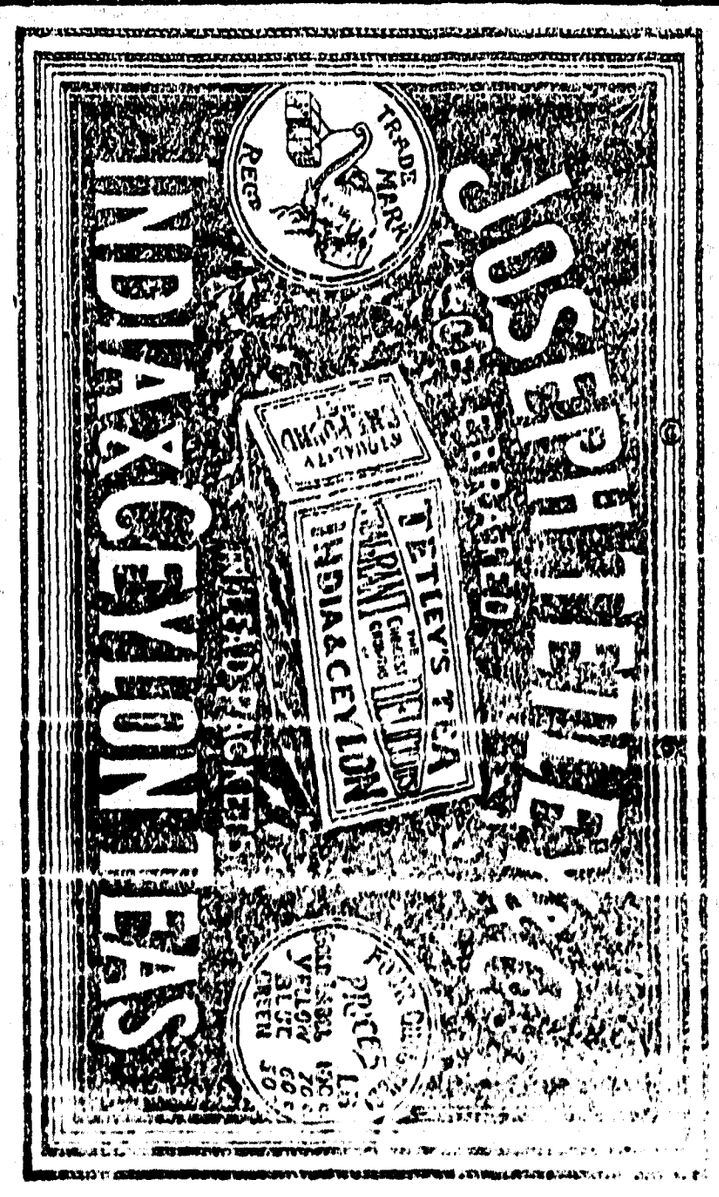

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A LITTLE TOO SOON.

Why the Old Man Objected to the Hanging.

As the stage drove into Dawson in the anterailroad days we noticed the body of a man hanging from the limb of a tree near the hotel, but no one expressed surprise or asked questions. It was an hour after our arrival when a little old man came along on foot and began making a fuss about the hanging. He said so much and said it in such loud tones that the man who had bossed the job finally turned on him with:

"See yere, old man, what's all this row about anyway?"

"About that hanging!" shouted the old man.

"Waal, didn't the kuss steal a hoss?"

"He did, and it was my hoss too."

"And you wanted him hung, of course?"

"Of course I did."

"And isn't he up thar in tiptop shape and accordin to Hoyle?"

"He are, but you was too blamed sudden about it. You didn't give him time enough."

"Didn't we give him ten minits to prepare his soul?"

"I reckon you did, but he took them hull ten minits askin the Lord to forgive his sins and was swung off before he could tell whar he had hid the hoss away." M. QUAD.

Aiming High.

"I dunno whether I should prefer to marry a markis or a millionaire when I grows up, but mother says I'll 'ave to be pertickler careful and not chuck myself away."

A Theatrical Influence.

"What is your objection to these pure, wholesome down on the farm dramas?"

"They exercise a demoralizing influence on me," said the man with the heavy mustache and expensive clothes.

"But they are commended as a moral influence."

"They don't work that way with me. You see, I was once a confidence man, and I can't see a stage full of happy haymakers without wanting to get around to the stage door after the show and sell them gold bricks."—Washington Star.

His Morning Mission.

"You always get up at 5 o'clock in the morning, do you?" said the inquisitive cousin. "What do you do with yourself at that unearthly hour?"

"Oh, I tinker around the house till breakfast time," replied Mr. Meeker.

"What do you tinker at?"

"Er—getting breakfast mostly," said Mr. Meeker, with some reluctance.

Both Sides of It.

Castleton (to Dashaway)—What do you think of it? Here's Clubberly, who I have always thought was a friend of mine, actually asking me to lend him $25.

Clubberly (later, to Dashaway)—What do you think of it? Here's Castleton, who I have always thought was a friend of mine, actually refusing to lend me $25.

Fast Enough.

Elder Parsnips—My boy writes home that your son Jack isn't getting along very fast at college.

Deacon Oldham—Don't you believe what your boy's tellin' you, elder. Jack's goin' through fast enough. He runs away ahead of his allowance every month.

