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General News Float

In and About the Slocan and Neighboring Camps that are Talked About.

LOCAL CHIT-CHAT.

The Mollie Hughes will make another shipment this week to Trail.

John Williams has for sale some of the best pipes ever shown in this camp.

The Bosun shipped more ore last month than any other month in the year.

Two hundred and sixty tons of ore were shipped from the Arlington last week.

The Goodenough will pay another dividend of 1 per cent. a share on the 30th inst.

Construction of the Payne concentrator was commenced at the Payne siding this week.

Anderson & McDougall have taken a lease on the Real Idea, one of the Mollie Hughes group.

D. McLeod and his partners will do some more work on the Newmarket, a claim near Rosebery.

H. Tattrie and C. Band, Sandon's brewers, were in Frank last week looking into the possibilities for a brewery there.

Manager Caldwell, of the Marion, was in to see the property last week. A shipment of ore is being prepared to be sent out.

A possum dinner is possible at any time in New Denver, provided you can find a possum. John Williams has the sweet potatoes.

Messrs. Will and McNaught lately shipped 4½ tons of ore from the Hampton group, returns from which went 760 ozs. silver to the ton.

Louis Miller, who was injured in an explosion at the Payne some weeks ago, and has been in Spokane under doctors' care, died last Friday.

The Rambler-Cariboo Mines, Ltd., paid $120,000 in dividends last year, the last of the $30,000 quarterly dividends being paid in December.

Knowles & Findlay, proprietors of the Lake View hotel, Silverton, have dissolved partnership, Mr. Knowles taking over the business.

The Miners' Union of Rossland has ordered a boycott on all Gooderham booze, because Gooderham owns stock in the mines affected by the strike.

Small pox is scaring the people of Fernie. Two cases were discovered last week and the town is quaranteed. There are also five cases at the mine.

The s.s. Walla Walla was sunk at sea off the coast of Northern California last week in a collision with a French sailing vessel. Upwards of 15 passengers lost their lives.

Since the Byron N. White company got hold of the Slocan Star that property has paid $185,000 in dividends, and it has more ore in sight now than at any time in its history.

The Silver King mine at Nelson will soon be shipping 3000 tons of $20 ore per month. This will greatly benefit the Nelson smelter, as it will be enabled to operate at its full smelting capacity.

The men working on leases at the Queen Bess are taking out large quantities of ore, and shipments from the property will be resumed at an early date, if the present soft weather does not continue.

Those claiming to be in a position to know, state that the government will commence early in March, if not before, the construction of a permanent bridge across Carpenter creek. Piles will be driven from bank to bank and the whole distance bridged.

A happy wedding ceremony took place at Slocan City last Thursday evening by which Jack Cavin and Miss Jessie McGillivray were joined in wedlock. A ball was given in their honor the following evening in which between 50 and 100 citizens took part.

Two strangers, evidently looking for a night's lodging and whatever else that could be carried, visited the shack of Harry Hewer, at Taylor's milk ranch at the siding Sunday night. Harry took a shot at them, and with a whoop of fear they lost themselves in the dark.

To top off the happy holiday season, and to cheer up the "jolly tars" on the s.s Slocan, the band and a number of friends serenaded the steamer last Thursday afternoon, going as far as Rosebery and returning. The metropolis at the head of the lake was also given a few strains of that article that softens the heart of man.

The Mollie Hughes shipped 22 tons of ore the latter part of December, the smelter returns of which were very high in silver and gold. Another carload is being taken out, and the probability is that this property will ship regularly. It is being worked by the owners, who have lately put the property into shape for permanent operations.

The "Australian Wonder," that prince of fakirs that passed through the Slocan a year or more ago, was lately operating in Valligo, Cal., where he worked the people to the tune of a few hundred dollars. After selling slips of paper, bits of string and bad cigars for $2, $5 or $10, he began joshing the suckers, and they went upon the stage to interview him, but he held them at bay at the point of a revolver and finally escaped.

The ball given by the Bosun band in Clever's hall on New Year's eve was without exception the greatest financial success that has ever been given in the town. Socially it was also up to the high mark of perfection, and its successful termination reflects great credit upon those having charge. Between 150 and 200 people partook of the supper. The hall was crowded with gay dancers, who enjoyed to the full extent the excellent music furnished by the 7-piece orchestra. Something over $100 was cleared on the dance, after all expenses were paid.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION.

Many as have been the social successes given by the local K. of P. lodge, yet none have excelled the public installation given in Castle Hall, Clever block, on Monday evening, with Grand Chancellor Noble Binns handling the gavel. The seating capacity of the hall was taxed to its utmost by New Denver friends and the visiting brethren, and from the fall of the gavel at 8:15 until 10:20 the ceremony was most interesting and impressive. The installing of the officers elected for the ensuing term was conducted by Noble Binns in that smooth, dignified manner that marks a man capable of commanding. Between the installing of the several officers selections of orchestral and vocal music were given, together with short talks on the principles and objects of the order, concluding with the presentation of jewels to the past chancellor commanders of the lodge, and a very able and instructive address by Noble Binns. The evening was most disagreeable without, but the large audience went to their homes feeling well repaid for having braved the storm. The newly-installed officers are: C. C., A. E. Roberts; V. C., Chas. E. Strickland; Prelate, F. D. D. Kelly; M. of W., H. G. Thommson; K. R. & S., H. M. Walker; M. of F., G. B. Garrett; M. of E., Angus McGillivray; M. of A., R. Johnston; I.G., Geo. Crawford; O.G., John Williams.

SLOCAN STAR CLOSED DOWN.

The Paystreak says of the closing down of the Slocan Star: On Tuesday evening the Slocan Star mine was closed down, laying off all hands except 15 men, who will work on development. The Silversmith drift will be continued, the No. 4 and No. 5 Star tunnels driven to the west and the No. 5 driven to the east on the Slocan King.

