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SITUATION IS SERIOUS.

The seriousness of the political situation in Britain can be judged by the suggestion of Lord Curzon, that a committee, consisting of five Liberals and five Conservatives and the Speaker, be appointed to draft a new constitution.

Lord Curzon, speaking at Reading, said, there were wild men in the House of Commons, who were winning all along the line and would exact the price of their triumph to the uttermost farthing. There could be no termination of the struggle until both parties conferred. He suggested an "All England eleven" of five Liberals and five Conservatives, the speaker presiding, to draft a new constitution satisfying the reasonable desires of the great majority on both sides.

A resolution was passed to put the imperial pioneer movement on a permanent basis by inviting membership of all over seas and home believers in imperial solidarity in defence and commerce.

The pioneers are joined by another Canadian and are undertaking a country campaign. They hope to cover every constituency this year.

There is no doubt that the greatest thinkers are convinced that the situation is so serious as to demand more than ordinary action. The rapid change in conditions and the greater capability on the part of the people to self-government, makes imperative the drafting of a new or amended constitution. The welding together of the great Imperialistic ideal with the Democratic tendency of the age is the work of statesmen of the highest order. The Empire is calling for such men to-day in no uncertain tones. Never before have we failed to find the man for the hour, and there is little doubt but that in the near future men will be available for this great undertaking.

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PUBLIC HEALTH.

That the health of the public is of supreme importance will be admitted by all. An epidemic of fever or a scourge of smallpox is always alarming and results usually in loss of life and serious disruption of business.

The first essential duty of Government is to provide adequate protection as regards sanitation. This is especially applicable to cities, where the thickly congested districts make the sanitary problem one of greatest moment. The health authorities must arrange suitable sanitary laws and see that private property is free from filth and accumulated rubbish. Dirt and rubbish are the home of disease. Smallpox cannot thrive where the ordinary laws of cleanliness are observed.

Proper sewerage will at once be recognized as the first requisite in urban life, and as absolutely imperative in order to secure that standard of health and cleanliness which will ensure reasonable protection to the community.

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SEWERAGE.

The sewerage problem in the City of Vancouver has reached an acute stage. Large, important and thickly populated districts in the city are without sewerage. Grandview (most of it), East Ward five, large sections in the old settled districts of Mount Pleasant, and the greater portion of Fairview have no sewerage system to-day. There is no plan of sewerage in the city. It is true that the City Engineer submitted a plan to the Board of Works at its last meeting for surveying a portion of West Ward Five. It is merely a section and is not in any sense a part of a large and comprehensive scheme. The present engineer has held office for one or six years and, as stated, has no scheme of sewerage yet.

It is not for lack of funds, as there is now over $400,000 lying in the bank for sewerage purposes. The citizens would willingly vote another $500,000 for relief along this line, but it is unnecessary at present. Last year we spent $163,000 in sewerage, the amount on hand at the commencement of this year was three times that amount. Why has this not been expended? Simply because the engineer is too small for the position. Because the Board of Works seem to be entirely subservient to the engineer. Because aldermen are afraid if they criticize the engineer that he will "hold up" some work in their ward. Thus the public health is jeopardised because of the incompetence of an official and the senility of the Board of Works. Only the exceedingly healthy climate in which we live can prevent the outbreak of an epedemic. The situation is so serious that the citizens are justified in taking extreme action. It is surprising that greater effort has not been made by the public to remedy this state of affairs.

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MAYOR TAYLOR.

When Mayor Taylor was elected to office he had the "reconstruction of the Engineer's Department" and "adequate sewerage" as planks in his platform, and it must be said, in justification of the Mayor, that he has done all he possibly could do to accomplish this end. He has been supported by Aldermen Stevens, Roberts, Enright and MacPherson, but as none of these aldermen are on the Board of Works, and only form one-third of the voting strength of the Council, it will be seen that there is great difficulty in accomplishing the desired end. But we understand that the seriousness of the situation has forced two other aldermen to lay aside their personal feelings and support an effort to reorganize the Engineering Department and secure the services of the best engineer obtainable, irrespective of salary. If this can be done those who have been pioneering the scheme will deserve the lasting gratitude of the citizens as a whole. If it fails and we are forced to go on under the present hap-hazard system, then God only knows what the result may be, for it means not only the waste of the city's funds on inadequate and temporary work, but possibly the loss of scores of lives. Infant mortality is always heavy in the dry season, and unde sewerage on the streets all over the city will not tend to lessen it.

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He—Why not give me your reply now? It is not fair to keep me in suspense.

She—But think of the time you have kept me in suspense!—M. A. P.

The King is Dead Long Live the King

Edward the Peacemaker.--A Manly King. A Kingly Man.--A Wise Ruler and Statesman

Alfred Austin, the poet laureate, has written a poem on the occasion of the King's death entitled "The Truce of God" with a sub-title, "A King's Bequest." The verses follow:

What darkness deep as wintry gloom
O'ershadows joyous Spring?
In vain the vernal orchards bloom,
Vainly the woodlands sing.
Round royal shroud
A mournful crowd,
Is all now left of one
But yesterday a King.

Thrones have there been of baleful fame
Reared upon wanton war;
He we have lost still linked his name
With peace at home; afar
For peace he wrought,
His constant thought
Being how to shield his realm
Against strife's baleful star.

So let us now all seek to rest,
From fateful feuds release;
And mindful of his wise bequest
From factious clamors cease;
Treading the path he trod,
The sacred truth of God,
The path that points and leads
To patriotic peace.

King Alfred the Great; William the Conqueror; Henry, Defender of the Faith; Queen Elizabeth the Brave; Queen Victoria the Good; King Edward the Peacemaker; George, King of the Masses. What a list! Mighty personages; most glorious sovereigns!

The British Empire, the greatest empire in the world's history, should have an honor roll of rulers superior to that of any other nation. And so she has. The list of Britain's sovereigns, a list of mighty and glorious rulers, adds splendor to the fame of the long, long story of those who for thousands of years have officially stood out as leaders of peoples and empires.

Among this brilliant line of rulers one of the most prominent, powerful, influential and benign was, and is, "King Edward the Peacemaker."

Long years ago the writer, when a boy, in a little log "meeting house," joined in prayer for the then Prince of Wales. Our little company of farmer Christians joined in solemn suplication to the King of Kings that He would spare and raise to health from a sick-bed our, at that time, future King.

The prayers of the Empire were answered, and the young Prince was restored to health, and to a thankful company of nations, as the Empire truly is.

The Prince Consort, the Queen's husband, passed away into the other world; thus robbing the nation of a mighty man, a good man, and a wise leader. Then the true merits of Queen Victoria had an opportunity to be revealed. Through a splendid period she ruled in peace and war so successfully that her empire increased in area and population far beyond the most sanguine expectations of all but the most capable students of the sacred writings that foretold and still foretell future events in connection with the "whole House of Israel."

During the Boer war Queen Victoria the Good went to her home of rest and most of the civilized world went into mourning. Consternation seized the hearts of many millions of Britons in all parts of the world, for the tried and wise ruler was taken away at a moment of national humiliation. The burning question everywhere asked was: What will King Edward do? How will he measure up to the new and trying conditions which demand attention, skill, ability, and great personal influence?