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BRITAIN AND BOERS REPAIRING THE RAVAGES OF THE WAR.

What, of the Task, Has Been Already Done—The Reconstruction as It Is Proceeding—People Are Fairly Careful—There Are, However, Two Classes of Dangerous Dutchmen Among Them.

A repatriation officer, whose duties have taken him to all parts of the Transvaal since the close of the South African war, writes as follows in the London Times concerning his observations:

"In a little over twelve months no one can expect the ravages of a nearly three years' war to be thoroughly repaired; but to one like myself, who traveled over the country immediately after the declaration of peace, who has been continually traveling over the country since, watching the progress of the work of restoration, and who has been over it once again quite recently, the extraordinary rapidity with which the recovery has been made is astounding. The first trek revealed nothing but *devastation, desolation, blockhouses, and barbed wire.*

The Reconstruction.

"The last trek revealed houses built up; cattle, horses, and live stock of all descriptions grazing on the veldt; immense tracts of ground ploughed up; roads and drifts repaired; outlying towns, formerly in ruins, now not only rebuilt and prosperous, but growing with extraordinary rapidity. One found all the paraphernalia of local Government—police magistrates, and officials of all kinds. One found everywhere prospectors and others bent on the development of the country, no doubt for the sake of their own and for their principals' pockets, but at the same time benefiting the State. One saw schools full of happy children. One came across new settlers, full of courage, enterprise, and hope. One visited settlements of Dutch and British side by side, determined to take their part in the building up of successful communities. There was the country, hardly free from the visible signs of war, and in spite of all the setbacks and difficulties encountered since its conclusion, beginning to assume the aspect of a flourishing colony inhabited by a hopeful and determined people.

"The policy of looking upon the Boer as a British subject from the moment he became one has been carried out from the beginning. Great Bsitain, at any rate, can rest content with her work of resettling the former inhabitants of her new colonies.

"But there is still another side of the question to be considered. How do the Boers themselves look upon what has been done for them and what are their feelings toward their new Government? The answer to this question must to a very great extent guide our future policy in the new colonies.

The Boers Grateful.

"Personally, I believe that the average Boer has a distinct feeling of gratitude for what has been done for him, and that he is fully aware of the magnanimity of his new Government. But his gratitude is to a degree discounted by the uncertainty of the future. The great majority are in the Government's debt; and it is the doubt as to how far their share of the free gift of £3,000,000 will get them out of debt which looms largely in their minds.

"To my mind the hardest task is still in front, namely, the collection of debts, the just assessment of claims, and, above all, the fulfillment of promises made. It is the manner in which this work is carried out which will determine the attitude to be adopted by the greater proportion of the Boer population. It must be carried out with the most scrupulous fairness and the utmost tact, and no promise made by us must remain unfulfilled.

"The Boers do not accept the new order of things without considerable misgiving, and the hurt to their national pride cannot be at once healed; but I fully believe that for the most part they have faith and confidence in their new Government, and that their confidence will be kept so long as we carry out our professed principles of integrity and fair play. But, if once lost, it will be wellnigh impossible to regain. It is a difficult task which faces the Administration, but one which, if carried out well, will have a lasting effect on the future of the country.

They Wear a Mask.

"What I have stated above applies to the average country Boer; but there are two other classes now to be considered. First, there are the 'temporary irreconcilables,' and these, I am afraid, exist to a very considerable number. They are led by clever men, and their attitude is hidden by an outward mask of passive acceptance. So long as anything can be got out of the Government their true feeling will be kept in check, but when once they have obtained all they think possible they may be expected to show their hands.

"This class requires governing with the greatest firmness, and any combination of rebellion or open disloyalty must be instantly suppressed. It is only by firm, though sympathetic, just, handling that these quasi-irreconcilables will be brought into line with the rest. But if they are allowed a free hand, and open sedition is winked at, they will become a source of considerable political trouble in the future.

"There is yet one other class, although but a small one. These we may call the 'permanent irreconcilables.' And it is from these that the chief danger may arise. They still share with their cousins of the Cape Colony the aspiration of some day seeing a great Afrikander Republic in South Africa. The idle dream of obtaining this by the sword has been put aside; but the dream remains, and the manner in which it is to be realized is by

Political Intrigue.

These dreamers have already begun to sow the seed of discontent among the otherwise well-disposed inhabitants; but whether it germinates or not must depend upon the future policy of the Government.

"At the present moment sufficient labor is not available in the country, although in a few generations the natives, having been educated in the value of money, may in sufficient numbers offer their services in order to obtain the same. But the necessity is urgent from both an economic and a political point of view. It is apparent to almost every thinking man that the whole future of the country depends upon its instant prosperity.

"The very first thing which the Government should do in South Africa is to permit and offer every facility for the importation of Asiatic labor. The second requirement is capital for the development of the agricultural possibilities."

LONDON IN STATISTICS.

Rate of Increase in Population Is Slowing Down—From Death Point of View London Is Fair.