Orders to close down came from Byron N. White late on Tuesday and were a surprise to the Sandon officers of the company. Asked as to the reasons for closing down, Oscar V. White, superintendent of the Slocan Star, stated that the suspension of operations was an outcome of the court order in the Star Mining & Milling Co. vs. the Byron N. White Co. The owners did not propose to continue mining operations while they might be hampered or impeded by the surveyors of the Star M. & M. Co.

Interviewed on the matter yesterday, J. M. Harris, of the Star M. & M. Co., said that aside from inspecting the Slocan Star workings at Christmas time he had not yet made any effort to avail himself of the court order in the famous Rabbit Paw apex case. He was not in a position to give any statement on what conclusions he drew from his inspection of the mine. He had intended to commence surveying at Christmas time, but in compliance with a request from Oscar V. White he had concluded to defer commencing until after the holidays. Clements and Farwell, the surveyors who will do the surveying, arrived in town last night to commence work immediately. Mr. Harris stated that he expected the work of surveying to take 30 days. The court order gives the surveyors privilege of taking 10 men into the mine to assist in the work.

THE FRANK COAL MINE.

Speaking of the possibilities of the coal mine at Frank the Sentinel says:

The Company's mine here was never in better shape for producing a large output than at the present time. The main entry is now in on the coal vein a distance of 1,800 feet and in the face shows eleven feet of clean, hard coal. This entry is being driven ahead as fast as two shifts of miners can drive it, and at the rate it is going ahead it will not be long before the Company will feel justified in installing the cable system to haul the cars in this tunnel. At present horses are being used for hauling.

The vein, which is a large one, varying from 10 to over 20 feet in thickness, is peculiar in the history of coal mining, in so much as it stands perpendicularly and the walls, which are of iron sandstone, being as hard as flint. It is peculiar also in the fact that although a great depth has been obtained upon the vein there is no gas in the mine and open lights are used in all parts.

A NEW LARDEAU TOWN.

The townsite known by above name is situated on the West Fork of the Duncan at the junction of the Little West Fork. It was located over a year ago by Dr. Spencer's agent, since which a crown grant has been issued and is in the hands of the London and Canadian Development company, of which Dr. Spencer is president, says the Eagle. There are several holders of the shares and it is the intention of the owners to open a supply store, put up a saw mill, put in a livery, pack, and a large boarding house, as early in 1902 as possible. The surveyors have laid out several streets, and there is abundance of water for all purposes. The government trail is nearly finished from Hall's creek to the townsite, and the trail to the Old Gold camp has been made. Negotiations are on for erecting a smelter there and with the dozen gold properties surrounding it, as well as the enterprising company pushing it ahead, a town should soon be in existence.

RESULTS OF INCORPORATION.

[illegible] incorporated [illegible] to claim one's being a city, and some people would willingly pay [illegible] in order to pay the extra cost for the privilege. The people of Slocan City have tried managing their own affairs for six months, and according to a statement made by the city clerk, the actual receipts were $1,931.52, and the actual disbursements $2,143.89, which leaves a deficit of $212.37. Of the amount disbursed, $[illegible] went towards building sidewalks, and $[illegible] for maintenance of the fire department. This makes a total of $[illegible] disbursed for the public good, from which should be deducted the deficit of $212.37. By doing so a balance of $390.08 is left, which is the real amount the people of Slocan City have spent for the common good, the remaining $1,544.74 have been spent to keep the machinery of government in motion.

SLOCAN ORE SHIPMENTS.

The total amount of ore shipped from the Slocan and Slocan City mining divisions for the year 1900 was, approximately, 35,000 tons. Since January 1 to Dec. 31, 1901, the shipments have been as follows:

	Week	Total
Payne	82	1970
Last Chance	40	1423
Slocan Star	191	1661
Ruth		275
Bosun	40	620
Hewett		1924
American Boy	42	1462
Ivanhoe	20	1317
Sunset (Jackson Basin)	21	724
Sovereign		117
Wonderful	40	146
Arlington	230	5477
Two Friends		40
Enterprise	20	70[illegible]
Hartney		149
Black Prince		155
Goodenough	25	284
Miller Creek		20
Reco	20	431
Sunset (Can. Gold Fields		53
Silver King		14
Noble Five		50
Washington		36
Red Fox		128
Antoine		16
Queen Bess		1199
Monitor		480
Corinth		81
Bondholder		33
Rambler		3035
Surprise		200
Kaslo Group		10
Chapleau		15
Speculator		10
Ajax		10
Soho	66	136
Emily Edith		46
Phoenix		23
Alpha		10
V. & M.		20
Marion		22
Ruby		1
Esmeralda		6
Hampton		7
Capella		44
Fourth of July		12
Tamarac		5
Mary Durham		8
Buffalo		5
Sweet Grass		2
Exchange		5
Mollie Hughes		22
Total tons	867	27 781

The above figures are correct as far as we have been able to learn. The total is several thousand tons less than last year, although to these figures must be added the ore shipped from the Whitewater mine by way of Kaslo. This ought to bring the total for the year up to 30,000 tons.

The Nelson Tribune gives the following approximate estimate of the production of the Kootenays and Boundary camps during the year:

	Tons	Value
Rossland mines	300,000	$3,000,000
Slocan mines	30,000	2,000,000
Boundary mines	270,000	2,820,000
Nelson mines	110,000	1,100,000
East Kootenay mines	15,000	600,000
Lardeau mines	2,000	350,000
All other camps	10,000	330,000
Total	827,000	$10,000,000

WANTS A BONUS.

Speculator Mine, Slocan, B.C.,
Dec. 30th, 1901

EDITOR LEDGE,
New Denver, B.C.