King Edward, in a moment, took hold of the helm of state and proved himself to be the right man in the right place. Quickly the war was successfully ended in a manner never equalled in the history of the human family and never even approximated except in the case of the late Egyptian war which was gloriously and humanely closed during the latter part of the rule of Queen Victoria, and at the time when Lord Kitchener emerged from the desert and obscurity.

Of the many sovereigns of Britain, King Edward was the most successful in securing peace to the Empire, as well as safeguarding other countries from devastating war. No student of current history can doubt that he was the chief factor in saving France from the militant power of Germany.

King Edward and his most capable and responsible ministers of state, in rapid succession, astutely and wisely secured treaties of peace and mutual good will between Japan, France, Austria, Russia and Italy.

The act of so dealing with Russia and Japan contemporaneously as to gain the positive good will and potential co-operation of both of these great empires was an act that in itself was enough to make a glorious name for all time to come. Not only did King Edward do this deed of marvelous diplomacy, but he did many similar and other acts, all of which add to the splendor of his short reign.

He is called away to join his mother, his father and hosts of other mighty ones of elevated human beings. And few who believe in the continued life and activity of those who go to the spirit land can doubt for a moment that our Edward the Peacemaker will have ample opportunity to use his splendid spirit nature in higher realms of activity and usefulness.

Perhaps King Edward was more powerful at the head and heart of the German Empire in the direction of continuing peace between these two great nations than any other factor that made for harmony and good will. At all events his mind, spirit, influence and position, all were used in the higher interests of the human family and especially of his own people.

Now, at a time of national confusion and in the midst of turmoil and uncertainty King Edward is called away. We naturally ask the question which has come ringing down through the ages, from the days of King David the "sweet singer": What will our new sovereign do in these trying times and circumstances of the grand old Empire? What will he do?

Why, he will play the man, as played his revered father. He is a king by right, by universal acclamation of his people, and by the love of his loyal subjects. And he will not fail us at this time. The good King has gone, but he bequeathed a glorious gift to King George. He has left him a splendid example. He has left him a manly spirit. He has shown the way to the heads and hearts of nations and peoples. And King George will make good, as his high-spirited ancestors have made good, for long ages. It is in his blood to make good. He is high born. This counts in men as truly as in the high-spirited Arabian steed, bred upwards through countless generations of Arabian care and pride. Yes, George, the loved of the masses, will ring out the true steel.

And he will not bow his head to Italian, Turk, Parsee, Gautama, Brahm or Confucian teachers of morals and religion. Herein is now the first and keenest trial of his whole kingly life, whether long or short. His staunch, regal, loyal spirit no foreigner can quell. Were such a thing possible, and actually put as a fact into the history of Britain, troublous times surely and quickly follow. A civil strife, equal to the fiercest of past days would be the result, and calamity would overtake many before national peace could be had.

However, King George will follow, in this matter, the lead of his glorious father, and a loving people will honor him.

The King is dead. Long live the King! God bless our King George.

OF INTEREST TO ALL

THE CARD SYSTEM.

Some over-anxious and, we think, selfish employers and others, are working themselves into a state of frenzied fear and jealousy because the "Labor" men are introducing the card system. Many employers would go back to the old slave days, if they could, they would like to rule their employees with an iron hand. But a moment's serious thought will persuade the most prejudiced that such a condition is far from desirable. Were men better under slavery? Were they more thrifty as serfs? Was it easier to do business in the Feudal age? Were men better citizens before they got the franchise? There is only one answer, which is a very decided "No!" The fact is that "unionism" is a product of the age. It has been called forth by the remarkable development of the industrial element. It is the latest step in the evolutionary advance of social and economic life. When will men learn to accept the inevitable in the onward march of civilization. It is vain to seek to subjugate this element in society. It is madness to attempt it. It is suicidal to advocate it. We should welcome the organization of labor as a natural solution of many of the abnormalities in our social life, caused by human selfishness and greed, and should seek to secure through its medium the best possible expression of true manhood.

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GOD'S LITTLE ONES

Inferior in intellect, weak in will power, low moral conceptions, and almost invariably accompanying these is an ill-developed, emaciated body, such are the characteristics of those who are the inmates of our jails.

Chief Chamberlain has expressed as his opinion that we should not keep our prisoners in the city jail in the heart of the city, but should provide some place outside of the city altogether.

We congratulate the chief on his suggestion. When an official in his position suggests these changes, there is some hope that it may be accomplished.

We have been contending for months for a complete change in our system of treating so-called criminals. We never take into consideration that which may have led up to their becoming culpable, seeking only to punish.

"Punishment" is an admission of weakness. Correction and reform should be the object of our treatment. It is far better and more profitable to society in every way to make a person into a good self-respecting citizen than to simply make them suffer because they have sinned. We need provision for the building up of their weakened physical frames. Means to develop the dwarfed intellectual and moral natures. This is possible and is a part of the public duty to see that it is done. Now that the chief has spoken, we hope the matter will be taken up systematically.

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EXPENSIVE HABITS.

The United States spends annually in tobacco $940,000,000. For every dollar spent for educational purposes there are two spent for tobacco. Every minute of the sixteen hours of each day which men spend in activity, 23,000 cigars and 10,000 cigarettes are consumed. About double this amount is spent in intoxicating liquor. The amount consumed in these two useless and harmful habits alone, if diverted to productive and useful sources, would result in a remarkable change in the economic life of the country. It should be borne in mind that the men engaged in these lines, as well as in many others of lesser importance, are engaged in absolutely non-productive occupations. That they are contributing nothing to the up-keep of society. We could well afford to eliminate many expensive and useless habits which would not in any way invade the realm of legitimate pleasure.

We do not wish to enjoin that class of chronic and sordid kickers who would deny to others that which they do not enjoy themselves, but would point out the fact that this tremendous amount of the country's wealth is being annually diverted from productive channels.

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COST OF LIVING.

The basis of the cost of living is the supply and demand of foodstuffs. In other words, it depends upon the amount of land devoted to raising cereals, etc., and the number of those who are working at non-productive labor. The solution would seem to be to encourage the "farmer" and to discourage all useless and non-productive enterprises.

Canada has splendid oportunities before her in this regard. We have vast areas of arable land suitable for farming, and we will, no doubt, be the granary of the world. It is necessary that wise and careful provision be made to conserve the vast public domain and put it to the best possible uses.

A NEW CITY HALL

Early in the year Mayor Taylor suggested that steps be taken to erect a new City Hall in close proximity to the present buildig. In this suggestion he showed a due appreciation of several important facts, the chief being that from this time forward Westminster avenue is bound to be the centre of the city east and west.

There is no spot in Vancouver more convenient and better suited for the City Hall than the present site. There is room south of the present building for a four-storey structure which could be built and made ready for use without seriously disturbing the work in the City Hall as it now stands and is used.

With such an up-to-date edifice several years could pass before the second edition would need to be built when the present structure stands. It is to be hoped that Mayor Taylor and the City Council will take up this matter as vigorously as they have taken up the railway proposition. If so, many will be glad and the whole city much benefited.

E. ODLUM.

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(Continued from last week)

COMMUNICATION WITH MARS

BY LORD TELLAMORE

A Serial Story to be run each week in the "Call"

Tho the Skananks coumd fly at a speed of 40 miles an hour, they could not rise in flight without a long slanting run, much like the method of domesticated geese. Hence, the only way they could leave the valley was by running or flying seaward. They could not rise from the valley and fly over the high rough edge of the aver-hanging mountains.