The Birmingham Daily Mail makes some significant comments upon London life as reflected in "London Statistics, 1902-1903." The weighty volume, says the reviewer, "can scarcely be described as a record of London life. Great as is the volume of 800 and odd pages, it would not be big enough to notice all the romance—the comedy and the tragedy—the light and the shade of that wonderful city. Nevertheless, this book, prosaicly named, gives us some interesting and at times unexpected information with regard to the life of the people in London in the years 1902-1903. While one is prepared to be told that the population of the administrative county is 4,536,541, that of 'Greater London,' which includes the area of the city and metropolitan police, and 'every parish of which the whole is within 15 miles of Charing Cross, or of which part is within 12 miles of Charing Cross,' is 6,581,402—a rather disappointing figure, one's ideas on that subject being nearer ten millions than six.

"Yet another mild surprise awaits us in the statement that the rate of increase of the population appears to be slowing down, having been only 16.8 per cent. in the ten years 1891-1901, a smaller percentage of increase than has ever been previously recorded. From a health point of view, again, London is a great deal better than most people would imagine. The death rate in 1901 was 17.1 per 1,000, as compared with 18.6 in the previous year. Thus it appears that the London death rate was lower than that of any of the great cities of the kingdom, except Bristol and Leicester, and lower also than that of any foreign capitals, except the small towns of Amsterdam, Brussels and Stockholm. In that same year—1901—there were fewer fatal street accidents than in any year since 1886—namely 302. The smallness of this figure is an eloquent testimony to the skillful manner in which London traffic is regulated. Some of the metropolitan streets are the most congested streets in the world, yet the traffic goes on without many accidents.

"Another curious fact brought out by this record is that there are over a quarter of a million more women than men in the County of London, there being 1,118 females to every 1,000 males. This excess of females, it is explained, is due to the large number of female servants, who are estimated to number 234,398, against only 15,125 males similarly employed. London, it is interesting to know, has 130,000 aliens, of whom 80,000 are males. On the housing question, the report throws a singularly effective light. The County Council, we learn, has completed six schemes of clearing unsanitary areas, and has seven more in hand. The number of persons affected, however, is only about 16,000 altogether, though over £1,000,000 sterling is involved—which shows what an expensive business this is! No one with a knowledge of London will be surprised to hear that the County Council keeps open 91 public parks and open spaces, with a total acreage of 3,862. But most people will wonder why the queerly named gaces of 'shinty' and 'tambourello' are provided in some of these parks at the expense of the County Council. That body, by the way, takes considerable credit for having secured improved workmen's train services. The number of single journeys made by passengers at workmen's fares is about 75,000,000 annually."

Got Drunk on Cordite.

During the South African campaign the British soldiers discovered a new and extraordinary form of intoxication. They found that they could get all the excitement of a powerful narcotic by eating a cordite charge of cartridges, each of which contains sixty strands of cordite, and is very similar in appearance to vermicelli.

The British Medical Journal gives particulars of this form of intoxication. It says that Major Jennings, on learning that the men had been eating cordite, made experiments himself. On sucking a strand he found it sweet, pleasant, and pungent, but it resulted in a headache which lasted for thirty-six hours. Dissolved in tea it produces almost immediate exhilaration, "inciting almost demoniacal actions," followed by a heavy sleep and stupor of from five to twelve hours, according to the quantity taken. Added to beer it produces the worst effects, exciting a quarrelsome and destructive mania, and producing the most rapid intoxication.

Appearances Not Deceptive.

Miss Elderly came from a very old family, didn't she?"

"Oh, yes."

"Well, she looks it."

They All Saw It Move.

Mrs. Burton, with her husband, Sir Richard Burton, the famous traveler, and two ladies, had driven out of Triest to a village dance and were sitting in the carriage listening to the band. In telling of it she said:

Suddenly, at the top of a roof, I caught sight of a rat, which appeared to me to be spellbound by the music.

"Look!" I said. "Don't move, but watch that rat fascinated by the music."

So we all sat and watched it and thought it most interesting that rats should be susceptible to music like lizards and snakes.

We all saw it move. We all saw its head turn and its tail move, and we kept still, not to frighten it away. The next day, feeling so much interested in the affair, we sent to inquire about it. The rat, it turned out, was made of painted tin and fixed to the top of the house. So much for imagination.

A Rigid Sabbatarian.

A Canadian university man is enlivening his home circle with the following story: He was touring in Scotland last summer. One Sunday morning he put his little hammer in his pocket (he is an amateur geologist) and, strolling out upon the hills, began to chip off such specimens of rock as interested him. A native passing by looked on with a frown. "Sir," he said, "do ye ken yer breakin' more than stones there?" "Breakin' the Sabbath, eh?" said the young Canadian, with a laugh, and, to appease the Scot, he put away the hammer and walked a little way with him. A turn of the road revealed the ruins of a castle. "What castle is that?" said the stranger. "It's noo the day," was the severe reply, "to be speirin' sic things."—London Outlook.

A Heroic Physician.

A deadly plague was raging in the city of Marseilles. The doctors could do nothing, for very little was known of the disease, owing to the danger surrounding any inquiry into it. In a council among themselves they came to the conclusion that the corpse of a victim must be dissected, but it would be death to the operator. Upon this being decided a celebrated physician, one of their number, arose and declared that for the safety of his country he would give himself up to the task. He then immediately left the room, made his will and arranged his affairs. At daybreak on the following morning he entered the house where a man had just died of the plague. Here he made a complete examination of the body, performed the necessary operations and wrote down all he observed. When this was completed he left the house, threw the notes he had made into vinegar that they might not carry infection and retired to a lonely spot. There he died within twelve hours.

