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Mrs. SARAH J. MILLA. Dunagar, January 20, 1887.

Mr. C. Chapman,—Dear Sir,—I have much pleasure in bearing testimony to the value of your Australian Foliage Balsam, it being most valuable in cases of Rheumatism, from which I suffered very acutely for many months, and which internally curing me when all other medicines had failed. You are at liberty to make what use of this if you think proper.—Yours faithfully,

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was taken out was because he would not allow them to muster. The fences were only fair; there may be plenty of places where sheep could get through the fence; we mustered the sheep in Dunn's grazing area. We are favored with post and rail, post and wire, and log fences, and yet we get strangers.

Robert Laidlaw, brother of the last witness, saw, said—Assist my brother on my father's station; remember on Saturday, the 10th November. Went to Dunn's place on that day; saw him; said nothing to him about sheep, but examined some sheep in a yard near the shed; Mr. Baynes was in the shearing shed. I picked out 4 of my father's sheep from the number in the yard, 2 sheep of whom short; they were neither branded nor ear-marked. One of the woolly ones I picked out was branded with a new V over the nose; it had a single notch at the ear, and a black A—our station marks; they were with others called by Neil, and driven to the Clute hotel. Was not present on the 11th, when the mustering took place; but when my brother and Neil were picking sheep out, I came over; some of the sheep were branded with a C.

By Mr. Gaunt—Have probably shown other people's sheep; would not notice strangers until they were going through the branding race; could not say but that one might brand a few in mistake. Remember Dunn coming to our place on the 31st October. He picked out several sheep. On the 3rd November he came again; don't remember our brand being shown to me on one of Dunn's sheep. Dunn had perhaps between 200 and 300 sheep; I don't know for certain.

Willam Baynes said—Was shearing for Dunn on the 10th. The sheep were in a small paddock close to the shed when I commenced to shear. Dunn sometimes had his little boy about the shed. The Laidlaws came to Dunn's place on the Saturday evening. I saw nothing and heard nothing on that day. There were no fresh friends on any of the sheep I had to shear.

By Mr. Gaunt—I did the greater part of the shearing, but saw none of Laidlaw's sheep with the T brand on the nose. In one instance among the sheep outside the court, the bar appears to be over the V brand.

Constables Loton and Johnston also gave evidence similar to that in the first case. The latter, in answer to Mr. Gaunt, stated that the "paddock" out of which the sheep were mustered was distant about two miles from Dunn's eld, the nearest fence being half a mile away from the shed.

Mr. Parkinson said that was the case for the prosecution, and submitted that it should go to a jury. He therefore asked that the prisoner might be committed.

The bench held that there were points for a jury to decide, and prisoner would therefore be committed to take his trial at the Criminal sittings of the Supreme Court in Ballarat on the 13th December.

Bail was allowed. The case against Thomas Cobden was dismissed, no further evidence being produced in support of the charge. The court rose at 4.28 p.m.

Rifle Shooting.

The monthly match of the Beaufort Rifle Club was fired on Saturday last. Captain McKeich presented a silver bracelet as a prize, and this was a document for a large entry. The distances were 200, 300, and 400 yards, seven shots and a sighter at each. The limit was fixed at 91, but only in two instances did the scores come any way near it. Two entries were allowed and the following scores were made:—

Table with 2 columns: Name and Score. Capt. McKeich 37, R. Jackson 20, J. Prentice 28, J. A. Lord 27, H. Lot 27, J. Barber 19, A. Tromp 22, J. B. Prowse 17, J. McRae 25, J. W. Harris 17, F. Porter 22, C. Tromp 20, A. Russell 25, J. Chapman 20, J. Jackon 14, W. Haines 13, J. St. John 16, G. Loft 12, J. S. Brooks 16, C. Gibson 10.

SHIRE NOTICES.—The Shire of Ripon has several important notices in to-day's issue, especially that relating to the water supply, which householders will do well to heed.

Mrs. MARK BARNES.—The death of Mrs. Mark Barnes took place on Tuesday last at Trawalla. The remains were brought to Beaufort on Thursday, and interred in the cemetery, being attended only by the bereaved husband and sons. Mr. Barnes expressed the wish that it should be so, and desires us to thank his many friends who thus consulted his extreme sorrow.

BALLARAT TURF CLUB RACES.—We note by advertisement in another column that the Ballarat Turf Club Spring Race meeting will be run at the Dowling Forest racecourse on Friday and Saturday, 7th and 8th December. Return tickets will be issued to Ballarat by all trains on the 6th and 7th and by the first train on the 8th December, at holiday excursion fares, returnable up to Monday, 10th December inclusive. This is the prettiest racecourse in Australia—is in splendid order, and the magnificent. And as the fields are large, the racing is sure to be excellent.

THE DIAMOND DRILL.—The diamond drill has been ordered to Trawalla.

Melbourne Gossip.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

There has been nothing else talked of in town all week but the drought, the hot weather, and the dismal outlook of things generally. The continued absence of rain is making everybody look sombre, and what with it and other predisposing causes, it looks as if we were going to have a very bad time indeed in Melbourne. Should the drought continue, its effects will reach all classes of the community, and will be severely felt by the poorer folks. The long-winded for rain may come in time to prevent a total failure of the crops, and I sincerely trust it will; but it will now be too late (if it comes) to make the harvest a particularly successful one. "Coming events cast their shadows before," and a day or two ago the suburban bakers decided to raise the price of bread to 7d—an advance of 1d per loaf. I have heard it stated, too, that before long, unless the weather breaks, it will reach 1s, and of course the price of meat and other necessaries will also rise correspondingly in value. This is really and truly a dismal contingency, and I may it may never come to pass.

But if it comes to it, I verily believe it will prove a blessing in disguise. I will teach the farmer and the agriculturist that it is bad business to simply curse Nature's blessings when he may command them. And further when the Melbourne householder comes to pay a shilling a loaf bread a month or two hence, and Heaven knows how much for other vegetable products, he will be convinced that he has a greater interest in promoting irrigation and improving agriculture than he thought for. Experience is a bitter draught, and I think we in Melbourne are about to take ours neat. We have already been undergoing a certain direct penalty in the hot weather. The Spring has been unusually brief, and Summer has come upon us with a force heat such as is not commonly felt until February. Friday, for instance, was a day the temperature of which has only been exceeded once at this period of the year since records have been taken. It went up to 102 deg. in the shade, and was accompanied by a banking north wind that made existence a burthen. As usual, too, the water supply proved woefully deficient, and many of the suburbs were almost cut off entirely for the whole of the day. This is how one of our Melbourne scribbles detaches himself regarding the day—for grotesque irreverence I have seldom seen it equalled. "At one time I feared that the tropical section of the Hereford had 'punk a leak, and that the liquid was falling upon the Australasian portion of this sun-smitten, sin-saturated, sorrow-soaked sphere."