The superior officer learned from all the divisions and sub-divisions that they were in position and fully ready for action. It was early morning and as the twilight began to clear away the darkness, orders were sent to begin the attack. In a moment, an awful struggle began, a conflict that could not be repeated. The weapons of the land army were only 4 1-2 lbs. in weight composed chiefly of aluminum compound. Instead of a trigger there was a little lateral thumbspring, which on slight pressure fired the gun. To ease the pressure by litting the thumb brought the revolving missel case in to position ready for another pressure. The speed of shooting depended upon the quickness of the repeated thumbpressures. A good marksman could fire 150 times per minute or 9000 times per hour.

As the Marsians had spent a long time at chemical inventions, and in perfecting explosives, they finally found a powder that exploded without noise, smoke or heat. So it followed that a man of Mars, in a hidden place, could do dreadful destruction. He could shoot 9000 times an hour, and no one could tell his hiding place, as there was no sound or smoke to show his whereabouts.

The bullets were harder than the hardest steel of earth, and were explosive. The explosion depended not on the shock but on the depth of penetration. No matter what it hit, it had to penetrate its own length before it could explode, and then its work was final and fatal.

All other weapons were equally advanced in perfection and effectiveness. The Marsians never played at war. They fought and killed to win. Quite different from silly earthborns!

THE FIGHT

The command was obeyed, and forthwith, deadly volleys poured suddenly on the skananks who seemed stupified, and appalled by the suddeness and terrific nature of the attack. Many of them fell or fatally wounded, but large numbers made at once toward the open sea.

In a little while they were faced by the air ships, the sea surface ships and the submarines. The havoc was dreadful but the high intelligence of the skananks and bravery stood them in good stead. They in small companies, wherever possible, surrounded and fiercely attacked the ships on water, many of which they destroyed; others dived below to cope with the submarines, and many fearlessly attacked the the airships. Considerable damage was done to the three kinds of craft, skananks depended largely for safety, but it was a onesided fight; hence in cunning and flight. By telepathic orders they scattered and, in small groups, made for the open sea. The submarines and surface cruisers started in pursuit.

Suddenly the great majority of those still alive wheeled about and made for land, beyond the headland, avoiding the valley.

By this sudden ruse they left three quarters of the total army behind. The submarines could not travel on land. In like manner the sea surface fleet was useless, and the land army was unable to follow with sufficient speed to do any further hurt to the swiftly flying skananks.

However airships kept hovering over them, dropping deadly explosives which materially thinned their ranks. But at times small bodies of the infuriated animals would dart from a hillock up thru the air and mercilessly destroy the airships with the loss of all on board, and yet the skananks were unable to retaliate effectively, but, quick in eye and movement, they were able to dodge the slowly falling missels in many cases, unless the ships kept close to the surface of the country. To avoid this advantage, the pursued took to the forest and lakes, where they could hide or dive from the airdestroyers. Those that took refuge in the water were watched till they arose and were mostly killed. Only a few escaped and joined their companions in the forests. But they could not remain long in hiding, as the land forces would soon become too numerous and powerful for resistance.

The hunted creatures found no rest and few escaped. These which did, hid themselves in desert places, and most inaccessible parts of the mountains farthest removed from the inhabitants of Mars. They are now nearly as rare as the Canadian Bison, the Great Auk, and the wild men of Borneo; some splendid specimens, beautifully mounted, are kept in the museums, and serve to remind the young Marsians of the terrible monsters with which their ancestors waged a long protracted and bloody struggle. They all well know that the turning point of advantage by which the skananks failed to be complete masters of the planet, was their lack of hands and fingers.

Should the time ever come when, by selection of the organs fittest to survive, by evolution from the simple to the complex, and through an adaptation to the stern environments of life, they develop hands by which they can handle, shape and manufacture the many useful and destructive appliances which their marvelous intellects could and would invent, then the Marsians could not long contend against them. The Marsians would soon be cut off, and in turn a few of them, mumified and mounted, would adorn the museums of the al. conquering skananks. In passing, it may be remarked that some of them have split hoofs and elongated lateral toes. These are the admiration and hope of the whole race; and are protected in the most zealous way by their less developed companions. This hoofed formation of the clute-toed variety may indeed be a step in the direction of that very evolution referred to above.

Most patiently and persistently they labor, select and experiment with the object of developing hand with fingers, and toes to their web-feet. They believe in ultimate success, and have high hopes of finall overcoming the Marsians.

ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ON MARS.

The past and present conditions of man on earth have all prevailed at different times on Mars. Small tribal bands of herdsmen, and their families, wandering whither soever they would, came in contact with similar bands. Petty wars in some cases followed, and even complete extermination overtook several such bodies. The conquerors took all their flocks and wealth of every sort. At times those who survived were enslaved. They and their families served the conquerors, who in turn found it more congenial to have servants do the hard work of providing food, shelter and clothing, than to do the work themselves.

From this arose a proud lordly case and war-loving class, who lived on the labors of those whom they had forced into servitude. In addition they took the pasture lands of the conquered, and thus increased their landed and cattle wealth.

Success led to other undertakings of a similar character. At times they again succeeded, and at times they met similarly strong bands and were defeated.

In some cases treaties were entered into by several tribal groups for mutual self-protection, and for the avoidance of internecine strife.

Wise and fearless leaders arose, and these often so prevailed by force of arms and diplomacy, as to make very large and powerful combinations which correspond in life, customs and government to earth existing governments.

Through several thousands of years, these changes, growths, exterminations and powerful federations continued until one central government emerged which was strong enough to bear down all opposition, and force all countries, peoples and interest under its sway.

In this upward progress all forms of education, religion, philosophy, government, invention, amusement, vile practices, and everything the Marsian intellect could produce had birth and were tested. Strife of tribes, confederacies, nations, communities, families and of single individuals in relation to their own beliefs and disbeliefs was of the fiercest sort.

Every form of thought and material production had gone through the crucible of wisdom, folly, radicalism, anarchism, hate, vengeance, love, and all other possible influences or sources of influence.

At times, for dangerously long periods, materialism, nihilism, anarchy and similar destructive tendencies so prevailed as to threaten the very existence of all the Marsian population. But in the end, wisdom, patience, rectitude, and frank, fearless, heroic statesmanship prevailed, until the central government overcame all serious obstacles, enforced law and order, and now has the absolute confidence, respect and affection of the entire population.

Every conceivable thought, known or expressed on earth, had its day in Mars. All the isms in religion, the schools of philosophy, of art, of education, of science, of spiritualism, of general good and bad had their turn.

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Some remain to this hour and many have gone to their doom, that to which all fools and fool-thoughts go.

The mas of Mars live on the land, and products of the water. There are numerous towns, cities and villiges, but no house is built on less ground, even in the largest cities, than half an acre, except in the case of mercantile buildings. And every family must grow a portion of the food it consumes. Thru artificial aids, half an acre on Mars will grow as much as is raised on five acres of the best cultivated earth farms.

The Marsians, by this wonderful plan, have always the means of protecting themselves against starvation and homlessness.

They are a high spirited lot of beings, and no such thing as cringing in fear of employers is known, as was formerly the case. In one important sense the Marsians are all land owners, land tillers and gardeners or farmers. It is truly a rural planet; and the home of a most highly civilised, progressive, contented and law abiding people.