The Sham Sailor.

It happened at the Mansion House police court. A man who claimed to be a sailor and who said that he had been badly injured through an accident at sea was charged with begging in the city. The chief magistrate caught sight of a bluejacket in court and, addressing him, said, "You might please ask this man some questions to find out if he is a sailor or whether he is an impostor." The naval man stood up, and, looking at the prisoner, asked, "Can you tell me how many yards of canvas there are on the mainsheet?" After some consideration the sham nautical man replied, "I think about sixty yards." It only remained for the real tar to explain to the magistrate that the mainsheet was a rope and not a sail for the beggar to be convicted.—

The Color of the Hat.

Centuries ago the color of a hat or cap had its significance. Cardinals first began to wear red hats in 1253. In Italy for ages the members of the Hebrew race were known by the yellow cap they wore, it being mandatory for them to wear them.

Spectacles.

There has been considerable discussion as to who invented *spectacles* and who had the pleasure of wearing the first pair. The honor is generally awarded to an Italian named Salvino Armati, who died in 1317.

MY HEART'S DARLING

BY W. HEIMBURG.

"I must thank you very much, my dear Frau Adler," said Selma's mamma, who had suddenly become very very wide awake, and was taking off her wraps in the Frau Counselor's room at four that morning—they had just returned from the ball—"very much, for the excellent care you have taken of Selma."

Frau Adler looked at her friend in surprise; she had already been much annoyed at her son's disappearance from the ball. What was this now?

Fraulein Selma was sitting in her tumbled green dress in the corner by the stove, sobbing.

"You may well cry," scolded her mother. "Your father will see to drying your tears, you ungrateful child!"

"I can not help it," sobbed the girl.

"She has engaged herself, Clara," said the angry mother, turning to the speechless Frau Counselor, "engaged herself to that Herr Proviso there. Did you not notice anything? You are generally so observant in those things. And they have actually arranged everything. Oh, and we were thinking she was in such good hands here!"

"Selma," cried Frau Adler, "are you not ashamed of yourself?"

"You ought to have looked after her better," interrupted the mother. "I shall have a fine time of it with my husband. Dress yourself, my child, and pack your things; as soon as it is light we will go home."

"Father might buy him a drug-store," said a tearful voice from behind a lace-trimmed handkerchief.

"Buy him a drug store, as if it were some ginger cakes! What do you know about money? I will tell you how matters are. You have engaged yourself, but as for marrying, you need not think of that, my child."

The little maid-servant brought in coffee; but had to ask her mistress three times for the key of the sugar-box, she stood there so bewildered.

All in vain; all—this thankless girl!

"How did you come to know each other?" demanded her mother. "Speak out!"

"At the Schutzenfest, in the summer."

"Where else?"

"At the circus. I happened to sit near him, and then—I was there with the postmaster's family — and then we — that is, Siesel and her cousin, and he and I rode in the merry-go-round together, and then he escorted me home."

"Very fine; and you allowed that, Clara? Where else did you see each other?"

"In the street and at the drug store."

"Aha! Now I understand why you wanted so much chalk, and cold cream, and soda powders. And when did he offer himself?"

"Long ago—about two months—"

"Disgusting!" said the Frau Counselor, pushing her coffee-cup away. "Selma, you are a deceitful girl. Is that the way you return all my kindness?"

"I am not deceitful!" retorted the girl, half crying. "I never pretended to care for the doctor. If he thought so—"

The Frau Counselor drew herself up to her full height.

"My son?" she asked. "My son? What has my son to do with the matter? You have not imagined that he—? Ridiculous!" And she rustled out of the room majestically in her gray silk, and went into her bedroom. When she came back she had on a dressing-gown, and a smile about her lips, and requested some coffee.

As the day began to dawn the little maid brought a letter from the Herr Doctor to the Frau Counselor. The old lady had not retired, as her visitors were about to depart. She was sitting down gazing out into the gray morning light, her heart full of anger and disappointment.

Then came the note. Oh, heavens, what does he want? And what a long note! She found her spectacles, and went to the light and read.

What? Had he done that to her? She stared motionless. Had the world suddenly come to a standstill?

"I hope my mother will endeavor to be as kind as possible to the girl who holds in her hands all the earthly happiness of her son; and she may rest assured that two thankful hearts rest assured that two thankful hearts will strive in every way to make the evening of her life bright and happy."

Is it so? "Both—or neither," she read between the lines. Oh, and there were so many rich, pretty girls! She crushed the letter angrily in her hands. Just then her look fell upon a little daguerreotype that hung on the window-frame over her work-table—a curly headed boy in a plaid blouse, with honest loving eyes. That was he as he used to sit in her lap and throw his arms round her neck, and she would think with pleasure of his future. She had had but one thought all these years, and that was to spend the evening of her days in his family, honored and beloved, her advice sought in kitchen, cellar and nursery.