Dear Sir,—Herewith enclosed two dollars ($2 00), for which please send me THE LEDGE for one year; also please throw in a ticket to Paradise as a premium. I understand you have great admiration for all who promptly pay the printer, so I hope you won't refuse the bonus. If you don't I won't kick much, as THE LEDGE is pretty good value anyhow.

Yours truly,
DRILL POUNDER.

TOURIST SLEEPING CAR SERVICE.

Effective January 1st, the C.P.R. will operate tourist sleeping cars on the following schedule: Eastbound, leave Kootenay Landing every Friday for St. Paul, Toronto, Montreal, Boston, etc.; leave Dunmore Junction every Monday and Thursday for St. Paul, Toronto, and intermediate points. Westbound, leave Revelstoke every Sunday, Wednesday and Friday for Vancouver, Seattle, etc. Full particulars can be obtained from all local agents. J. S. Carter, D.P.A., Nelson.

FERGUSON'S SMELTER UNDER WAY.

Lumber for the McCrossan smelter, now being built at Ferguson, is being laid on the ground. The basement is almost completed, and carpenters will be at work this week. Word of the arrival of the machinery from Toronto is expected daily. The wood-cutting contract is well under way, and already a good deal of it has been delivered.—The Eagle.

A Refinery Assured

The C. P. R. Will Add it to the Trail Smelter as Soon as it can be Built.

A despatch from Rossland states that W. H. Aldridge, manager of the Trail smelter, has just returned from an extended eastern trip and states that the Canadian smelting works will proceed at once with the construction of a refinery at Trail of sufficient capacity to handle the present bullion output of the country. The plant will be to a certain extent experimental, but as soon as it is shown that sufficient bullion can be obtained to insure its becoming a commercial success it will be enlarged and extended or, possibly, another plant will be built at Nelson or on the coast.

Mr Aldridge says that all of the metal markets have been most unsatisfactory to mines, smelters and refineries. The fall in lead and silver has affected the receipts of some of the Kootenay lead and silver mines to the extent of $600,000 annually, comparing the quotations for these metals in January with those at the present time. The smelters have also lost heavily in buying and selling on a falling market.

The railways and smelters are thoroughly alive to the situation, and while London lead remains at present prices, they will join in making a reduction from $3 to $4 for the coming year in freight and treatment charges on lead ores. The smelters are willing to reduce their charges provided they can be relieved from the danger of incurring further losses due to the decline in metals and it is generally conceded that the present prices of metals have nearly reached bottom. To accomplish this it is proposed that the preliminary settlements involving the payment of 90 per cent. of the proceeds will be made as soon as the results are obtained at the smelter, and final settlement to be made on quotations for metals 90 days after the preliminary settlement. It is proposed to reduce the zinc limit from 10 per cent. to 8 per cent., which would mean that on clean lead ores carrying 40 per cent. lead and over the total reduction in freight and treatment charges will be $4 per ton, while on ores containing over 8 per cent. zinc the net reduction will be $3 per ton.

The above reductions in rates will not compensate the mines for their losses in the decline of metals from the first of the year to the present time, but as the quotations for London lead during the latter part of 1900 and the beginning of 1901 were abnormally high, it is hoped that the mines will find it to their interest to continue operations at these figures. The average price of London lead for a number of years has been between £12 and £13, and a reduction of $4 per ton of ore is equivalent to $11 per ton of lead, assuming the ore to contain 40 per cent. lead and that the smelter pays for 90 per cent. This reduction of $4 would make the present lead quotation on the basis of last year's rates, £12 6s 9d.

MARKET CONDITIONS.

Speaking of the market conditions the Engineering & Mining Journal says of the metals:

"In the metal markets, copper is at a stand, and there is little or no business. Some further reductions are reported in the nominal prices, and buyers apparently fear more such action and hesitate to go beyond their immediate necessities. It is reported that sales have been made below nominal quotations, and there is a general position of uncertainty which does not favor business. The leading seller seems to have taken the position that as an artificial level is no longer maintained, there is nothing to prevent prices going down to the cost of copper or below. Meantime the independent producers show no signs of giving way or entering into any sort of agreement.

"In the other metals there is little or nothing of especial importance. Tin is depressed, though the demand continues good. The reduction in the price of lead, noted last week, does not seem to have increased business to any considerable extent, though a fair trade is reported. Spelter shows the best position of any of the metals, and a good market is noted; while there has been a sharp advance in the prices for zinc ores in the Joplin district.

"Silver continues quiet and without special feature or any considerable change in prices. The conditions affecting this metal have been fully referred to in recent issues."

CALGARY BELLES.

The Calgary Albertan has a writer on its staff who signs himself "Mull," and who had the temerity to say the following of the guests at the St. Andrew's ball in his town: "He ance read in Burns o' an auld witch, at a shindy gien by the deil, wha

Linkit at it in her sark;

but some of the leddies at Friday's dance, tae a' appearances, didna hae a sark on their backs. The bare legs o' the kilties on that account didna look oot o' place. Mull has, however, tae gie in tae the fack that some o' the weemen were weel faured and didna look half bad wi' next tae naething on, while ithers wad hae looked better had they flung a crazy quilt ower their scrawny necks."

OVER POPULATION

Malthusianism has a new vogue now, because it supplies the plan of the church as an opiate to sore consciences, by shifting the responsibility for bad social conditions on to "Nature," instead of on to "God."

There is no evidence whatever that human population has ever "pressed on the means of subsistence"; but even if there be, for us to fear it is absurd. The whole population of the earth, man, woman and child, could go into our one state of Texas, and leave the rest of the globe empty and desolate. Still, Texas would not be as thickly populated as the Island of Jersey; and the Island of Jersey exports over $40 per head of population every year, besides supporting its inhabitants.