As no man is permitted to own more than a fixed amount of wealth, there are no foolish, fabulous fortunes, and consequently extremes of poverty.

On the other hand, the central government provides for all needy poor; young, middle aged and aged alike. It is not in any way a shame to live at the government's charge, as there is none so maintained except the worthy. These are honored as any other class. No able bodied man or woman can remain on Mars without earning a fair living. Such a person when found, is warned at once, and then forced to work or die. But no healthy non-worker is permitted to continue in life on Mars. Hence those who are fed, and comfortably sheltered and clothed by the government, are classed as worthy; and rightly feel no shame.

Health on Mars is as nearly perfect as the organic structure of any beings can be. The entire surface of Mars is regulated for health purposes, as are the irregation areas of earth for production purposes.

Of the central government, one of the most valuable and influential members is a medical officer, an experienced expert of the most reliable character. In every district and country there is a medical board, and on that board, as chairman, is an officer appointed by the medical officer of the central government. This chairman is paid by that government and is therefore no direct charge upon the people among whom he labors. He must be absolutely upright, sober, and a well tried representative of the physical health co-workers. Not one of these presiding officers, and they are numerous, has been known once in life to have imbibed alcohol drinks, to have broken a single law of the central government, or to have lost his temper, this latter state being rated on a par with lunacy, among the Marsians.

A long time ago, when the medical profession was running mad on the subject of microbes, and had spent millions of money in search after anti-microbe medicines, and fool-vaccinations against small pox, chicken pox, typhoid, scarlet fever, hay fever, mountain fever, malaria, entertic, rheumatic and other fevers; measles, mumps, jaundice and insomnia, and al the other ills to which the Marsians where heirs; there appeared a wise scientist and philosopher who attacked the whole business and all its numerous fads, quacks and quackeries. He taught and exemplified the very opposite; and after a long period of prosecution, the population accepted him and followed their new teacher to the letter. In twenty five years time ninety five per cent of the physicians of Mars were dead, in the poor house, or at some honest calling. As the time passed, the inhabitants came to realize they required, honest, devoted, cultured and well trained physicians whom they now honor as among the best of the whole race.

But a very curious thing occurred in the transition from the microbe fads to the teachings of the wise and successful Esculapiens referred to above.

They not only discarded the notion that microbes were hurtful, but actually devoured them cooked, raw, dead or alive, in countless myriads; and sought for them in the most unhealthful parts of the planet. Microbe hunters, microbe breeders, microbe manufacturers, microbe wholesale and retail houses, agents, companies and advertisers were numerous, and had vast numbers of Marsians, rich and poor, on their books, as regular patrons.

These patrons had their differing tastes and choice titbits. Some gave the preference to small pox microbes, some to the mump-producing variety, some to spotted fever and others to what earthborns call Bubonic plague. All took their choice and paid accordingly, with the result that microbes became very scarce and costly. The rich alone could purchase them in large enough quantities; and as microbe kings eventually got a corner on these invisible creatures, the many had to go hungry, and let the money lords luxuriate in their rich and delicate repasts.

Like all other fashions and fads, a revulsion of feeling visited Mars, and microbes fell into disrepute. After a few swings of the pendulum these little creatures were handed over to the chief physician of the central board. He and several chairman referred to above, have absolute monoply, and their word is law as to what should be done and what should go undone concerning the little invisibles, ninety eight per cent of which never had an existence.

In short the Marsians have come to know that, for a long period of time, they have been deluded by scheming, heartless, or ignorant physicians, who for various reasons, chief of which was the "root of evil", fooled the masses, and often themselves, in the chimeric chase after invisible creatures, the existence of which was for the most part pure conjecture. Now microbes are taken soberly, and in proper quantities just as a wise man would use "Sunlight Soap."

(To be continued next week.)

POINTED AND POINTLESS

An Irishman, more patriotic than clever, enlisted in a dragoon regiment with the intention of becoming a gallant soldier. The fencing instructor had experienced rather a difficult job in the mater of explaining to him the various ways of using the sword.

"Now," he said, "how would you use the sword if your opponent feinted?"

"Bedad," said Pat, with gleaming eyes, "I'd just tickle him with the point to see if he was shaming."

"Was your first meeting with your wife romantic?"

"Extremely so. It occured at a picnic. I was eating a mato and some of it squirted into her eye."

Fair Widow: "Yes. I have made up my mind that when I die I shall be cremated, as my husband was."

Gallant Captain: "Dear lady, please don't talk about such dreadful things. Consider how much better it would be in your case, to — er — to cross out the C!".

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STEEL BELTS

In Germany steel belts are used in many large factories and electric power stations. The principal difficulty conected with their employment is that of joining the ends of the belt. These ends are now provided by the makers with steel plates which need simply to be screwed together. It is necessary to use steel of special quality and temper. It is advantageous to cover the belt wheels with coarse canvas, to which thin slices of cork are attached, in order to prevent slipping. The cork lasts practically forever and reduces the sliding to less than one-tenth per cent. of the travel. Professor Kammerer has experimented with a steel strap, two-fifths inch wide and one-fiftieth inch thick, with two wheels, eight feet in diameter, for the transmision of 16 horse-power, with a tension of 440 pounds. Although the wheels were not covered, they worked very silently, even at a speed of 200 feet per second. The maximum slipping was one per cent. of the travel, and the los of energy due to this cause was inappreciable.

Steel belts posses the following advantages: The energy is transmitted without slipping and almost without loss; the belts do not stretch, their width may be reduced to within one-third and one-tenth of that of leather belts, transmitting the same power, consequently the wheels may be narrower and lighter and the workshop less darkened by them. The steel belts do not deteriorate appreciably, they may be used in damp places and do not appear to be attacked by smoke or acid. They allow the attainment of velocities of 100 feet per second, and are consequently very suitable for use with turbines. The required tension is one-tenth less than that of leather belts transmitting the same power, because of the difference in weight, from which results an additional economy, owing to the diminished friction on the bearings. Much room can be saved by using steel belts because their efficiency does not depend upon their length. They can be used horizontally in place of gearing. The makers assert that they cost les than leather belts of good quality.

The oldest steel belts have been in service two years. In a Berlin factory a leather belt 24 inches wide was replaced by a steel belt four inches wide which transmits about 250 horse-power. The belt, after two years' use, shows no indication of wear. The only objection to stel belts is that they are not easily seen, and consequently may cause acidents if they are not carefully guarded.

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RATIONAL STREET LIGHTING.

the American Society of Municipal Improvements at its annual convention, and the principles which he laid down are at once so obviously sound and so frequently disregarded, that they are well worthy of careful study by the municipal authorities throughout the country.

The fundamental criticism against most attempts at street lighting lies, according to the author of the paper, not so much in the illuminants used as in their improper adjustment to the needs of the city. The fault particularly noticeable in American cities is the lack of careful discrimination between streets which demand considerable light and those which are perfectly illuminated with a less quantity of light. Most schemes of lighting aim at an approximation to uniformity of illumination over the whole area of the city, whereas, its quantity and character should rather be determined by the particular character of the streets in which it is placed. The main thoroughfares, in which there is considerable night traffic, should receive an amount of lighting commensurate with their importance, but in streets where traffic is light, and where passersby are few, it is sufficient to provide enough light to enable the people to get about comfortably. So also, a third class of streets, lying more remote and coming under the head of surburban roads, require yet another method of illumination. Since the fundamental purpose of lamps in the outlying, little-used streets, is to serve as markers of the ay, the using of very large units, widely spaced, is obviously improper; a better way would be to employ small units located at shorter intervals.