To me, who have lived in various other large cities of the world, it is simply marvellous that the three hundred thousand souls who call Melbourne theirs, consent to put up with the appalling municipal mismanagement that obtains here. No sooner comes the time when to quote poor Gordon, "With fire and fierce drought on her tresses, Unsuitable summer oppresses," no sooner comes the heat but the water supply fails. It is absolutely disgraceful. And every year it is the same. The suburbs, where most of the people dwell, get cut off, and one returns home after the heat and toil of the day, panting for a bath, to find not a drop of water in the house. And mind you, we have inexhaustible supplies within tapping distance of the city. Is it not shocking? I only wonder people put up with it. Then there is the sewerage and drainage system. No civilized city in the world has such an abominable system (or rather, no-system) as Melbourne. The disgusting odors of the place, and the noisome details that face us at every step, are more abominable than I care to write about. No wonder our death rate is so terribly high. Disease stalks broadcast; sanitation is an empty phrase here. We spend thousands upon thousands in vain shows and outward luxuries, and this—the safeguard of public health, the very corner-stone of physical and moral purity—is thrust aside unheeded for and unthought of. Everybody has been railing against the scorching north winds we have been having, but if it were not for them and their power of drying up putrefaction and destroying disease germs, Melbourne would be one great pest-house—one vast lazar-house—for the promulgation of all kinds of hideous zymotic diseases.

But we have other things too to make us downcast in town. Bad times are ahead of us, and everything augurs a depressed New Year. The "Year of Bonus" is drawing to a close, and the handwriting is on the wall. I augurs as much as the first star of the silver boom. That collapsed suddenly, and men sprang up a greater—the land boom. The bottom is out of that now, and Melbourne has to face direful results of over speculation. I hear awful stories of the depreciation of suburban properties—city properties remaining pretty firm. One member of Parliament I know told me he is sacrificing £20,000 deposit money rather than complete his bargain and make himself further liable. Everybody has speculated more or less; and now the reaction has come, the wall is general and loud. Seven men within the last week have told me they are completely ruined; they cannot meet their payments, and everything becomes forfeited. Now that things are going crooked, many of those who fostered the general mania and who have been the prime movers in it, are commencing to quarrel, and we shall have land-jobber after land-jobber, syndicate after syndicate, airing their grievances in the law-courts.

COMMERCIAL.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET. There was a good deal of activity in the produce market during the week, consequent upon the rapid rise in staples which has been experienced. Oats have had a big rise in value, and will readily bring 3s 9d per bushel. Hay has also sprung upwards, and sheaves have been sold at 3s 10 per ton, or nearly double the value of a week ago, whilst straw has gone up to 20s per ton. A couple of loads of new potatoes have come in from Warrambul, and were offered at 15s per cwt; whilst a load of butter is falling off, and good prices now being 9d per lb; while eggs are scarcer, and have advanced to 9d per dozen. We quote:—Wheat, 4s 8d to 4s 9d per bushel, bags in; Oats, 3s 9d to 4s per bushel; Hops, 1s 5d per bushel; Peas, 3s per bushel; Beans, 4s 6d per bushel; Potatoes, 15s per ton; Corn, 2s 6d per cwt; Butter, 9d per lb; Eggs, 9d per dozen. —Advertiser.

MELBOURNE GRAIN MARKET. The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co. Limited, report under date 28th November:—The latest accounts of our wheat crop are more promising and though the patchiness of the yields is still a marked feature, on the whole the supplies usually to be expected from a fair export season. On the other hand oats and barley cannot stand the dry weather like the wheat plant, and hence, unless a change occurs in the late part of the season, the yields will be small. The New Zealand outlook, however, is very satisfactory, and Australia will doubtless in the coming year augment the supplies usually to be expected from a fair export season. Under these conditions, though prices are likely to be high, no actual scarcity is probable. The advance in feed grains has caused a further rise in the price of flour, the latter crop being light all over the colony.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET. Oattle—204 yarded; only a small portion good and prime. Prices ruled equal to last week. Best calves 4d to 4s 1d; best cows 10s to 12s; best heifers 10s to 12s; best steers 10s to 12s; best lambs 10s to 12s; best wethers 10s to 12s. —Advertiser.

MELBOURNE WEEKLY MARKET. Our wool sale yesterday attracted a large and representative number of buyers, and the sale was a success. The same spirit of competition which at last sale was again manifested for superior lots of wool, and the result was a sale of good quality, and thoroughly maintained their value. We sold 2,400 lbs. Superior combed brought up to 13s, merino to 12s, good lambs 11s, white and grey, crossbred and crossbred clips realised 10d to 12d. For lower qualities of greasy prices are unchanged. Washed and scoured lots are in strong demand at late rates.

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WHY HE DID NOT GO TO THE HOSPITAL.

HE COULD LEAP THROUGH THE AIR. My object in writing is two-fold: to express my gratitude for a great benefit, and to tell a short story which cannot fail to interest the feelings of many others. It is all about myself, but I have remarked that when a man tells the honest truth about himself he in all the more likely to be of use to his fellow creatures. To begin, then you must know I had long been more or less subject to attacks of bronchitis, a complaint that you are aware is very common and troublesome over Britain in certain seasons of the year. Some months ago I had a very severe attack of it, worse, I think, than I ever had. It was probably brought on by my catching cold, as we are all apt to do, and my least expect it. Weeks passed, and my trouble proved very obstinate. It would not yield to medicine, and as I began to have violent racking pains in my limbs and back, I became greatly alarmed. I could neither eat nor sleep. If I had been a feeble, sickly man, I should have thought less strongly of it; but as, on the contrary, I was hearty and robust, I feared some new and terrible thing had got hold of me, which might turn out to be all the more serious. I say, then, that I was very much against it. I say, then, that I was very much against it. I say, then, that I was very much against it.