Over population! Faugh! when the well-to-do are lamenting their small families and sterile women. We are "over populated" with land owners—one of whom would be an over population of one.—Bolton Hall.

Pure air for the lungs, pure food for the stomach, pure love for the sexual anatomy, pure water for the kidneys, pure blood for the heart, and pure thoughts for the mind will make this existence a reality of bliss, and surround us with heaven while our clay is animated.

British Columbia is one of the richest countries on earth in natural resources, and they have been and are being given away to companies who will make millions out of what rightfully belongs to all the people. Such is the effect of selfish and brainless legislation.

While drilling for oil near Munfordville, Ky., the other day the operators discovered a vein of quartz which assayed $27 a ton. Now all the oil seekers in that county are going for gold quartz.

Live an active life, but do not stay up all night to do it.

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R. T. LOWERY, Editor and Financier.

THE LEDGE.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 1902.

FROM THE EDITOR'S UPPER STOPE.

Dead ads poison the blood of a live newspaper.

The snowslide is proof that a fast life is a short one.

Lobsters dread thunder, and will dive deep when they hear it.

If the voters were all ladies Bodwell would be a sure winner.

The consumption of sugar has doubled within the past 15 years.

Green sheep are found in Germany. They live near copper works.

An ordinary day's work consumes 300 tons of energy. It must be light stuff.

There was just a flash of boom times in the Lucerne upon the initial day of this year.

The Chinese look upon the lion as an emblem of good luck, but probably not the British one.

A cave has just been found near Butte, Mont., that contains skeletons of people of gigantic stature.

Potatoes were first cultivated in South America, and Murphy had nothing to do with the first crop.

Parkhurst wants Sunday saloons in New York. He can get what he is looking for by coming out west.

A boy in Texas stole a pair of pants to be baptized in. He is now in jail and his sins have not been washed away.

Going over the Niagara Falls in a barrel is not much of a feat, but putting the Falls over a barrel would be an achievement worthy of mention.

Newspaper business must be good in Grand Forks. Another editor has been married in that burg, which is a sweet fate that does not come to Hall the profession.

Hid in the hills around New Denver there are millions in gold and silver, but this wealth requires hard digging before it will jar loose. It will not walk into town without assistance.

Nature is very wasteful. The amount of wind it has thrown away around New Denver during the past week would keep a million tinhorn politicians in supplies for the next century.

It is easy to get a title in Bavaria. To become a prince only costs $5,000. It is a wonder some speculator does not bring a batch of princes from that country to the American ladies' market.

There are 90,000 hairs on the head of a red-headed woman, and 140,000 on that of a fair one, while a black-haired damsel has 103,000. No wonder we catch them on our coats occasionally. A scientist discovered the above facts, because we never found a woman who would stand still long enough to have her hirsute appendage accurately enumerated.

Carnegie has given 10 millions to start another university in the United States. It is a pity Andy wouldn't endow New Denver with a few millions to build sidewalks. We need them worse than the States do more colleges.

There was recently a bloody fight in the Holy Sepulchre at Jerusalem because two religious men could not agree upon which had the right to sweep the church. It does not take much to raise a fight amongst some people provided they are not pugilists.

A Cruel Custom

Missionaries are needed in Germany, judging from the report printed below. Its cruelty rivals anything of modern times, and is a disgrace to any country that permits such doings within its confines.

"A young officer, named Blaskowitz, was to be married in a couple of days, and gave the customary 'farewell' supper to his bachelor comrades. Blaskowitz had, of course, to respond to all the glasses raised to his happiness, and imbibed too freely of the 'bowle'—the usual cup on these occassions. Two brother officers saw him well on the way home, and then left him, but thought it better to return and see him to his rooms. They found Blaskowitz where they had left him, leaning against a low wall and half asleep. On being roused he hit out, not recognizing his friends, and both of the men received a blow.

"The next morning Blaskowitz, heartily ashamed of himself, but with little remembrances of what had happened the night before, started for Deutsch-Eylau, where the wedding was to take place. He had scarcely arrived when a telegram from Insterburg demanded his immediate return, for he had been challenged. The wedding was postponed, and Blaskowitz obeyed the summons. The lieutenants whom he had struck in his drunken stupor—his own friends—had challenged him; and the 'court of honor'—consisting of distinguished elderly officers—decided that the duel must take place. Lieutenant Blaskowitz' father, a clergyman, his mother, and the girl he was engaged to, accompanied the young man, and did their utmost to prevent the duel. All in vain; the next morning it took place, young Blaskowitz received a fatal bullet, and died after a few hours of agony. He was buried by his father on his twenty-fifth birthday.

"This course is in direct contradiction to an edict of the kaiser's four years ago, which prohibited duelling among his officers, except for the gravest causes."

A TAIL OF A CAT.

A few evenings ago a stray cat caused a great deal of trouble for the International Traction company and the Niagara Falls Power company. She climbed a trolley pole of the Buffalo & Lockport Electric railroad at Hoffman, a village just west of Lockport, and undertook to walk along the feed wire, using her tail as the tight-rope walker uses the balancing pole or the Japanese an umbrella.

During its oscillations the aforesaid tail touched the return wire which carried the current back to Niagara. There was a flash which could be seen for miles if the local accounts are quite trustworthy, as the short circuitted 24,000-volt current passed through the cat's body. Somehow she managed to fall across both wires, in consequence of which a fuse of the Niagara power-house was burned out, and the power was immediately cut off from all the outgoing lines.

It was two hours before the cause of the trouble was located and the cat removed from the wires. It is understood that she was dead. During the process of her cremation all the electric lighting plants and street railroads in Western New York were without power.

JOSH BILLINGS' PHILOSOPHY.

Punktuality is one grate element ov sukcess.

A watch that don't keep korrekt time is wuss than no watch at all.