"My dear mother," she could hear the sound of his voice in those days, he was no longer a child; he had become a man, an upright, honest man, with a strong will of his own; he was her pride, her only child. What words of praise she had heard about him only a few hours before in the ball-room. One thankful mother, whose comfort he had been by a sick bed, had pressed her hand; another, whose husband he had saved, had said to her, "How happy you must be to possess such a son!" And the wife of a nervous invalid had been loud in her praises; not only had he helped the sick body, he had also cheered and quieted the troubled brain. And now she begrudged this son the happiness he longed for.

If it were only some one else! But every right-minded man must choose his wife himself. No, he must have one above reproach.

And Fr. Selma, this— Just then she came in with her mother. How she looked; how thick her complexion, how awkward her figure in the thick cloak, and so discontented! Lucie's graceful, slight figure, her lovely childish face came up before her eyes.

"She is pretty, and refined. Yes—yes—h'm."

"Good-bye, my dear Frau Adler," said the mother. "I can not promise to come back soon. I am too much annoyed with you."

"I want to say something to you," began the Frau Counselor. "Persuade your husband to give in if she really loves the man. A drug store would not be a bad thing; my husband used to say that it was better than a farm. One must give in to their children; when they get an idea in their heads they will carry it through. My Alfred has been for some time secretly engaged to—"

Fraulein Selma stared at the speaker with open mouth.

"To his old love, Lucie. Yes, yes, my child, you did not notice it. If I had not had my head so full of other things I should not have been so blind to what you were doing."

"To Lucie Walter?" stammered the girl.

"Yes; and listen, Frau Mahnert, Lucie has nothing—nothing at all—but Alfred loves her with all his heart, and the two that are to spend their lives together, they ought to have the right to choose. Now be sensible and let the young people have their way, and let us be friends, as we always have been. And come and drink coffee with me when you come to town. Think of how much we have gone through together. When my husband died you sat by me on the sofa and wept with me, and when your eldest son was drowned it was I who performed the sad duty of breaking the news to you. Such—"

Frau Mahnert broke into tears and gave the Frau Counselor her hand. "As God wills," she said, and went out, followed by Selma. The Frau Counselor looked out of the window after them and called out, as they were getting into the carriage:

"Good luck; send me good news soon."

Then she stood before the picture of her son.

"I have never wished to tell an untruth," she said, aloud, "but today—I hope God will forgive me—my son must have an answer good and well; but let me sleep first."

As the clock struck twelve the hall door at the Frau Counselor's opened and she stepped out arrayed in her furs, her Sunday bonnet, and her best black silk, and went along the walk to the Meerfeldt gate. Peter opened it, and showed her in.

Mademoiselle came to meet the old lady in the hall.

"Lucie is upstairs; she is taking care of the child. Will you take the trouble to go upstairs? You will find your son there."

They went upstairs together. Mademoiselle opened a door and let the Frau Counselor enter. Dettchen's voice could be heard.

"I assure you, my children, I will do it with all my heart. I am so happy to be able to help you."

"You jewel of an aunt!" said the doctor.

The Frau Counselor rustled her dress once or twice before the blonde head that was resting on her son's shoulder moved, then an astonished pair of eyes met hers.

"Your mother!"

Lucie retreated hastily, pale from surprise; her lover followed her smiling.

"You—here?" said the girl again. "We were just going to you. I had to wait till Tante Dettchen could take my place by the little one."

She bent over the hand of the grave woman who stood still as a statue, and seemed to wonder herself why she was here.

"Be good to me again," begged Lucie. "Ach! if you only know how I have tormented myself about him."

The Frau Counselor looked at the thin face and pale cheeks; they proved the truth of what the lips said. She was so moved and softened that she could scarcely preserve her composure; but she would not show her feelings. She bravely swallowed down her inclination to sob, and kissed Lucie on the forehead.

"Let us forget it all," she said, and gave her hand to her son. "It is good to see one's faults if it is in time to make them good. What is the matter with the child?"

"She has taken cold, and must stay in bed."

"And is her father here too? What recklessness to travel with such a young child at this time of year! Where is he? The men evidently have no idea of how children should be cared for."

(To be Continued.)

THE CUMBERLAND NEWS.

CUMBERLAND, B. C.

The more a man complains the less other men think of him.

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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,
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State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County. ss.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior portner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY.

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(Seal) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The first medal granted to the navy was after the defeat of the Spanish Armada, and was oval in shape. No medal was issued by the British government for the battle of Trafalgar.

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The Rev. Father Lord, Sr., Montreal, Canada, says: "I have been a sufferer for 20 years from organic heart disease, nervousness and dyspepsia and have doctored both in France and America, with but temporary relief. I tried Dr. Agnew's Heart Cure and was indeed surprised at the immediate relief I obtained. I am firmly convinced that it will cure any case of heart disease and will strengthen the nerves and stomach." Sold by all druggists.

Coffee was unknown to the ancient Romans; but they had cloves.

Some men are constantly trying to lower the record of meanness.

A SMALL PILL, BUT POWERFUL.—They that judge of the powers of a pill by its size would consider Parmelee's Vegetable Pills to be lacking. It is a little wonder among pills. What it lacks in size it makes up in potency. The remedies which it carries are put up in these small doses, because they are so powerful that only small doses are required. The full strength of the extracts is secured in this form and do their work thoroughly.