The principal streets of American cities according to Dr. Bell, as a rule are poorly lighted; the secondary streets are lighted sometimes better and sometimes worse than they should be; and the third class usualty have one lamp in every long block, which is useless, except within a comparatively short radius, for such purposes as finding the number of a house or reading the address in a note book. As to the absolute amount of light required, the principle should be followed that in the principal streets, one should everywhere have enough light to read a paper by; which is the standard of illumination adopted in the principal streets of the large cities of England and continential Europe.

Much of the faulty street lighting in Canada is chargeable to the method commonly employed for measuring street illumination. The usual plan is to measure the light half way between the lamps with the photometer disk held normal to the ray; and naturally, the tendency of competitors for the lighting contracts is to secure the specified minimum at as low a maximum as possible. Indeed, certain types of illuminants have been deliberately specialized for the purpose of going two - hundredths or three-hundredths of a foot-candle at a distant point. Now, if these illuminants had been designed as they should have been, not to give a special form of illumination, but to give the best efficiency of which they were capable, it would be possible to make them light not only widely distant parts of the street, but the whole street. While it is not desirable to attain to uniformity with a low average of light, it is equally undesirable to concentrate the light at certain points separated by long stretches of comparative darkness. Summing up, the important points to bear in mind are, first, that streets are lighted for the people to use; second, that the streets should be lighted with reference to the particular use which is going to be made of them; and third, that, speaking generally, all the streets should be more brilliantly lighted than is customary in Canada to-day.

CERTAIN ADVANTAGES OF LIQUID FUEL

To judge from a succession of articles which have been appearing in one of the newer and certainly the most noisy of the London daily papers, on the use of liquid fuel in the British navy, one would suppose that the virtues of this fuel had only recently been discovered, and that the Admiralty had determined to abolish its coal depots and turn the bunker rooms of its warships into oil tanks. As a matter of fact, any such sweeping substitution of oil fuel for coal is not now contemplated nor ever will be, either in the British or any other navy. The natural sources of oil supply are not sufficient in capacity, nor are they so widely distributed, as to make it possible either for the merchant marine or the navies of the world to make a wholesale substitution of oil for coal. Some countries, notably the United States and Russia, possess such abundant supplies that they could, if they so wished, make a much more complete use of oil; and, because of this advantage, it is not unlikely that our navy, at least, will ultimately make a more extensive use of oil fuel than the navy of any other power.

The advantages of oil fuel over coal are so many that were there as much oil in sight as coal, the new fuel would inevitably supersede the old alltogether. In the first place, the higher evaporative value of liquid fuel not only enables a larger quantity of fuel to be carried in the same space, but its use renders possible a decrease of 75 per cent in the number of stokers, or fire - room attendants. Being in the liquid form it can be employed as ballast and pumped into remote quarters of the ship far removed from the boiler room, and inaccessible for the handling and transportation of coal. For the merchant this means not only a saving in fuel and labor bill, but a positive gain in cargo capacity; while for the warship there is a similar reduction of expense, and, what is of far greater value, a considerable extension of the cruising raidius, or the distance over the ship can travel without replenishing her fuel supply. For the merchant ship there is the further advantage that the bunkers can be filled by a pipe line without the delay, dirt and disorder which accompany the present coaling operations; while for the warship there is the strategic advantage that the ship can take on fuel by a pipe line from a tank ship at any place and in any but heavy weather. Furthermore, the use of oil enables a whole fleet to steam without emitting those tell - tale clouds of smoke which are one of the surest means of betraying the presence to the enemy.

REGINALD CAMERON BROWN

Mr. Reginald Cameron Brown, Toronto, stock broker, was born at Winnipeg, January 12th, 1880, his father being the late Hon. C. P. Brown, for many years Minister of Public Works of Manitoba, who died in 1891, and his mother Emma (Davidson) Brown, sister of the Hon. J. A. Davidson, Provincial Treasurer of Manitoba. Both Mr. Brown's parents were Canadians by birth, and of United Empire Loyalist stock. His parential grandmother was a sister of Mr. Robt. Cameron of Woodstock.

Mr. Brown was educated at St. John's College, Winnipeg, and started his business career as office boy with the W. E. Sanford company. Later he accepted the position of secretary to Lieutenant-Governor Patterson of Manitoba, and accompanied him on his famous expedition to Hudson's Bay as official recorder and photographer to the government. He went to London, England, in 1897, and until 1899 was secretary to Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, Canadian High Commissioner, resigning that position to enter the employ of Coates, Son & Company, the eminent London bankers and brokers. In 1902 he vacated his position in the great firm in question to proceed to Toronto, where in January, 1903, he opened a brokerage office, doing largely a business in English securities. He is now one of the most prosperous of Canada's younger generation of promoters and financial brokers, and he has so far, by his energy and integrity, won the confidence of the investing class, that he has interested with him in various companies some of Ontario's best and most representative capitalists and business men.

Mr. Brown is a member of the Toronto Board of Trade and of the Toronto Standard Stock Exchange. Mr. Brown is also at the head of the only brokerage house in Cuba, having two well-equipped offices at Havana, with connections on the New York stock Exchange with Messrs. H. B. Hollins & Co., the eminent New York bankers. Mr. Brown's connections in Cuba are equal to those in Canada, and he is looked to in Havana as one of the rising young men of the day. It is a matter of pride to Canadians that one of their number should launch out in so bold and enterprising a manner, and Mr. Brown's career will be followed with sincere interest by his many friends both at home an abroad.

FOOLED BY THE LADDER

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"Didn't I tell you to keep out of the way?" he demanded crossly. "Didn't I tell ye the fire department was comin,?"

"Well, consarn ye," said the peeved farmer, "I did get out the way for the fire department. But what in tarnation was them drunken painters in sech an all-fired hurry fer?"

NOTICE.

Take notice that I, Wm. James Annand of Vancouver, B. C. occupation Broker, intend to apply for permission to purchase the folowing described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at or near the North-east corner of Lot 2130; thence North 50 chains more or less, folowing the Westerly boundary of Lot 812; thence 40 chains, more or less, West, on the Southerly boundary of Lot 1358; thence 50 chains, more or less, South, to North boundary of Lot 2130; thence 40 chains, more or less East to point of commencement, containing one hundred and eighty (180) acres, more or less.

WILLIAM JAMES ANNAND.
Dated this 18th day of February, 1910.

LAND ACT.

New Westminster Land District.
District of New Westminster.

TAKE notice that Ida M. S. Debou, of Vancouver, B. C., intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the Northeast corner of T. L. 26256; thence 40 chains, more or less, East; thence 80 chains, more or less, North; thence 40 chains, more or less, West; thence 20 chains, more or less North; thence 20 chains, more or less, West; thence 20 chains, more or less, South; thence 10 chains, more or less, East; thence 40 chains, more or less, South; thence 40 chains, more or less, West; thence 40 chains, more or less, South; thence 80 chains, more or less, East to point of commencement containing six hundred and forty (640) acres, more or less.