If yu want to klime a tree yu have got tew begin at the bottom.

He who reads and don't reflekt, iz like the one who eats and don't exercise.

The best reformers the world haz ever seen are thoze who commense on themselfs.

Too mutch branes iz rather a hindrance than a help to a simply bizziness man.

Religion iz too often kut az the clothes are, ackording tew the prevailing fashun.

People are more apt tew make a shield ov their religion than they are a pruning-hook.

A praktikal joke is like a fall on the ice—thare may be phun in it, but the one that falls kan't alwus see it.

Wicked men should pay homage tew virtew, for though they do not honor her she is their gratest safeguard.

He who simply repents ov a sin pays only fifty cents on a dollar, while he who forsakes it pays one hundred.

The soundest wisdum cums from experience, but thare iz a nearer road to it almost az sure—reading and reflekshun.

Grate powers are useful only az they are made serviceable; the value ov a hoss depends upon hiz being well broke.

When I cum akrost people who are perfektly krazy for ventilashun, I say to miself, "That kritter was brought up in a windmill."

The more a person hunts for the mote in hiz brother's eye the plainer he will diskover—if he iz a man ov sense—the beam in his own.

I would mutch rather alwuss look forward tew the time when I am going tew ride in a carriage, than tew look bak once tew the time when I used to do it.

A certain amount of ceremony seems tew be necessary to run the soshul masheen with; but when pholks git so mutch ceremony on hand that they have tew be formaly introduced every time they meet at an evening meeting, I think that they have wore the flesh oll oph from ceremony.

The quantity of sodium delivered to the sea every year by rivers is about 160,000,000 tons; but the quantity of sodium which the sea contains is at least ninety millions of times greater than this. The period of time during which rivers have been carrying sodium into the sea must therefore be about ninety millions of years.

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Barker's Rich Pan of Dirt

When Billy Barker, the man for whom the town of Barkerville was named, first started to sink a shaft below the canyon on Williams creek there were not many miners who shared in his sanguine opinion that rich pay continued down the creek, but after he struck it richer than the Steel or Abbott claims paid above the canyon, everybody came to the conclusion that Billy's idea was pretty nearly correct, and a regular stampede for claims followed, which resulted in the staking of all the ground between the canyon and Jack of Clubs lake. Every man on the creek had an even chance. There was no grab game allowed in those days for one man to stake ten or twenty claims for himself and friends on speculation. The old mining laws only permitted one claim by preemption and one by purchase to each individual, and if instead of the government tinkering with the mining laws they would get down to common horse sense mining principles, and go back to the laws of 1861, they could do more good for the majority of practical miners and be able to offer greater inducements to capital than the present placer act affords, which gives all the benefits of a new discovery to the best man with an axe, and it seems strange that our Solons "don't take a tumble, or get some one to throw a gold mine on top of them." They never would be missed, any more than Camerontown or Marysville are missed by residents of Barkerville who recollect how the one arose Phoenix like from its ashes, while her two promising rivals were buried under twenty-five feet of tailings in the meantime. Before these events occurred the Barker, Canadian and Diller claims were producing fabulous amounts of gold which made times lively for Nick Cuneo's brewery and Charley Naudoland's saloon. The former sold all the beer he could make at $1 per gallon or 25 cents a glass, while the latter sold whisky straight at 25 cents a drink. Money was plenty at the time and little matters of detail were not considered of sufficient importance to interest local capitalists in cornering the beer and whisky business.

There were no hotels in Barkerville in those days. Richfield was the nearest point (one mile) where the culinary artist dispensed savory dishes of beans and bacon to hungry miners, with a tin cup of coffee, "sin leche," at $2.50 a meal. This simple fare, however, was soon relegated to the camp when Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cameron arrived on the scene and opened up a first-class boarding house. Mrs. Cameron attended to the cuisine and with feminine taste served tempting meals to her patrons, who paid the modest sum of $40 a week for board alone. There were not many ladies on the creek at the time and every new arrival was welcomed by the miners. Mrs. Cameron, therefore, enjoyed the freedom of the mines, so to speak, and received many invitations to visit the various deep shafts below the canyon. One day she had a very tempting offer from Jim Loring of a pan of dirt if she would go down the Diller shaft, which she accepted, and in company with her husband made the descent. Jim Loring, being an owner of the claim and foreman, knew just where the richest ground laid, and whispered to one of the men not to give it from that quarter. His instructions were obeyed, but the result somewhat astonished the liberal Jim, for when he undertook to wash the dirt, at the first shake of the pan the yellow metal showed up on the surface. He thought this was too much, so he quickly scooped a lot of it into the water hole. The next shake of the pan uncovered more of the precious stuff, and a lot more of gold dropped into the water hole. At the third shake Jim saw that there was very little gravel mixed with that pan of gold, and so concluded to scoop out some more. This was not very easy now as the lady and her husband stood close by watching the operation, but "where there's a will there's a way," and magnanimous Jim found a way. The water was muddy, and as he gave the pan a vicious whirl, preparatory to a final shake, he let it fall into the water, and while endeavoring to get it out threw a lot of gold into the hole. When he brought the pan to the surface all eyes were intently gazing at the contents and Jim saw that it was impossible to deceive them any longer. He therefore got up and politely handed Mrs. Cameron the contents of that pan of dirt, when the party returned to the surface. Mrs. Cameron took the pan home, and after weighing the generous gift found to her astonishment that she had 60 ounces of gold—approximately $1,000 About the same time that Mrs. Cameron was admiring her precious wealth, Jim made a straight shoot for the water hole, and the boys stated that all the candles went out and that the air smelt like sulphur while Jim Loring worked hard at that water hole panning out the gold he had put into it. He finally got it all, and when it was weighed Jim had just 40 ounces, or nearly $700, which with the amount Mrs. Cameron received, made $1,700, the yield of one pan of poor dirt from the Diller claim.