A lowly seat has at least one good point; it is usually a safe one.

Every man who succeeds in keeping out of jail isn't going to heaven.

Catarrh and Colds Relieved in 10 to 60 Minutes.—One short puff of the breath through the blower supplied with each bottle of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder diffuses this powder over the surface of the nasal passages. Painless and delightful to use. It relieves instantly, and permanently cures catarrh, hay fever, colds, headache, sore throat, tonsilitis and deafness. 50 cents.—41

Police Captain A. J. Thomas, of the New York force, just retired saved $250,000 in seven years on a salary of $2,750 a year. How did he do it?

Stop the Pain but Destroy Stomach.—This is sadly too often the case. So many nauseous nostrums purporting to cure in the end do the patient immensely more harm than good. Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are a purely vegetable pepsin preparation, as harmless as milk. One after eating prevents any disorder of the digestive organs. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—40

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It cures the most stubborn kind of coughs and colds. If it doesn't cure you, your money will be refunded.

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MARKET REVIEW.

(Compiled from The Commercial).

During the past week interest in the wheat trade has become more keenly centred in the American speculative markets, and the doings in these markets are centred around what the traders see or imagine they see the Armour Company doing. If it is thought that Armour is buying, prices go up. If he leaves it alone, or seems to be selling, prices decline. In these markets there has been an active week's trade, but nervous and uncertain every day. The relative positions of December and May wheat in the Chicago market have undergone quite a change during the week, December being 3c lower and May 1c lower. In other markets both May and December are ½c to ⅝c lower on the week. On the 10th inst., the American government agricultural report for December was issued. It is important as giving the condition and acreage of the growing winter wheat crop in the States on December 1. The condition this year is 86.6 with an acreage of 32,000,000 acres, against a condition of 99.7 at the same date last year and an acreage of 34,000,000 acres. These figures denote a prospective yield of 485,000,000 bushels from next year's winter wheat crop, against a prospective yield of 569,000,000 bushels on December 1st last year. As compared with last year the showing this year is considered to be very bullish, but a great deal depends on the weather in spring and at harvest time. In the meantime, while the crop is nothing like as forward as it was a year ago it is in good condition to stand the winter, the only complaints being that in some parts there is not as much moisture in the ground as is considered requisite for best conditions. The crop has now a fair covering of snow in nearly all districts. The movement of wheat in the States shows a fair increase on the week. The exports also show considerable increase, and for the first time in many months they show this week larger shipments than for corresponding week a year ago. The European situation shows no change. Consumptive requirements over there are liberal, and other countries than America continue to ship liberal supplies to Europe. European markets are dull and steady, and prices without any particular change. There is nothing new to report as to European crops. Harvesting is proceeding in the Argentine and judging by the reports there the weather is inclined to be unsettled and not altogether favorable for harvest work. The crop is grown, however, and unless the weather becomes disastrously unfavorable, very little diminution in quantity may be expected. We have no recent word as to the Australian crop which must be getting well through harvest.

Manitoba wheat has been very dull all the week. While lake navigation did not close altogether til, the beginning of this week, there has been no demand for wheat for boats since early last week, and prices have been strictly on winter freight basis. At the close of business Friday prices were 1c under a week ago, but about Wednesday and Thursday the feeling was quite weak and prices were down 1c from a week ago. Most of the trade doing is for immediate delivery but something is also done for May delivery. Prices for December delivery were No. 1 northern 74½c; 2 northern, 73½c; No. 3 northern, 74½c; 2 northern, 70½c; No. 4 wheat, 63½c; feed, 51c; feed No. 2, 41c; and for May delivery, 1 northern, 82c; 2 northern, 79c; 3 northern, 75c; No. 4 wheat, 67c, all in store Fort William or Port Arthur.

WINNIPEG JOBBING PRICES

The following are the Winnipeg jobbing prices:—

Flour—Ogilvie's Hungarian patent, $2.35 per sack of 98 pounds; other grades accordingly.

Oats—No. 2 white, 31c, in car lots; 28 to 29 cents for feed grades; at country points farmers are receiving 25 cents per bushel.

Barley—Malting grades, 36 to 37c; feed, 30 to 33c.

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They Profit by the Experience and Advice of Mr. Lew Dake, of the Dake House, St. Thomas.—Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Him.

St. Thomas, Ont., Dec. 14.—(Special)—Mr. Lew Dake, the well-known proprietor of the Dake House here and one of the most popular men in this railroad centre, is completely cured of Backache and Kidney Disease of five years standing, and he has no hesitation in stating that the cure was effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"Yes," Mr. Dake says, speaking of his cure, "I am perfectly satisfied that the two or three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me, as I have not been troubled by my Kidneys since I took them.

"I had been troubled with my Kidneys and pains in my back for over five years and nothing I used gave me any relief till I took the advice of a friend and tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. I advise all my friends to try them."

Many of the railroad men have taken Mr. Dake's advice and are using Dodd's Kidney Pills. This work is particularly hard on the Kidneys and they find Dodd's Kidney Pills bring them sure relief.

The output of bituminous coal from the Ohio Valley last year was 165,000,000 tons, which was nearly four-fifths of the entire production of America.