IDA M. S. DEBOU.
Name of Applicant.
William John Pascoe, Agent.
Date, April 15th, 1910.

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JOHN HAMMOND.

April 4th, 1910.

LAND ACT

New Westminster Land District.
District of New Westminster.

TAKE notice that I, Irving L. Bain, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation wood dealer, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands: Commencing at a post planted at the north-east corner of Lot 19, thence north 20 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence east 80 chains more or less to point of commencement.

IRVING L. BAIN.

April 18th, 1910.

LAND ACT.

New Westminster Land District.
District of New Westminster.

TAKE notice that Ella Deboo, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation nurse, intends to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the Northeast corner of T. L. 20021; thence 80 chains, more or less, North; thence 80 chains, more or less, West; thence 80 chains, more or less, South; thence 80 chains, more or less East, to point of commencement, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres, more or less.

ELLA DEBOO,
Name of Applicant.
William John Pascoe, Agent.

Date, April 15th, 1910.

Land Act

Take notice that I, W. J. Pascoe, of Vancouver, B. C., occupation Broker, intend to apply for permission to purchase the following described lands:—

Commencing at a post planted at the North-west corner of District Lot 1195, on the East shore of Howe Sound, thence East 20 chains; thence North 40 chains; thence East 20 chains; thence North 40 chains; thence West 20 chains, more or less, to the shore line; thence South-westerly, following the meander of said shore line, 80 chains, more or less, to point of commencement, containing 160 acres, more or less.

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KNOX CHURCH NEWS

Beginning on Tuesday of this week Drummer Evangelist Osborne from across the line, has been assisting Evangelist Matheson and Rev. Smith at the special meetings at Knox church. Much interest has been aroused in this work and there is no doubt but that eternity alone will reveal the extent of the good accomplished. The meetings have been well attended and there seems to be no diminishing of enthusiasm although this season of the year is considered not at all favorable for indoor attractions, but these meetings have proved rather the opposite. Evangelist Matheson is a forceful and a very earnest speaker and this grand trait alone is a force that carries great weight. Evangelist Osborne, under whose good work Evangelist Matheson was converted, is also one of those practical and earnest speakers touched by the Master's hand and called from the every-day walks of life to labor in His work.

On Sunday last splendid crowds attended these meetinfs held in the Empress theatre in the afternoon and evening, the church being considered altogether too small and the big audience certainly proved the change as right.

"And does your mamma always call you 'Angel,?" asked the lady who was making the formal call. "Oh, no," replied the sweet child; "only when we-ve got comp'ny. I wish we had comp'ny always, 'cause I like 'Angel' so much better than 'Brat'!"

"Turn back," said the woman, "O Time in thy flight,
Make me a girl again just for tonight."
"Very well, madam," old Time did agree.
"How many years must I turn back?" asked he.
"None of your business, sir!" flushing, she said.
Time grinned and passed on with a shake of his head.

—Boston Transcript.

RHYMED HIS WAY OUT JAIL.

Fresno, Cal., — Vagrancy landed Thomas Brown in jail and poetry got his out.

Thomas, along with several other "knights of the brakebeams," was pinched by an unsympathetic policeman and while his fellow wanderers pleaded guilty and were given a few hours to shake the dust of the city from their feet, Tom became real peeved and insisted upon a trial. He was found guilty and Judge G. W. Smith sent him to the bastile to meditate upon his sins. While existing upon bread and water and amusing himself by chasing rats around the cell, Tom also developed a poetic streak. So he seated himself and tapped off the following piece of poetry to Judge Smith, with the result that he was ordered released.

"Well, sir, you ask for my story.
It is not much to tell,
I will tell you why I am here, sir,
In the county jail, its h——.

"The road was long and dusty,
I had walked a weary way;
I sat down to rest myself,
On the S. P. right-of-way.

"The word went out from the office;
It rung loud and clear—
'Go out to the highwaymen
And bring the hoboes here.'

"They took me to jail, sir,
And put me behind the bars,
And told me I could stay there
Mars.

"All I ask Your Honor
Is to let me change my plea;
And send me on rejoicing
To my home down by the sea."

—Thomas Brown.

"Ef profanity did any real good," said Uncle Eben, "you could manage a mule jes' by gettin' a poll parrot."—Washington Star.

They are slaves who dare not be
In the right with two or three.

—Lowell.

A HEAD - ON COLLISION.

If a bonnet meet a bonnet
Coming through the door,
Each with fowls and forest on it,
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MT. PLEASANT METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

The services held in the Methodist church last Sunday were of more than usual interest. The morning service was in connection with the anniversary of the Sunday school. A very large number of the children were present. One unique feature was the installation of the officers and teachers of the school. At the appointed time the persons who will have charge of the school during the coming year assembled in front of the pulpit and in unison repeated the words of the engagement as follows:

Officer's Engagement.

Realizing the responsibility which rests upon me as an officer of the Sunday School, and trusting in the Holy Spirit for grace to help me discharge the same, I shall endeavor to be faithful to every known duty and to use every privilege and opportunity to promote the interests of the Kingdom of God in this Sunday School.

Then followed the teachers engagement:

Teachers Engagement.

Realizing the responsibility which rests upon me as a teacher of this Sunday School and trusting in the Holy Spirit for grace to help me in the same, I shall endeavor to be a faithful teacher, both in and out of the school; to be regular in attendance unless reasonable prevented; to assist the officers in the work; to study how to teach; to watch for opportunities to lead my scholars to Jesus Christ; to work and pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God amongst us.

Very appropriate hymns were sung. The Sunday School Choir had charge of the singing. Madame Yulisse, sang a solo which was well rendered and highly appreciated. Rev. Dr. Roland D. Grant preached the sermon. He took for his subject: "Some events in the life of Paul." It was certainly a masterly effort. The speaker showed that the success and the achievements of men depend largely on the following circumstances — Environment and parental training. In the case of Paul, it was shown that in the city of Tarsus, were he was born, there were three factors which dominated the thoughts of the people. The superstition of the Greeks, with its multitude of Deities; the Atheism of the Romans, in which no God was recognized, and lastly the extreme pharasaic spirit of the Jews of the day. The various stages in the career of the great apostle were vividly narrated.

Dr. Grant preached in the evening. He made a very kind reference to the death of King Edward the seventh. His many virtues were pointed out, especially the work he has succeded in accomplishing in behalf of the peace of the world. — As citizen of the United States he esteemed it a very special privilege to extent the sympathy of his people on this occasion. The Evening sermon discussed the relations existing between science and revealed religion. Many so-called facts that are passed off as scientific truths are merely the speculative deductions drawn from science and not truths that have been proven and established by reason and practise.

On Sunday the ordinary collections reached the highest point in history of the church. The ordinary collections during the past six weeks show an increase of $231.15 over the same period of last year.

The men's meeting which has been held every Sunday afternoon, has closed for the summer months. It is the intention to resume in September on broader lines.

The services on Sunday next will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Pidgeon of Westminster Hall. Madame Yulisse will sing.

To clean a new waist, put it into a two-quart fruit jar filled with gasoline. Be sure that it is well screwed on. Let it stand over night. In the morning shake the can back and forth. The motion will clean the dirt out of the waist.