HINTS ON HEALTH.

In a recent novel we all read, the author in playful mood, makes as the chief difference between one character "to the manner born," and another, presumptuous, who has risen from the ranks, that the former uses the toothbrush three times each day without personal felicitation, while the latter makes proud mention of the single daily cleansing.

Trivial as the incident may seem, it means much; it means that our advancing civilization realizes that laws of anti-septics and of hygiene are not products of affectation, things apart, but instinctive portions of our daily lives, as universal and as necessary as sleep or food.

Could the people of this country be reached individually; could they by actual demonstration be made to realize the pleasure of a mouth made clean and aseptic through the medium of silk floss skilfully used, and the correct application of a suitable toothbrush; could they all be thus reached, he who was the agent would have his name on every tongue as the greatest benefactor of the day.

"Why do teeth decay, anyway?"

Thank you for asking, as it shows an inclination in the right direction. I'll tell you why. Fragments of sweet and starchy food become caught in inaccessible points in the rough grinding surfaces, and the tight interspaces between the teeth. The warmth and the bacteria always present cause a rapid fermentation, and the particles are transformed into organic acids. The acids thus formed are in the most favorable place to do harm. They promptly expend their energy without hindrance upon the lime salts of the tooth. The enamel is softened and roughened, and an opening made for the bacteria of putrefaction; these creep in on the exposed dentine and destroy it completely. In the small cavity thus formed food lodges; and, fermenting, the locality is kept constantly acid and the cavity grows apace. Then some day you bite on a hard substance, the undermined enamel breaks in, and you have a cavity formed "all at once."

The voice of wisdom directs you to a dentist immediately, where the cavity could be filled without pain and in a short time; but you are busy and neglect.

Soon you notice that hot foods cause a momentary twinge of pain; when out in the cold the tooth aches continually. Anon the pain rises without external cause, and unless relieved lasts for several hours. Finally, it may be after weeks or months, the tooth troubles you no more; the nerve is dead and you are happy. Where before you passed the dentist fearfully, making observation from the corner of your eye, you now greet him boldly, a broad smile upon your face.

Time passes, and the decay which has caused the death of the pulp (the nerve) works down through the root into the surrounding tissues. Some night you lie down and feel a heaviness like a weight on the affected tooth; you bite on it and it seems longer than the others, and sore. The pain increases to a dull heavy throb. You walk the floor and watch your face swell. Next morning your head is size one and a half. You consult your dentist and this time it is he that smiles. You look in the glass and see why.

"Abscess," he says, as he stabs the swelling with a sharp bistoury.

Have I made it clear, my friend, why?

Just another condition you have wondered at. You brush your teeth vigorously—for a change—and find your gums bleed. "Too hard, bad thing for them," you say, and wait longer before you indulge again. When next you try you brush them softly, gingerly, and now they bleed at the sligetest touch. You conclude at last it is time to see your dentist.

What does he find? Lime salts from the saliva (tartar you call it) has been deposited all about the necks of the teeth under the gums. The irritant has been there long, and much blood has been sent to the parts; they have grown abnormally and are large and red and full of blood. The "tartar" has pushed back the soft tissues so that the necks of the teeth are exposed high up.

The dentist asks if you clean your teeth regularly and smiles knowingly when you hesitate. Then he takes a tiny hook and pulls the deposits clear; the blood flowing in streams where he touches so that you marvel. "Good," he observes, "it will make you feel better," and it does. "Now," says he, and looks you squarely in the eye, "use a good firm brush on those gums and membranes, and—don't be afraid of wearing it out. Good day," and he smiles, "come back after you've been careless several months again."

Toothpicks are useful, provided you have never learned to use something very much better—floss silk. You can buy dental floss in handy, flat vest-pocket spools, and once initiated you will never be without this convenience. To use, cut off a piece about eight inches long and pass it with a drawing motion between each of the teeth. You will learn to do this very rapidly, and it will remove foreign substances much quicker and more effectually than can be done with any toothpick, quill or other material. Besides, it mechanically polishes the occluding surfaces, preventing decay at one of the most vulnerable points.

The law in Colorado rightly requires that any one milling, sampling, concentrating, reducing, shipping or purchasing ore must keep a record of the shipment and all related data. Thus a check is put upon the possibility of the practice of dishonesty in connection with the shipping and treating of ore.

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Oh Lord, I come to Thee in prayer once more;
But pardon that I do not kneel before
Thy gracious presence—for my knees are sore
With too much walking. In my chair instead
I'll sit at ease, and humbly bow my head.

I've labored in Thy vineyard. Thou dost know;
I've sold ten tickets to the minstrel show,
I've called on fifteen strangers in our town,
Their contributions to our church put down;
I've baked a pot of beans for Wednesday's spree—
An "Old Time Supper" it is going to be.
I've dressed three dolls for our annual fair,
And made a cake which we will raffle there.

Now, with Thy boundless wisdom so sublime,
Thou knowest that these duties all take time.
I have no time to fight my spirit's foes;
I have no time to mend my husband's clothes.
My children roam the streets from morn till night.
I have no time to teach them to do right;
But thou, oh Lord, considering my cares,
Wilt count them righteous, and heed my prayers.

[illegible]
And put it in the hearts of all to go.
Induce all visitors to patronize
The men who in our programme advertise,
Because I've chased those merchants till they hid
Whene'er they saw me coming—yes, they did.