The Governor's Wife a Prisoner.—Mrs. Z. A. Van Laven is the wife of the governor of the county jail, Napanee, Ont., and was a great sufferer from rheumatism. When the best doctors in the community and "specialists" failed to help her, she hurled her scepticism of proprietary remedies and purchased South American Rheumatic Cure. 4 bottles cured her.—42

A man begins to talk of his resignation after he gets the grand bounce.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Many men work overtime trying to up schemes to avoid work.

Lifebuoy Soap—disinfectant—is strongly recommended by the medical profession as a safeguard against infectious diseases.

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THEY ARE CAREFULLY PREPARED—Pills which dissipate themselves in the stomach cannot be expected to have much effect upon the intestines, and to overcome costiveness the medicine administered must influence the action of these canals. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are so made, under the supervision of experts, that the substance in them is intended to operate on the intestines are retarded in action until they pass through the stomach to the bowels.

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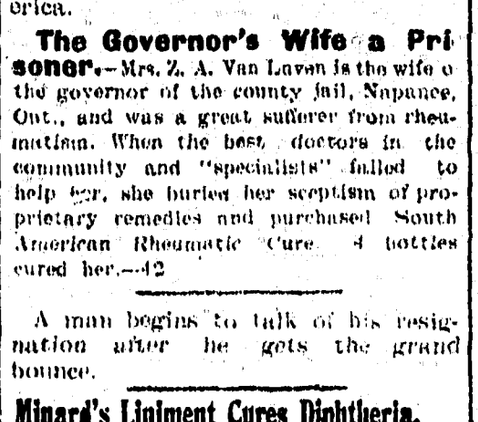

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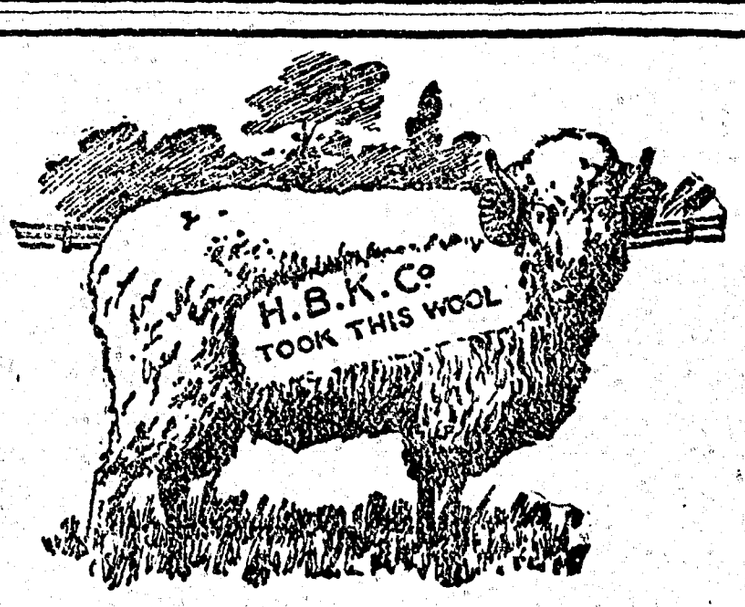

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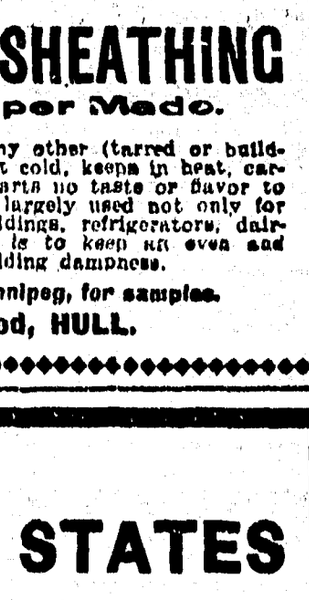

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CHINESE NEW YEAR.

Here, as in all parts of the world, where there are Chinese residents, the month of holiday is being kept. One of the most solemn sacrifices at the home occurs on the last night of the old year, which marked the commencement of the 4,655th year. The by-ways and alleys in spite of their odors are made as picturesque as possible. The stores are closed, and the balconies are decorated with gorgeous and beautiful lanterns. China lilies in great profusion scent the air with their delicate perfume, mingling with the more pungent odor of burning sandalwood. The Joss Temples have been treated to new coats of paint and gilding. "Kong He Fa Choy!" will be the watchword of welcome and good cheer, and the Kowtow will bob up serenely with a queue at one end of it every few steps. The Chinese New Year is always regulated by the moon—according to the Chinese calendar. The months of this calendar are so rotated that each corresponds with the moon, containing 29 or 30 days—none shorter or longer. Each new moon's first day is the feast day of a new month. The calculation is made by a board of learned astronomers in Pekin for period of three years. Every third year is leap year, and contains 13 months; the others contain 12 months each, the different reckoning in time making the odd months. The month is not divided into week, and there are no Sundays. The temple of worship, or Joss house, is open every day in the year. Time is dated corresponding to the years the present monarch has reigned, and when he is succeeded by a new monarch time begins anew, and the calendar is dated the year 1. Presents of equal value are given. The New Year Card is pasted in a book for future reference. The poorer class paste the card upon the wall. Men do not call upon women, even on New Years, for that would be considered scandalous. The women call upon each other in the afternoon. Another feature of the Chinese celebration is the blooming of the lilies on the sills of the windows, and he whose lily has not flowered before New Year time is unlucky, and *fortune will forsake* him during the year. On the last night of the year, the house is put in perfect order, and decorated with the narcissus. The absent members of the family return, if possible, and the dead and living feast together. A table is set with fish, poultry, pork, rice, vegetables, and a liquor called samshu, distilled from rice, which, after satisfying the hunger of the dead, is eaten by the living. A little food is also placed near the door in order to feed any wandering stranger spirits. Then, after burning incense and paper money, they bow before the shrine and pray for the protection and blessing of the ancestral spirits during the coming year, for every Chinese believes that upon the favor of these guardians depends happiness and success; and misfortune and trouble follow upon their displeasure.