Presently I could not even lie down for the pain all over my body. I asked my doctor what he thought of my condition, and he frankly said, "I am sorry to tell you that you are getting worse." This so frightened my friends, as well as myself, that they sent me to the hospital. I was taken to the hospital; it may be your only chance for life. But I didn't want to go to the hospital. Who does, when he thinks he can possibly get along without doing it? I am a labouring man, with a large family depending on me for support, and I might almost as well be in my grave as to be laid on my back in a hospital unable to lift a hand for months, or God only knows how long. Light at this point I had a thought flash across my mind like a streak of sunshine in a cloudy day. I had heard and read a good deal about Mother Seigel's Compound Syrup, and I resolved, before consenting to be taken to the hospital, I would try that well-known remedy. On this I gave up the doctor's medicine and began taking the syrup. Mark the wonderful result! I had taken but three doses within twenty-four hours when I was seized with a fit of coughing, and threw up the phlegm and mucus of my chest by the mouthful. The Syrup had loosened and broken it up. Continuing with the Syrup, the racking pain, which I believe came from the bitter and poison humours in my blood and joints, soon left me entirely, and I felt like going to sleep, and I did sleep sound and quiet then. I felt hungry, with a natural appetite, and as I ate I soon got strong and well.

I felt I could leap through the air with delight! In a week I was able to go to my work again. It doesn't seem possible, yet it is true, and the neighbors know it. There are plenty of witnesses to prove it. And, therefore, when I feel any I, I would not miss of the great power of Seigel's Syrup to cure pain and disease far and wide, nobody will wonder at it. THOMAS CANNING, 75, Military-road, Canterbury, Kent.

Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup is for sale by all chemists and medicine vendors; and by J. White, Limited, 35, Farringdon road, London, E.C. 5, England.

Mining Notes. The yield for the week at the Saxons Consols is approximated to 80 oz; Waterloo 16 oz. Mr Speight has been offered £4000 a year to return to the Railway management, he being about to go on leave to the old country. An application made to the Full Court to have the by-laws of the Exhibition relating to selling quashed has been dismissed.

"KEATING'S POWDER" destroys BUGS, FLEAS, MOTHS, BEETLES, and all other insects, whilst quite harmless to domestic animals. In exterminating the vermin of the house, this powder is extraordinary. It is perfectly clean in application. See the article on purchase in "KEATING'S" as imitations are noxious and ineffectual. Sold in tins 6d. 1s., and 2s. 6d. each, by chemists.

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PUBLIC NOTICE Punch's Almanac, 1889. Victorian Almanac 1889. Dr. L. L. Smith's Almanac 1889. Irish Australian Almanac 1889. May be obtained from H. P. HENNINGSEN, STATIONER & NEWS AGENT, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

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Public Notices. THE CELEBRATED CLYDESDALE STALLION PURVES Will stand this Season at his owner's farm, Middle Creek, near Bannock. PURVES is a dark bay, foaled 21st November, 1883, near Carnegie, dam Gipsy. 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ILLUSTRATED SYDNEY NEWS.—We have received from the publisher a copy of this illustrated paper. It is produced on a different style to our illustrated monthlies; but it is a very well got-up periodical. The views it contains are excellent specimens of the engraver's art, and are in every case interesting to home as well as colonial readers.

Original Poetry. TO THE REVEREND HENRY RICHARDS, Rector of St. Mary's—TARARUA, TRINIDAD W.I., 1884. FRIENDSHIP. Harry! some years of care and toil have passed, since first in friendships cool our hearts were worked and bound in one, and fervent friendship first begun.

Riponshire Council. THURSDAY, 6th DECEMBER. Present:—Cis Lewis (president), Oddie, Russell, Murray, Thomas, Beggs, Austin, Andrews, and Cushing. MINUTES. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

CRICKET. STAWELL V. ARARAT.—This match was to have been played on Wednesday week at Ararat, but the Stawell Club not putting in an appearance, after fixing the date, the Ararat Club declined the match. The question was discussed at some length at the meeting of delegates held at Sprague's rooms, Stawell, on Monday night last, when the Ararat Club wrote asking that the win may be awarded to them.

BEAUFORT RAILWAY STATION.—The work in connection with the alterations to the Beaufort railway station are proceeding slowly; but already the offices are assuming quite a different appearance. The ticket and parcels office will be in one; and there is ample room provided to meet all requirements for some time. The fittings of this compartment are of a very substantial character, and the minutest conveniences are being provided.

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REPOS AND HAMPTON ELECTORATE.—A rumor was current during the week that it was not the intention of Mr. W. H. Uren to again contest the seat for Ripon and Hampton. Mr. Uren, we are informed, has never limited such an intention. In the event of Mr. Longmore trying his luck again, it is very probable that a local candidate will announce himself, and eventually win the seat hands down.

BEAUFORT CHESS AND DRAUGHTS CLUB.—On Wednesday evening last, a chess tournament will be commenced at 8 o'clock in the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute. The conditions of the tournament are that each player will engage in one game with each other, the winner of the greatest number of games to be the winner of the tournament.

DELEGATE MEETING.—A special meeting of the delegates from clubs entered in competition for the Sprague Trophies was held at Sprague's rooms, Stawell, on Monday evening last, there being seven representatives present. The chair was occupied by Mr. G. H. Hallam. On the minutes being read, a motion was made that they be confirmed; but an amendment to the effect that those minutes relating to the alterations of the rules be excepted, was carried.

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LOCAL & GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. PROSPECTING BOARD ELECTIO.—On Thursday last, the Government refused to subsidise the expenditure—and in fact have disallowed it.

TRANSFER OF A LEASE.—With reference to the statement made in a letter to the council a short time since respecting the transfer of the grazing lease of Mt. Cole State Forest from Mr. McPhee to Mr. Clary, it may be thought that Mr. McPhee was trying to mislead councillors. Such, however, was not Mr. McPhee's intention. He had applied for the transfer of his holding and paid the fee, for which he got the usual receipt from the Revenue and Pay Office.

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Old Sayings.

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As fat as a rail,
As rough as a gale;
As brave as a lion,
As sly as a cat,
As bright as a star,
As weak as a rat,
As proud as a peacock,
As shy as a fox;
As mad as a March hare,
As strong as an ox;
As fair as a lily,
As empty as an ear;
As rich as Croesus,
As cross as a bear,
As pure as an angel,
As neat as a pin;
As smart as a steel trap,
As ugly as a sin;
As dead as a door-nail,
As white as a sheet;
As black as a raven,
As red as a beet,
As good as an apple,
As black as a nut;
As brown as a berry,
As blind as a bat;
As mean as a miser,
As full as a tick;
As plump as a porcupine,
As sharp as a stick,
As clean as a penny,
As dark as a raven;
As hard as a millstone,
As bitter as gall;
As fine as a fiddle,
As clear as a bell;
As dry as a bone,
As deep as a well,
As light as a feather,
As firm as a rock;
As stiff as a poker,
As calm as a clock;
As green as a goshawk,
As brisk as a top;
And now let me stop,
Lest you weary of me.