To prevent dresses and other articles from becoming yellow with age, take a good-sized pillow case and blue thoroughly, and place the dress in it. When you open the blue bag your dres will be as white as when you placed it in.

Punch holes in both ends of an empty baking powder can to keep the scraps of soap in. This is handy for washing dishes, as the soap cannot come into direct contact with them, and in this manner every scrap of soap can be utilized.

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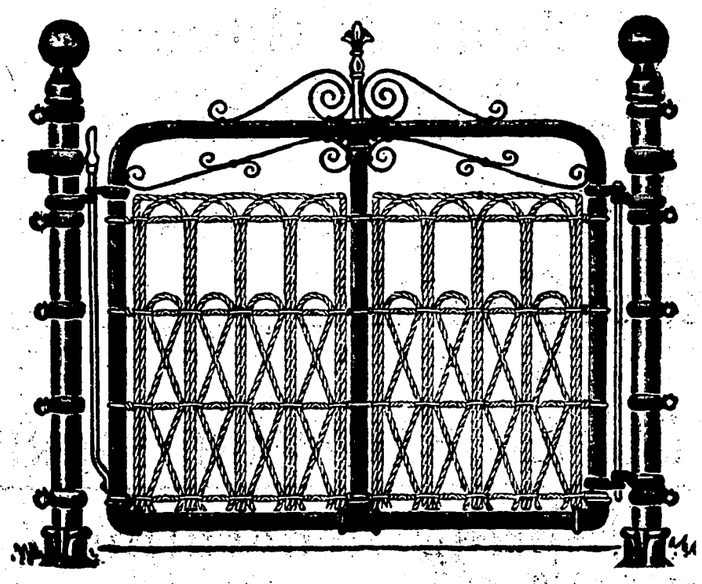

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CROSSING THE LINE.

Old Neptune and the Ancient Order of the Deep.

The ceremony of "crossing the line" is a very much more elaborate affair nowadays than it ever has been despite the fact that Neptune day is so old a celebration that its origin is lost to history.

When old Neptune, impersonated by a sailor, makes his appearance on an American battleship nowadays when the vessel reaches latitude 0 degree, 0 minute, 0 second, to initiate the jackies who have never crossed the line before into the mysteries and membership of the Ancient Order of the Deep he is accompanied by his wife, Amphitrite, another sailor. They are both dressed fantastically in clothes which have been designed and worked upon ever since the vessel sailed. How they get on board is unknown, at least to the captain, who meets them and gives them permission to go ahead. An immense tank made of canvas is rigged up, and here the initiation of all the candidates takes place. Devices for getting the candidate into the tank vary on different ships and on different occasions. Often he is simply picked up and thrown in. Frequently he is made to sit down in a "barber's" chair close to the edge of the tank, and when as much soap as possible has been put into his mouth and eyes he is tipped over backward. Generally the soap has been mixed with tar, coal oil and many other ingredients and is impartially applied from the waist up, so that the bath is needed.

In the tank the candidate is attended, sometimes by "bears" with shaggy coats made of unraveled rope and sometimes by "cops" who act as the king's assistants and see that the candidate is held under water long enough to know it.

It is a great frolic, prepared for days in advance, and when it is over the certificate is issued and the candidates are free to get themselves as clean as they can before the next roll call.

IF SNOW NEVER FELL.

The Effect Upon the World's Crops Would Be Disastrous.

If all the condensed moisture of the atmosphere were to fall as rain and none of it was snow hundreds of thousands of square miles of the earth's surface now yielding bountiful crops would be little better than a desert The tremendous economic gain for the world at large which results from the difference between snow and rain is seldom realized by the inhabitants of fertile and well watered lowlands.

It is in the extensive regions where irrigation is a prime necessity in agriculture that the special uses of snow come chiefly into view. All through the winter the snow is falling upon the mountains and packing itself firmly in the ravines. Thus in nature's great icehouse a supply of moisture is stored up for the following summer.

All through the warm months the hardened snow banks are melting gradually In trickling streams they steadily feed the rivers which as they flow through the valleys are utilized for irrigation. If this moisture fell as rain it would almost immediately wash down through the rivers, which would hardly be fed at all in the summer when the crops most needed water.

These facts are so well known as to be commonplace in the Salt Lake valley and in the subarid regions of the west generally. They are not so well understood in New Jersey or Ohio where snow is sometimes a picturesque, sometimes a disagreeable, feature of winter.

In all parts of the country the notion prevails that the snow is of great value as a fertilizer. Scientists, however, are inclined to attach less importance to its service in soil nutrition—for some regions that have no snow are exceedingly fertile—than to its worth as a blanket during the months of high winds. It prevents the blowing off of the finely pulverized richness of the top soil. This, although little perceived, would often be a great loss.

The Power of Advertising.

The power of advertising is told by a manager of the toilet department of a large New York department store. "We have six different makes of one toilet article," he said, "and they are so near alike in quality that even experts can't tell the difference between them, yet we sell as much of one as we do of all the others together, just because the manufacturer is overlastingly advertising it. The other five sell in proportion to the amount of advertising given to them. If there is any difference in quality it is in favor of the poorest seller."

No Deadheads.

Mandy was a young colored girl fresh from the cotton fields of the south. One afternoon she came to her northern mistress and handed her a visiting cord. "De lady wha' gib me dis is in de pa'lor," she explained. "Dey's annoder lady on de do'step."

"Gracious, Mandy," exclaimed the mistress, "why didn't you ask both of them to come in?"

"Kase, ma'am," grinned the girl, "de one on de do'step done forgit her ticket."—Argonaut.

Not Exclusive.

Nellie (aged five)—Our family is awfully exclusive. Is yours? Bessie (aged four)—No, indeed! We haven't anything to be ashamed of.

Those who know the road best sometimes lose their way.

PRACTICAL HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A little muriatic acid added to the rinsing water after a blue or white fire rug is scrubbed with soap and water will help restore the color.

A perforated rubber mat is almost an essential when the drain board of the sink is of porcelain. It saves many an ugly chip on fine china.

Arrowrot is excellent for thickening sauces made of fruit juices as it neither clouds the mixture nor destroys the flavor of the fruit.

The small jars in which candy sometimes comes should be saved for picnic use and lunches, as they are excellent for carrying salad and sauces.

For almond cake filling blanch and pound a pound of almonds, add two eggs, a cupful of sugar and a teaspoonful of vanilla and spread between layers.

Cooked beats, hollowed out and pickled in spiced vinegar, may be filled with minced celery and apple and served on lettuce leaves with oil and vinegar.

A delicious flavor is added to the maraschino cherries used in or as a decoration for fruit and other salad by stuffing them with pecan nuts chopped rather coarse.

A good plan is to place pieces of flannel between plates when they are piled in the china closet. It reduces the danger of breaking and prevents rattling.

A clean cloth dipped in water, then in a saucer of bran, will speedily clean white paint without scratching it in the least. The soft bran acts like soap on the dirt.

For falling hair try massaging the scalp nightly with a lotion of three drams of pure glycerine, four ounces of lime water and half an ounce of cantharides.

Cushion covers, especially designed for piazzi use, come stencilled in most artistic designs, and may be had in a variety of colors. They are in denim, crash, burlap, men's cloth and linen.