Increase the contributions to our fair,
And bless the people who assemble there
Bless thou the grab-bag and the gypsy tent,
The flower table and cake that's scent;
May our whist club be to Thy service blest,
The dancing party gayer than the rest;
And when Thou hast bestowed those blessings [illegible]
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TAKE NOTICE That I, Albert Ashcroft, acting as agent for Harry Christopher Wheeler F M C, No B, 52120, Charles McNicholl, F M C No B 52410 and F F Liebscher, F M C No B 52400, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under Section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 6th day of January, A. D. 1902.
ALBERT ASHCROFT, P L S.

PAYMASTER Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: At Three Forks, adjoining the Newport.

TAKE NOTICE that I, J. M. McGregor, acting as agent for Fred Swannell, Free Miner's Certificate No B59322, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 9th day of December, A. D 1901.
J. M. McGREGOR.

SILVER BILL and MERCURY Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: North of Sandon, Payne creek.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Herbert T. Twigg, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 52446, for myself and as agent for Robert Cunning, Free Miner's Certificate No B 52189, and Albert David, Free Miner's Certificate No 52194, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvement, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of each of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 5th day of December, A. D. 1901
HERBERT T. TWIGG.

CASHIER Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Carpenter creek, adjoining the Sunrise.

TAKE NOTICE That I, John Keen, Free Miner's Certificate No. B 58861, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

Dated this 31st day of October, A. D. 1901.
JOHN KEEN.

STANLEY NO. 2 Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Adjoining the Merrimac and Eclipse, on Silver Mountain.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Wm. S. Drewry, acting as agent for Herman Clever, free miner's certificate No. B38801, Henry Stege free miner's certificate No. B62439, and John Goettsche, free miner's certificate No B38075, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 18th day of December, A. D., 1901
W. S. DREWRY.

CORNCRACKER FRACTION Mineral Claims.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: South of New Denver, adjoining the Alpha, Lakeview and Corncracker mineral claims.

TAKE NOTICE that I, Wm. S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Northwest Mining Syndicate, Ltd, free miner's certificate No. B70312, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements for the purpose of obtaining a Crown grant of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of Improvements.

Dated this 19th day of December, A D., 1901
W. S. DREWRY.

SEELIG FRACTION Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Fidelity Butte, south of New Denver, adjoining the Fidelity, Frisco, and Cracker Jack mineral claims

TAKE NOTICE that I, Wm. S. Drewry, acting as agent for the Bosun Mines, Limited, free miner's certificate No B56611, intend sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements

Dated this 19th day of December, A. D. 1901.
W. S. DREWRY.

HASTINGS and HASTINGS FRACTIONAL Mineral Claims

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: Silver Mountain, two miles east of New Denver.

TAKE NOTICE That I, Hugh S. Nelson, Free Miner's Certificate No B 52413, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificates of Improvements

Dated this 28th day of November, A. D. 1901.

NABOB Mineral Claim

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Rico Mountain, adjoining the Bluebird, Stranger, Trade Dollar, Idaho No. 2, and Rowdan mineral claims

TAKE NOTICE that I, R. W. Bell, free miner's certificate No. B52411, for myself and as agent for George J. Atkins, free miner's certificate No. B47672, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements

Dated this 12th day of [illegible]
R. W. BELL.

HEWITT, RINCON, TRANQUILITY and MOLE Mineral Claims, and the **RINCON CROW** Fractional Mineral Claim.

Situate in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On [illegible] Mountain, adjoining the [illegible]

TAKE NOTICE That I, [illegible] Free Miner's Certificate No [illegible] intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for Certificates of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining Crown Grants of the above claims.

And further take notice that action under section 37 must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificates of Improvements.

Dated this [illegible]

NOTICE.

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.

THE Co-Partnership heretofore existing between L. M. Knowles and John Findlay Jr. in the Lake View Hotel, Silverton, B. C., has been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by L. M. Knowles, who will collect all out-standing accounts.

L. M. KNOWLES,
JOHN FIDLAY JR.

Silverton, B. C., Jan. 6, 1902.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To CHAS. ANDERSON, GEO. FAIRBAIRN, J. A. McKINNON, J. T. RICHARDS, PHILIP ROWE, or to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Black Horse mineral claim, situated on Galena Farm flat, near Silverton, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements on the Black Horse mineral claim. The above-mentioned $102.50 is the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above-mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Dated at Silverton, B. C., this 17th day of October, 1901.

CHARLES E. HOPE.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To CHAS. ANDERSON, GEO. FAIRBAIRN, J. A. McKINNON, J. T. RICHARDS, PHILIP ROWE, or to whom they may have transferred their interests in the White Horse No. 4 mineral claim, situated on Galena Farm flat, near Silverton, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements on the White Horse No. 4 mineral claim. The above-mentioned $102.50 is the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above-mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

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NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To the legal personal representatives of J. A. SMITH, deceased, or to any person or persons to whom the said J. A. Smith may have transferred his Interest in the Silver Bill Mineral Claim, situated on Payne Mountain, 3 miles south of Three Forks, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay, British Columbia

YOU and each of you, are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and five dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within 90 days from the date of this notice, you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of all such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the subscribers under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C., this 24th day of October, 1901.

HERBERT T. TWIGG,
ROBT CUNNING,
A. DAVID.

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNERS.

To CHAS. ANDERSON, GEO. FAIRBAIRN, J. A. McKINNON, J. T. RICHARDS, PHILIP ROWE, or to whom they may have transferred their interests in the Federal mineral claim, situated on Galena Farm flat, near Silverton, in the Slocan Mining Division, of West Kootenay District

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that I have expended $102.50 in labor and improvements on the Federal mineral claim. The above-mentioned $102.50 is the expense necessary in order to hold the said claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your proportion of the above-mentioned sum, which is now due, together with all costs of advertising, your interests in the said claim will become the property of the undersigned under Section 4 of the "Mineral Act Amendment Act 1900."

Dated at Silverton, B. C., this 17th day of October, 1901

CHARLES E. HOPE

NOTICE.