Novelist.

A Case of Mesmeric Influence.

BY RUTH MACKENZIE.

A few years ago, while sojourning in Florence, I became greatly interested in a lady whose countenance struck me as peculiarly sad. She was beautiful and wealthy, with a devoted husband and two lovely children, and, apparently, had everything to make her happy; and yet at times her eyes would assume a strangely troubled look, as though some secret sorrow were weighing her down.

I grew to know her intimately, and one day ventured to ask the meaning of this. She said it was caused by the events of her early life, which, if I would care to read them, she would write for me. I gladly accepted her offer, and when I was leaving, she handed me this manuscript. She has since died, and it can do no harm to present it to the public.

My father was a very rich man, and I his only child. My mother, dying when I was quite young, left me the sole companion of my father, whom I adored. He was of a melancholy, thoughtful temperament, and had spent much of his life in studying occult sciences.

This tendency of his mind had led him to make many strange appointments, and it was with the greatest interest that I watched the result of his investigations. We had travelled much in the interests of this study, but finally took a house in London, where we expected to remain for some time. It was with much pleasure that I anticipated a season there, and my father determined for my sake to entertain largely. Our dinners and balls became famous. In my young and inexperienced eyes the world seemed but a huge playground, and I could not conceive of such a thing as trouble having entrance there.

In the meantime we continued our studies, and I became greatly interested in the ability of a certain woman to cause apparitions of spirits, who were supposed to appear upon the walls. My curiosity was greatly excited to discover how this was done. I knew there was some trick about them, and had little faith in the part the "spirits" took in their production. So my father and I began experimenting, and in a short time we had the satisfaction of doing, by purely mental means, everything that the fair impostors did by the aid of so-called spirits. I little dreamed then of the use to which I should be called upon to put this knowledge!

One evening we gave a grand ball, and our drawing-room was filled with kings and queens, peasants and milkmaids, shepherds and shepherdesses, and every character imaginable. I stood aside, watching the merry crowd, when I saw approaching me a sombre figure clad in a black domino. Something about him struck me as peculiar and decidedly unpleasant, and it was with a feeling of resistance that I accepted his invitation to dance. When I touched his hand, it was cold and clammy, and a shudder went through me whenever he came near.

My enjoyment for the evening was spoiled by this mysterious creature. He followed me everywhere. Go where I would, I could see his wicked little eyes gleaming at me, and it was with a sigh of relief that I sought the hour when it was time to unmask. It was then that I saw my father approaching, leading this man by the arm. He proceeded to introduce him to me as Mr. Anthony Black.

From the courtesy with which my father treated Mr. Black I saw that he evidently liked him very much. This perplexed me, as I thought I had never in all my life, met any one so strangely repulsive, and it was with much displeasure that I heard my father urging him to come often to see us.

He was not slow in availing himself of this invitation, and succeeding days saw him frequently at our house. My father's interest in him grew in hidden love, and together they pursued this strange science.

dislike and distrust him, and a feeling of impending evil came over me.

One evening my father invited him to dine with us. Ah, that hour! I can never forget it. The man wore a continual smile, which seemed to hide something terrible behind it, and his little black eyes glittered. I tried to avoid looking at him, but was soon conscious of a strange fascination which kept my eyes fastened on him. I felt as if I must obey him, and my father seemed equally fascinated; for he hung on every word the strange man uttered.

That awful, awful dinner! It makes me shudder now when I think of it. At times I would make an almost superhuman effort to remove my eyes from Black's face, and then some horrible power slowly drew them back. But at last the meal was ended, and I escaped to my room.

Nanny, my old nurse, was waiting for me there, and as I entered, she exclaimed:

"Lor, Miss Addie, what do matter wid you, child? You look as dough you done see a ghost."

"Oh, Nanny," I said, "I am a-sure something dreadful is going to happen! I feel it—see it!"

"Dress de child!" said Nanny. "Nuffen dreadful can't happen to you while ole Nanny's around to take care ob you! Don't bodder yo' head 'bout dat no'mo' honey."

"Nanny," said I, "the next time that Mr. Black comes here, I want you to try and see him, and then tell me what you think of him."

Nanny's opportunity came soon, for in a couple of days the man was there again, and she happened to let him in. She came running upstairs, and burst in upon me.

"I see him! I see him! Lor, Miss Addie, de debil's in dat man! What for ole marse want to bring such a ting as dat den? 'Sho's I stan' heah, Miss Addie, I tink when I see him dat ole boy come to call."

Nanny's opinion convinced me that there really was something fearful about Mr. Black. A nameless terror took possession of me, and though I tried to shake off the feeling, gloom pervaded everything.

He continued to come frequently to the house, and I was often, at my father's request, compelled to see him; but I never did so without feeling conscious that I was entirely subject to his will.

One day my father sent for me to come to the library. The summons I used to obey so gladly filled me with dread, and I entered with fear and trembling. I noticed that he seemed troubled, and I struck me as peculiarly sad. He looked pale and haggard, and had lost his old easy, good-natured address. He tried to avoid looking at me, and it was in a sharp, nervous manner that he communicated his "news." His "dear friend," Mr. Black, had made me an offer of marriage, which he hoped I would consider favorably.

"O father, father!" I cried. "What can you be thinking of? Are you crazy? What is the matter with you? What is the matter with us all? Never! Never!" I screamed. "I will die first!"

I rushed from the room to my faithful old Nanny, and burying my head in her lap, cried as if my heart would break. I felt as if Nanny was the only friend I had in the world now.

"Press my baby!" said she. "What dey been doin' now to bring ds' grief to my pore child?"

"Nanny," said I, "he wants to marry me to him."

"Marry you to who, honey?"

"To Mr. Black, O Nanny, Nanny! I wish I was dead!"

"What? marry you to dat ole cross-eyed debil? Well, dey better not! Ole Nanny pizen him, sho's yo' bo'n! 'Co' yo' tell me, sho's yo' bo'n! He won't say nuffin. Light he must a clean gone his senses. Neber min' dere honey now, don't cry no mo'."

I fully determined that if by my father insisted on my marrying Black, I would run away; but he never mentioned the subject to me again. He must, however, have let the man of my refusal, for the next time I saw him he appeared to me more evil, if possible, than ever. His ugly eyes gleamed wickedly, and behind the Satanic grin which he always wore he seemed to say, "I'll conquer you."