Hard Soap—Three pounds of fat, three pints of cold water, one can of lye, one large tablespoonful of borax and one cup of amonia. Melt the fat by setting the pail in hot water. Put the cold water into a large pan and carefuly pour in the lye. It will bubble and spatter and care must be taken not to let it touch the hands. Stir it occasionally with a long stick until all is dissolved and cold. Then put in the ammonia and borax and when dissolved put in the strained grease. Stir slowly until thick as honey. If too thick add another pint of water and stir down again. Lay a clean white cloth on the bottom of a dripping pan, over this a piece of thick wrapping paper well greased. When the soap is ready pour it in and when hard cut in pieces convenient for use. This soap will float and is pure white.—Bleak House.

Apricot Jam—Two pounds dried apricots, four pounds sugar. Soak the apricots 48 hours at least, allowing them to swell twice their quantity. Boil them in the water they are soaked in for half an hour after they begin to boil. Do not soak them in a tin can as the acid brings all the tin off into the fruit.

Christmas Cake—Beat one-quarter pound butter to a cream, add one-quarter pound fine sugar, one to three eggs beaten very well. Then add one-half pound of flour, one-quarter pound currants, one-quarter pound raisins (stoned), and one teaspoonful baking powder, and one saltspoonful salt, grated rind of a lemon or half a candied lemon peel cut fine. Beat all well together. Grease a tin, then flour it, shaking off the superfluous flour. Bake in a moderate oven two to two and one-half hours. If less than three eggs used add milk to make moist enough.

When cooking an old-fashioned boiled dinner place the spinach in a cheese-cloth bag; then when the dinner is done it can be easily taken out and the other vegetables will not be covered with bits of green.

If the seats of caned chairs sag, turn them upside down, wash well with soapy water, soaking so as to thoroughly wet them, and in drying they will stiffen to almost if not quite their normal condition.

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Local and Otherwise

Mr. F. W. Leeson has returned from a trip to Portland.

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We want a boy about 15 or 16 years old to work in press room.

Miss Brown, of Toronto, is visiting Mrs. Carter, 44 Broadway west.

Mrs. S. Ross, of 404 Sixth street west will not receive again this season.

Mr. W. H. Stevens is attending the Methodist conference in Nelson.

Mrs. R. E. Jamieson, 2632 Alberta street will not receive again until autumn.

The Edson Townsite company are located in the 600 block on Hastings street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Goard are in town. They report White Rocks as flourishing.

Mrs. Poutre, 5 Eleventh avenue west, will be at home every second Tuesday until further notice.

Rev. J. P. Westman is in Nelson, where he is attending the annual Methodist conference.

Mr. J. Beveridge and family, 471 Eleventh avenue east, have moved to Mission, B. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Patton left this week for Manitoba where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Rev. J. F. Ferguson, D. D., of Nelson, occupied the pulpit in Mount Pleasant Presbyterian church on Sunday morning.

Mrs. H. G. Leip, of Fourteenth avenue east, is spending a few days in Nanaimo, B. C., visiting Mrs. E. C. Firth.

The Ladies' Aid of Mount Pleasant Methodist church have planned to hold an ice cream and strawbery social on Thursday, June 9.

Mr. Elder, of Brandon, is bringing out some high-class horses. If they compare with his previous lot they will be dandies.

Civic work around Mount Pleasant is certainly on the move. Aldermen Whiteside and Stevens evidently have put ginger into their ward. Shake!

Dr. Roland D. Grant spoke at the public meeting in the new Mount Pleasant Baptist church last Tuesday night upon the subject of "What is the Use of Prayer anyway?"

Mrs. Rutledge and family, who have been visiting Mrs. Rutledge's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Fifth avenue, west, left for their home in Portage la Prairie on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry James of Mount Pleasant, left on Wednesday on an extended tour through the eastern provinces. They expect to be absent some five months.

The concert at Kitsilano Methodist church on Tuesday was a treat. It is impossible to go over the separate numbers, but we hope the concert will be repeated in the near future.

Messrs. Shore & Moodie are open for business at 211 Harris. They are carrying the best lines of meat. Mr. Moodie is counted one of the best butchers on the coast and can satisfy the most exacting.

Over $1,600 was raised on Sunday at the dedication services in Mount Pleasant Baptist church toward wiping out the floating debt. It is anticipated that the necessary $4000 will be raised without any difficulty.

The Vancouver District Council, Royal Templars, will meet in Oddfellows' hall, on Wednesday evening. Election of officers, the formation of a Union Select Degree and other important business will be considered.

If you wish to subscribe drop a card to the office.

Mrs. E. E. Devlin, 1287 Broadway, returned home this week from Kenora, Ont., where she has been visiting. Mr. A. H. Horn accompanied his daughter home and will spend some time here visiting.

D. E. Hyndman has a sample of the new paving to be installed on the 7th. We are not expert in these matters but it appears to us that this is one of the best we have seen. It should be an improvement on some of our samples now laid.

The Independent Drug have a sign of distress—girl wanted—hung out. They would like a good-looking blonde angel, with silver-toned voice and blue eyes (age about 19); must be able to make plain soda taste like nectar with a smile. No crowding, girls; take your turn.

The Imperial Investment Co., Ltd. (Jas. L. Lougheed, manager), reports for the last week business has been on the increase during the week. They sold several cheap lots, a house and 43 acres at Port Moody. Inquiries for houses to rent are increasing and very few houses offering. Down-town people are beginning to realize that Mount Pleasant is the cheapest district in the city and are buying accordingly.

The Independent Drug Store had one of its plate-glass windows broken this week by a small lad. We no doubt have some fine children in Mount Pleasant and this was not viciously done, as the boy was not much more than a baby, but we cannot overlook the fact that a number of our boys over the age to discern right and wrong, are setting a bad and rough example. Cases have come under our notice where inoffensive Chinamen have been badgered and roughly, too, in Mount Pleasant. In some instances having stones and sticks thrown at them, and the boys have considered it smart. It's a bad beginning, boys, and is the reverse from smartness.

Mr. Fil. Coy, son of Dr. W. F. Coy, Westminster avenue, is expected home next week from Montreal, where he has been studying at McGill University.

Gold watch, hunting case, with fob, between Westminster avenue and Fourth and Arbutus. Return to the Western Call.

Miss Marshall has certainly made progress in the millinery business in Mount Pleasant. All she can handle in her limited place of business. We hope to see her in one of the new blocks going up. Mount Pleasant can compete with down-town in millinery. Miss Marshall, in her quiet, unassuming way is developing a business worthy of patronage.

JUNIOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

The Mount Pleasant and V. A. C. Juniors locked horns in a game of baseball at the Cambie street grounds and the boys from the Mount came off vicors. The class of work shown by the youngsters is of a class that bodes well for future baseball in Vancouver. At times it was of a classy sort. The score of 9 to 8 shows for itself the ability of the teams in comparison.

DIAMOND DOTS

The Y. M. C. A. should hang out signs telling the boys to send along turkeys instead of fowl.

Considerable excitement was manifest when Mount Pleasant got the lead and there was quite a bit of anxiety when the V. A. C. boys went to bat for their last innings. But it was short lived as they were blanked.

White Curls at short for Mount Pleasant works well all the time.

The little V. A. C. catcher certainly shows some class in his work. He has a good eye.

It was a stinger that the Mount Pleasant twirler caught on the jump.

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