TO DELINQUENT CO-OWNER.

To the legal personal representatives of J. A. SMITH, deceased, or to any person or persons to whom the said J. A. Smith may have transferred his interest in the Mercury Mineral Claim, situated on Payne Mountain, three miles south of Three Forks, in the Slocan Mining Division of West Kootenay, British Columbia

YOU and each of you, are hereby notified that we have expended two hundred and five dollars in labor and improvements upon the above mentioned mineral claim under the provisions of the Mineral Act, and if within ninety days from the date of this notice you fail or refuse to contribute your portion of all such expenditure, together with all costs of advertising, your interest in the said claim will become the property of the subscribers under Section 4 of an Act entitled "An Act to Amend the Mineral Act 1900."

Dated at New Denver, B. C., this 24th day of October, 1901.

HERBERT T. TWIGG,
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HARD SYMPATHY

A poor wretch was about to be hanged in one of the north-eastern counties of Maryland. His lawyers had been working hard to save his neck, and there seemed to be some possibility that he might be reprieved. But the time set for the execution arrived, and the march to the scaffold had begun, when a messenger appeared waving a telegram in his hand.

The condemned man, trembling with hope, tore open the envelope. He cast his eager glance at the message, paled, and let it drop from his hand. The sheriff picked up the paper, read it, and the march to the scaffold was resumed. In a few minutes the man who had hoped for a reprieve was in eternity.

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Events Just Passing By

At a big dinner given in Toronto some days ago by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Wm. Robins of Hiram Walker's booze factory, delivered an address on Imperialism. He said many good things in the course of his remarks, and some that were badly tinged with cent-belt ideas. Speaking of reciprocity with the United States Mr. Robins remarked: "I do not want to throw stones at our American friends, but you may remark this, that when reciprocity did exist the balance of trade was in their favor, and that when they put an end to reciprocity it was not due to commercial reasons. No matter what they meant, whether to force us into annexation or not, I say that we may be glad, for today we have more self-reliance than we would have had otherwise."

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There is another side to this question of reciprocity and self-reliance and annexation. It seems that prominent Canadians will never quit talking about annexation. They seem to believe that the whole business of our friends across the line is, by intrigue and stealth, to force Canada into annexing herself with Uncle Sam. No matter what comes up in the commercial or diplomatic world, wherein Canada and the United States are interested, the cry goes up, "look out for annexation." On the other side of the line it is extremely doubtful if the question of annexation is ever thought of. Of what benefit would it be to Uncle Sam's domain to annex Canada? If Canada were annexed it would mean that our national debt of something like three hundred millions would have to be taken care of in the transfer. The only thing that would induce the American people to consider the question of annexation would be the commercial advantages to be gained thereby. They are a people of thrift, and business—dollars and cents. They know a good thing, and never loose an opportunity of boosting it along. Just now that good thing is America. It has always been America. It will ever be America.

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Under present conditions, there could be no advantage derived by the United States in annexing our Lady of the Snows. The advantage would be to Canada, in that we would then be placed under a more progressive policy and forced to build ourselves up. American capital and American workmen have the same commercial privileges in Canada as Canadian capital and Canadian workmen. The American capitalist has already annexed Canada commercially. All our iron, coal, lumber and metal industries are gradually being monopolized by Americans. It is only a question of a few years until these industries will be completely in American control. They are already held in such a way as to turn all the commercial cream into American coffers. Canada is today at the mercy of the commercial kings across the line. They want no better annexation than this. While Canadians are patting their backs and peacocking up and down, priding themselves on being loyal to the mother land, self-reliant and dignified, they are giving away the life-sustaining resources of the country. We pay the cost of running the governmental machinery. England bosses the job, and American capital steps in and carries to the other side the commercial cream. It is well to induce outside capital to come into the country, but it is not well to give to alien corporations or individuals the commercial rights of citizenship.

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"Do your work today as well as you can—and be kind," is a motto that will do for the best—and worst—of us. 'Tis human to err; 'tis human to want our religious beliefs, our social beliefs, our business beliefs, buried in trappings of words and—words. But after all; it's only a frailty of the human heart with which we must be kind in dealing. Frailties are not sin; sin is the result of frailties indulged in. 'Tis enough to "do your work today as well as you can—and be kind." Do this and you will not burden any skypilot with thoughts of darkness in your search after the Truth.

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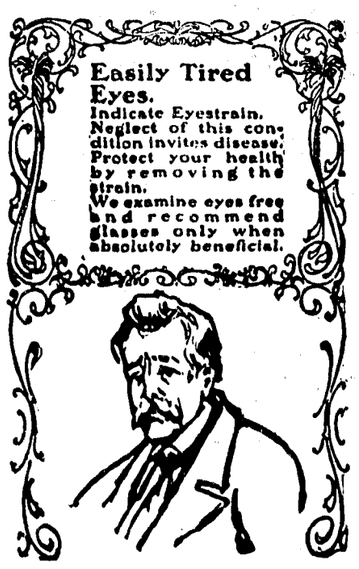
I know full well that many will say that money payment settles the whole score; but even if that were so, is there any mutality when one makes and the other enjoys?—Bishop Potter.



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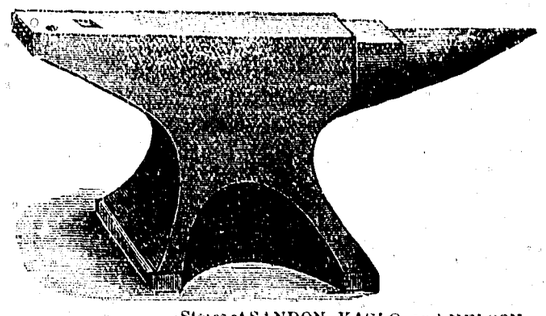

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