His terrible power over me remained the same, and I soon became aware that I had lost entire control of my own actions, everything that I was impelled to do the strangest things. I ran around the room, chasing imaginary butterflies; then I sang and danced, and jumped rope, and went on doing most ridiculous things. The strange part of it was that my mind remained perfectly clear, and I knew everything I did, although I had no power to control myself.

One day, after an exhibition of this kind, I saw with terror my father's startled face; Black's fiendish countenance. Oh, how terrible it all was! They consulted together, and presently my father called a servant, and before long a physician arrived.

It had been a sitting quiet for some time, but the minute the doctor came I again began screaming and jumping. The doctor shook his head, and told them I was hopelessly insane.

The anguish of my mind was intense. Why could I not speak? What was it that held me dumb? Perhaps I could write. I started for pencil and paper, but sank back in my chair, unable to move.

It seemed but a few moments before I was put into a coach with all three men, and driven off. I saw old Nanny sit rocking herself back and forth, and mourning out—

"My bressed darling! My bressed darling! Oh, lad, wid my chile!" I tried to call her, but my tongue was paralyzed, and I could not utter a sound. Presently we stopped before a large building, which we all entered. Mr. Black was my father's leading man. We were met by a kind-looking old gentleman who glanced pityingly at me. They held a short whispered conversation, and then I heard him say—

"Ha, ha, my lady! Is this preferable to marrying me?"

I watched him depart in silence, but the instant he was out of the room I was myself again. I started for the door, screaming,

"Father, father! Come back!"

But I was seized by a couple of attendants and led forcibly away. I heard shrieks after shriek ring through the building, and awoke to the horrible reality that I was in a madhouse, and was thought to be mad myself.

No one can know the agony of that moment, for I felt how futile would be all my efforts to convince any one that I was sane. I was shorn of all my beautiful hair, of which I was so proud, and left to follow, my own inclination. I made two or three unsuccessful attempts to convince the physicians of my sanity, then give up the idea as useless.

I spent my time in painting, for which I had some talent, and before long had completed a portrait of my father. He called once or twice to see me, but always in company with Black, who put me immediately under the spell that lasted till they were gone. Thus it was decided that their visits aggravated my case and I was debarred from seeing them any more.

My only hope now was to escape. How closely I watched every opportunity! But weeks and months passed away before I could carry out my purpose. Then, one night, I heard a cry of fire. I sprang from my bed and hastily dressed, but before I was nearly choked with smoke. The guards were rushing through the halls, wild with excitement, opening the doors, and begging the poor mad creatures to come forth; but many were so paralyzed with fright that they stubbornly refused, and numbers perished in the flames.

I needed no urging, but, seeing my father's portrait, ran through the open door, unimpeded. Every piece was open, even the heavy gates in the yard formed no barrier now, as the firemen had torn them away, and I passed through unnoted.

I ran till I was out of breath. It then flashed across me that my appearance (for I was without hat or cloak) in the streets of London at midnight would at the very least excite suspicion. I stood still and gazed about me, puzzled what to do or where to go. I knew that I must act quickly, as, if seen, I was in great danger of being arrested.

My brain was in a whirl. I imagined I saw pursuers on every hand. Some distance ahead of me I spied a church. Ah, there was a refuge! I would seek it, and I placed there my feet. I started off again, running till I reached the church door. I was conscious of seeing lights inside, some forms moving about, and after that I knew no more, for I had fallen senseless.

Some strangers found me there, and had me conveyed to a hospital, and it was about a month after this that I awoke, lying in a large room, with the sick around me on every side. Where was I now? I would wonder never cease?

I soon learned that I had been very ill with brain fever. The excitement and strain on my nervous system, caused by the events of the past few months, had been too much for me, and I had succumbed to the crisis. When I awoke, I was recovering.

As I lay there looking around, it certainly seemed a novel situation for me, Addie Stanley, the child of the mill-louder, to be a charity patient in a city hospital.

I continued to improve rapidly, and was soon able to think about leaving. I had withheld my name from the hospital authorities, but promised to reward them largely for their kind care of me during my illness. They kindly furnished me with outside apparel and some money, and then I started out once more.

I immediately called a cab, and giving the driver my father's address, was soon on my homeward way. Then I began to wonder what he would say when he saw me, and the horrible thought crossed my mind that he might send me back to the asylum. I wondered if Black visited the house still, and if old Nanny would be there to receive me, and hear her call me "bressed child" once more.

I was so lost in thoughts like these that I started in surprise when I found we had stopped.

"Hi guess this 'ere's the house, mum," said the driver, jerking up his hand.

I bounded out of the cab and up the steps and rang the bell. No answer. I rang again and again, but failed to bring any response. Then I noticed that the house was closed, and a general air of neglect hung about the place.

"What shall I do? What shall I do?" I cried, wringing my hands.

I looked up and down the street, in the hope of seeing some one I knew, but all were strangers, and I stood there alone in the world.

Suddenly a bright thought came to me. I would go to my father's lawyer. He could tell me the meaning of all this.

When I reached his office, Mr. Colton was at his desk. He started up when he saw me, and his face grew deadly pale. I knew from his manner that I must prepare myself for bad news. We were both of us agitated that for a while neither spoke a word.

Then I tremblingly begged him to tell me of my father.

"My poor girl," he said at last, "he died very suddenly about a month ago; his death was caused by the shock of hearing that you had been burned to death in the asylum fire—so it was said at the time. His money and everything of value was left to Mr. Black. There has evidently been some awful mistake for which I cannot account. You had the asylum grounds thoroughly searched, but you could not be found, so we concluded you had perished."

I told him of my escape and my illness afterward, also that I had never been insane, but had been led to appear so through the awful influence of Black. And now I was left penniless, and that dreadful man had my money!

The more I thought of it, the more strange it seemed that my father should have left his wealth to an entire stranger, and away from his own brothers and sisters. This, together with his sudden death, aroused my suspicions of something wrong.

Suppose that Black had used his hidden power on him also, and had forced him to make his will, and then murdered him? It was a fearful thought, but it might be true, and if so, the crime must be proved.

I mentioned my suspicion to Mr. Colton, and he soon became as deeply impressed with the idea of foul play as I was myself. We went immediately to work to decide upon a way by which we might entrap the murderer and recover the fortune that rightfully belonged to me. While we were considering the matter, Mr. Colton kindly entertained me at his house.