CARD OF THANKS.

I wish to tender my sincere thanks to the Young Ladies of Comox for their kindness in endeavouring to alleviate my misfortune, because of the accident that befel me lately, and the means they took to express their sympathy.

JAS. LYTTELL.

ASSESSMENT ACT 1903.

A Court of Revision and Appeal for the Comox Assessment District, will be held in the Court-house, Cumberland, on Thursday, March 3rd, 1904, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

JOHN BAIRD, Assessor.
Cumberland, Feby. 12th, 1904.

COURT OF REVISION.

COMOX ASSESSMENT DISTRICT.

A Court of Revision and Appeal, under the provisions of the "Assessment Act," will be held for the Comox Assessment District, at Cumberland, in the Court House, on the 3rd day of March, 1904, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

E. HARRISON,
Judge of the Court of Revision and Appeal.

Nanaimo, B.C., 19th Jany., 1904.

MUNICIPALITY OF THE CITY OF CUMBERLAND

Notice is hereby given that the Court of Revision for the Municipality of the City of Cumberland for hearing all complaints against the Assessment as made by the Assessor of the said Municipality, will be held at the City Hall, Cumberland, on Monday the 14th day of March next, at 7 30 o'clock P.M. and so on from day to day until the complaints shall have been heard provided that at least ten days notice shall have been given of such complaints.

Dated at Cumberland the 15th day of February, A.D. 1904.

L. W. NUNNS,
City Municipal Clerk

TENDERS.

Tenders will be received until 6 o'clock p.m., Saturday, March 5th, 1904, for the purchase of

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F. McB. YOUNG,
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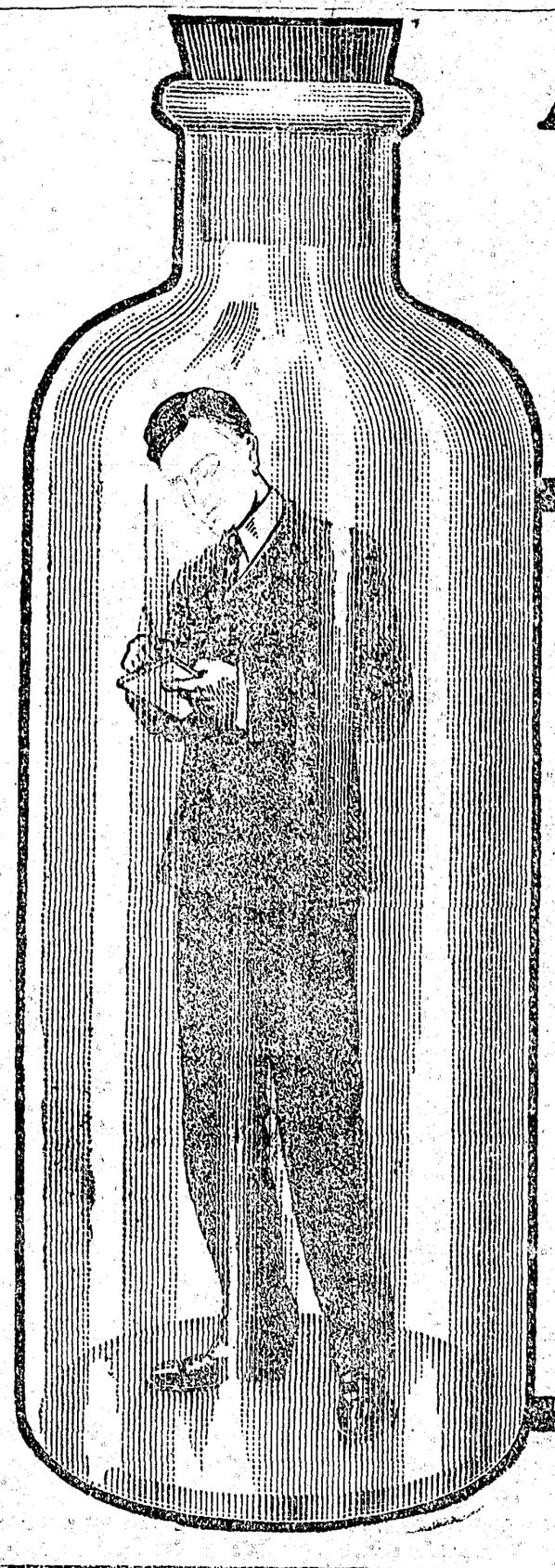

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