At length I went upon a plan. I remembered how superstitious Black was, and determined to frighten him into a confession.

It was now that my ability to cast "spells" photographed upon the wall would be of use. I would procure the services of a famous ventriloquist, and, with the lawyer, we would proceed to Black's house, and by these manifestations, force him to confess his guilt.

I disclosed my plan to Mr. Colton, who agreed willingly to it. We went quickly to the ventriloquist, and our arrangements completed entirely to our satisfaction. I was thankful that I had saved the portrait I painted of my father, for I needed it to carry out my plans.

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The Invisible Tailor and Tailorers.

BY AN OLD CONTRIBUTOR.

From the windows of the little tailor's one could see the windows of Colonel Fontaine's great house. As she trimmed her kerseane lamp and its yellow flame grew brighter, the white, glittering gaiters flashed up with every room of the fine mansion. Two little geranium pots were upon her window sill. All over Colonel Fontaine's house were house-lowers in baskets and vases, and blooming on their parent stems in the conservatory.

Two strips of rag carpet, and four painted chairs, and an eight-day clock, and a picture of the infant Jesus, and two green plaques of Paris porcelains—these and a table, and some ware on the closet shelves, were all the property, real and personal, of the little tailor's. One chair in Colonel Fontaine's house was worth her possessions. Every sort of fine upholstered articles of silk, carpets that cost incredible sums, pictures by the old masters and the new ones that were fashionable, everything that can be crammed into a house to make it sumptuous, you found in Colonel Fontaine's.

It was enough to make a little woman envious. The tailor's turned down her light, and laid aside her work—it was no terrible work, and she sat by her window, looking out upon this fine house, where they toiled not, neither did they spin, wishing, as many a hard-working woman has wished before, that her lot had been cast in such paths.

As she gazed and envying, there entered the room another person. It was the little tailor, husband to the little tailor's. He also came and sat in the window. "There are to be fine things there at Fontaine's," he said, "but I have been talking to Black Sam, the waiter. He waits there tonight. Two hundred pound does not spread the table. Think of that!"

"Ah! it's fine to be some folks," said the tailor's.

"Yes, indeed," said the tailor. "Yes, yes, Dolly, yes, yes!"

Then they looked out again in silence. The silver stars were out in the sky and a little breeze moved the feet glittered on the branches of the trees along the streets and on the window panes; but the lace curtains only half hid the splendor within that lighted mansion.

The musicians were coming—a whole band of about a dozen, and they were filing up the steps. They had their instruments in green lace bags and in long black boxes.

"It's plain there is to be dancing," said the little tailor.

"Ah! poor folks don't get much time to dance," said the tailor's.

She folded her arms and looked a little cross as she said this. Her husband also looked very much displeased. They were dropped their curtain and gone to their sitting; all that splendor was making them horribly discontented.

"Only two of 'em," said the tailor. "They haven't a child."

"I'll bet for luck, and poor men for children," said the tailor's. "Now we've got three."

"There's the carriage company," said the tailor.

The carriages were rolling up. Shadowy figures tripped from them, and hurried up the steps. As the door opened, the gleaming of silk and the flash of jewels could be seen.

"Ah!" said the tailor's, "and my best dress is all alpaca."

"Swaller tails, no doubt—all of 'em," said the tailor. "Oh, dear!"

"Don't I wish I was her!" said the tailor's.

"Now if only we could change with 'em," said the tailor.

"I'll take the chances," said the tailor.

"So would they," said a voice behind them.

The tailor and tailor's turned their heads. A little woman in a black cloak and a red night-cap stood behind them—a very little woman, hardly larger than a child. She held her hand behind her back, and her white locks tumbled all about her face. Her eyes were black, and bright as the frosty stars that were glittering in the sky.

"You're surprised to see me, I presume," said the little woman.

"Well," said the tailor, "not to be uncivil, we are. Folks usually knock."

"I never do that," said the old woman. "I come through the key-hole."

"I'm not a presuming man," said the tailor.

"No," said the old woman. "I'm a witch."

"Yes," said the tailor. The witch waved her broom.

"I feel as if I was going off," said the tailor's.

"Me too," said the tailor.

In a moment more the pair felt as light as a couple of feathers or two bits of thistle-down. They were floating about in the air, and felt sure that no one could see them. They tried to grasp each other's hands, but there was no substance to hold. They tried to speak, but they had no voices. Still, in some subtle and incomprehensible way, they communicated their thoughts to each other, without the aid of speech.

They were in the lady's chamber. She sat all alone there. Her black velvet robe swept over the floor. Diamonds glittered on her bosom and in her ears; on her rounded arms also. She was a brunette of the voluptuous style of beauty, her red lips, her sparkling eyes, her wonderfully perfect nose, her little ears, like tiny car-shells, were beyond description. She bent over a desk; within it lay a picture—the portrait of a fair man in a uniform.

She talked to it in whispers.

"Year after year, day after day, hour after hour," she whispered, "and I cannot forget. Your blood is upon my hands, Jerome. My heart is haunted by your ghost. May God forgive us both."

There was a sound without—a step at the door.

"Are you ready, madam?" said a voice.

It was that of Colonel Fontaine.

The lady arose.

"One moment," she said. "Ah, if you would but let me have my peace—if you would but let me hide myself under a stone!"

"Again?" he said. "Come here, madam. I am waiting for you."

He did not even set his foot across the threshold of the lady's door, and she obeyed him, and passed out into the wide hall.

The invisible tailor and tailor's flitted out with her. They had just as much curiosity as they had in the flesh. Besides, what did they come for but to listen?

"Do you suppose I enjoy these scenes?" said Colonel Fontaine.

"You seem to, also," said the colonel.

"It is all seeming with us. They call us a fashionable couple in the world of Colonel Fontaine's wife should. For ten years we have played the farce. We shall play it to the last. I quarrelled with him about a game of cards, not about you. I slipped him in the face, and he challenged me. But he knew—well, knew why he died, I saw it in his face as I sent the bullet to his heart."

"Ah! have mercy!" moaned the woman again.

"You live. I killed the more innocent of the two. You have your own apartments, I have mine; we only play our little role of Dolly and Joan before the world. It is not much punishment for your crime, and it keeps my name from public shame. Are you ready, madam?"

She bowed. They went down the stairs together; they were saluted by their guests; they saluted them. The dances went on; the music swayed in dreamy waltzes; the feast was eaten, the wine flowed, but the two invisible guests saw what no one could see with bodily eyes. While the lady smiled and talked, while she danced, while she sang, she still moved before her eyes—a phantom, pale and fiery—a beautiful young man in captain's uniform, with a deep wound in his breast. His eyes looked toward her, and seemed to say—"Murderess!"

"Yes, Dolly," said the tailor's. "It was this: a life that had no meaning; a trampled love, a shattered faith, a broken heart. His own."

"Want to change with them?" asked the woman in the red cap and black cloak. "Can, if you choose."

"For the dear Lord's sake, take us home," cried the tailor's.

They were opposite each other in the two chairs. The lights still gleamed from the windows of the house over the water, and carriages were rolling from the door.

"It's queer," said the tailor.

"It's awfully queer," said the tailor's.

Farmer.

Selecting the Family Horse.

The first and most important matter in keeping a family horse is to secure the right kind of a horse. The most elaborate and costly stable conveniences, and the best care and feed are thrown away on an unsound, vicious or faulty horse.

Good Stories.

A Strategic Rat.

A truth-telling old lady gives us the following rat adventure, of which she is an eye-witness. She lived in a rambling old-fashioned house, which was all the time infested by rats. They destroyed the grain, killed the chickens, played havoc in the pantry, and put the poor old lady to inconceivable trouble.

Snakes Will Not Live on Irish Soil.

James Francis Hogan, in his book, "The Irish in Australia," relates that Vanuise, one of the prettiest spots on Sydney Harbor, has a curious and romantic history.

Subjects for Thought.

LET no man in despair say, "I am but one." In his unity, as in the unity of a word, lies his strength.

Miscellaneous.

Public Dinners.

One should go to public dinners as often as possible. They are good fun. People are lively mostly, except those who have after-dinner remarks to make, and it is fun enough to watch the misery of these victims during a long course—their efforts to conceal their nervousness, which they never succeed in doing.

Some Names That Mislead.

The tuberose is no rose, but a species of alyanth. Pompey's pillar had no historical connection with Pompey in any way.

Lawyers and Their Ways.

Peter the Great was opposed to litigation. He issued an edict that no trial should last to exceed eleven days.

Only Harm, Never Good, Can Come From Keeping Letters.

It is trouble, not good, that arises from old letters. A package has fallen into my care to be disposed of as thought best.

Strange Friendship.

The painter Rizzoli formed friendships with all sorts of animals, and he filled his house with squirrels, monkeys, Angora cats, dwarf asses, ge-hogats, and Elba ponies.

A Bit of Horse Sense Dropped From the Lips of a Car Driver.

"Have you trained your horse so that they will fight?" asked a reporter of a car driver, as one of his horses quietly waited while the other drank from a cask on the street.

Miraculous Morsels.

It is admitted, far and wide, that the first world of our began, "To change the maiden name."

Ladies' Column.

A Plea for Simplicity in Fashionable Weddings.

Refined Simplicity. Louder and louder grows the protest against ostentatious and extravagant displays at weddings.

Curious Customs in France.

The French people have a curious custom of placing the coffin which contains the remains of some dear one in the courtyard or at the entrance to the house.

Mites of Rose Plantations.

The railroad companies in Lower Hungary are successfully making use of the Provence rose for hedges by the sides of the railways to protect the tracks from drifting snow.

Good Manners.

Never try to outshine but to please. Never press a favor where it seems undesired.

Woman's touch—

Woman's touch—strangely gentle, Fringed with soothing magical; Sent the lagging pulse to quicken Sent the aching pain to lull.

Banked.

Little Isabella's baby brother had swallowed a cent, and his sister was full of consternation. She had for some time been practising economy with the cent.

Cooking Recipes.

Let stand one gallon of sweet milk until it clabbles; pour into a bag and hang up for ten or twelve hours, when it will be ready for use.

Traveller.

The Pope as a Birdcatcher.

When the Pope is not engaged in business or devotion he drives through his orange grove and shrubbery, accompanied by a bill-watcher he can see the whole city, the Campagna and the Sabine Mountains, or walks through the avenues of the Vatican, which he has had carefully kept in order.

Powerful Threats.

"Then you absolutely refuse to marry me?" said he. "I do," was the young lady's firm reply.

Children.

That's Baby.

One little row of ten little toes, To go along with a brand-new nose, Eight new fingers and two new thumbs That are just as good as sugar plums— That's baby.

A Chapter of Childhood's Droll Conceits.

It doesn't take much to puzzle children. Now one of their wants to know how the angels got their night-gowns on over their wings.

Following Instructions Literally.

It is one of the duties of parents and teachers to encourage young persons in the habit of observing what goes on around them, but now and then a child is found who seems hardly to need any such encouragement.

That Grandson of Mine.

He arrived at the farm-house before breakfast. He came from the city, was 14 years old, and looked thin, scrawny and dandish.

Mutual Recognition.

Smith: "Why, excuse me, sir, but that is the umbrella I lost." Brown: "Excuse me, this is the umbrella I found."

The Hat Went With the Boy.

At a mountain resort. Found Mamma (whose son had just been rescued by the Jews from a water-gate). "Thank you ever so much, Mr. De Jones, but your hat's gotten to get Tommy's hat."

An Irishman passing up street one day

just missed the heel of a passing mud-cat kicked at him, and remarked: "I'm not a rascal, but I'd be quite as familiar rascalin' out your paw; I'll let you know when I want to shake hands with ye—small talk."

Humor.

The Tariff Crank.

I talked to him on themes of moderate length. The theories of ancient days, romantic tales; He switched the subject round to iron duty on pig iron and steel rails.

Double Assurance.

Master Freddy thinks himself by no means the least important member of the household. One evening after he and his sister had gone to bed in the nursery, violent thunder shower came up.

Didn't Want to Lose Her Total Depravity.

A story is told of an excellent old lady who lived at the time of the great prevalence of transcendentalism, and was very much bewildered by the doctrine of sinless purity, which many of her late converts were preaching.

It Made Him a Little Fazed.

"Adolphus, do you know I'm a little fazed at Miss Simmons?" "What happened, Arthur, old boy?" "Well, you know I pride myself on my singing. We were at the piano, and I sung some more songs, and then you burst in."

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COMMERCIAL.

ARARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Notwithstanding the decline in prices in the metropolitan market there has been no apparent change in values here. Since the rise being maintained. Indeed, since our last report we have had several sales of wheat at higher rates. These lots have been landed from the West at a cost of 4s 10d per bushel, and winners at a cost of 4s 10d per bushel, and on a small lot of local changed hands at the same figure. Flour shows a further advance, and is now selling freely at 11s 10s per ton. There is nothing doing in oats in this district, but being the nominal quotation. New potatoes are coming in freely from Warrnambool and are selling at 4s per cwt, old being 3s 6d, and Ballarat varieties 2s 6d per cwt. It is well supplied but the recent advance is well maintained, the collapse in the Melbourne market not seriously affecting rates here. Fresh butter is becoming scarcer as the summer advances, and good prints are worth 10d, whilst small prints are 9d. We quote:—Wheat, 4s 10d per bushel, bags in lots, to 3s 10d per bushel, bulk, 4s 10d per bushel. Flour, 11s 10d per bushel. Oats, 3s 6d per bushel. Potatoes, 4s 10d per ton. New potatoes, 4s 10d per ton. Hay, 2s 6d per ton. Straw, 1s 6d per ton. Eggs, 1s 6d per dozen. Butter, 10s per cwt. Cheese, 10s per cwt. Lard, 10s per cwt. Tallow, 10s per cwt. Soap, 10s per cwt. Candles, 10s per cwt. Sugar, 10s per cwt. Tea, 10s per cwt. Coffee, 10s per cwt. Spices, 10s per cwt. Miscellaneous, 10s per cwt.

MELBOURNE RETAIL MARKET.

Butcher's meat continues to be in excess of the present demand, and prices are weak. Butter and eggs are up to 10s per cwt, and poultry remains at last week's quotations. Killing prices are:—Beef, 2s 4d to 7d per lb; pork, 10d to 8d; mutton, 1s 1d to 1s 2d. Poultry:—Chickens, 4s to 6s per pair; turkeys, from 12s to 28s per do; geese, 6s to 8s do. Dairy produce:—Cheese 6d to 1s 3d, eggs, 1s 6d per doz. Butter, 10s to 11s per cwt. Lard, 10s to 11s per cwt. Tallow, 10s to 11s per cwt. Soap, 10s to 11s per cwt. Candles, 10s to 11s per cwt. Sugar, 10s to 11s per cwt. Tea, 10s to 11s per cwt. Coffee, 10s to 11s per cwt. Spices, 10s to 11s per cwt. Miscellaneous, 10s to 11s per cwt.

BALLARAT MARKET.

Wheat to 4s 5d to 4s 6d for prime milling; cats, Danish, 4s 0d to 4s 6d for prime; stout up to 4s 8d; peas 4s 2d to 4s 3d; barley, prime malting, 3s 6d to 6s, Cape, 3s 9d to 3s 11d; potatoes, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; new 2s 10d to 2s 12d; hay, prime chaffing, difficult to place over 2s; medium, 1s 8s to 1s 10s; oat straw, 2s 10s; wheat straw, 3s to 4s; mangle hay, 2s 10s.

BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle—188 cows forward, which are a good number, and received a slight advance on last week's rates, best pens of bullocks making from £10 to £11 2s 6d. Calves—25 penned. Best sold up to 5s. Sheep—6724 were yarded. The market all round had a better tone than of late, best crossbred wethers making from 10s to 12s 6d; best merino wethers, making from 8s to 10s 6d; crossbred ewes, 2s 6d to 2s 8d; lambs, 1s 6d to 1s 8d. Demand was dull, and prices were easier. Best sold at from 7s 6d to 8s 6d.

GEELONG STATION PRODUCE MARKET.

Messrs George Hanco and Co. report under date Wednesday, Dec. 5.—We held our eighth wool sale yesterday, when we exhibited a catalogue of 675 bales. There was a full number of buyers, and a most complete thoroughness, enabling us to make a clearance of nearly every lot at satisfactory prices. Sheep and lamb skins—Butchers' fresh-killed skins, 4s 10d to 7s 2d each; country and station skins, 4s 10d to 6s 10d per lb; short-wooled and inferior, 1s 10d to 2s 6d per pound; lambskins, 2s 10d to 4s per pound. Hides—We cleared all as follows:—Heavies, 2s 10d to 2s 12d per pound; good cowhide, not salted, 2s 10d to 2s 12d per pound; cowhide, salted, 2s 10d to 2s 12d per pound; kip, 2s 10d to 2s 12d per pound; calf, 2s 10d to 2s 12d per pound.

MELBOURNE WEEKLY MARKET.

Messrs. Halkett and Co. report under date December 7.—Wool—We held our eighth wool sale of the season on Monday afternoon, when we offered 2125 bales, of which 1712 bales were sold. The sale attracted the usual large number of buyers, who competed with great spirit for every lot offered, the demand which has so far existed being very well maintained. Grey wool ranged up to 13s per lb, which was paid for 14 1/2 combing combed. Tallow—We made a very good clearance at satisfactory prices. We quote—Good to prime mixed 12s 10s to 12s; ordinary lot 12s 2d to 12s. Lots not in shipping order are worth 12s. Cotton (fine and broken packages) up to 12s; medium, 11s to 12s; and standard, 11s to 12s. Sheepskins—Business animated. Quotations:—Butchers' green skins, 2s to 2s 8d; pelts, 8d to 10d; lamb skins, 4s to 6s 9d each; do. in bundles, 4s to 6s 9d; crossbreds, 4s to 5s 1/2; pelts, 1s 10d to 2s 1/2 per lb. Hides—Quotations:—Butchers' green ox, extra heavy weights, up to 25s; medium, 16s to 20s; light, 15s 6d to 18s 6d each; green cow, 2s 10d to 2s 12d per lb; prime 1/2 to 1 1/2 salted hides, up to 3s 10d to 3s 10d per lb; damaged and inferior, 2s 10d to 2s 12d. Kangaroo and Furred Skins—Kangaroo—prime, 1s 6d to 2s 2d; medium, 1s to 1s 8d; wallaby, 7d to 10d; fur, 6d to 9d per lb; 2s to 2s 6d; skins, 1s 10d to 1s 6d; seconds, 1s 10d to 1s 6d; second, 1s 10d to 1s 6d per doz.

MELBOURNE GRAIN MARKET.

The New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency, Limited, report under date 5th December.—Stripping has already commenced in the early districts, but harvesting will not be on followed lands, and where some attention has been shown to cultivation and preparation of the soil, are turning out fairly; but poor and overworked farms will hardly pay expenses. On all the irrigated lands the yields will be heavy, and this should give practical evidence that if Victoria is to continue a large grain-producing country, water will have to be made a feature in our agricultural future. The oat and barley crops are light, and our requirements for home demand will necessitate importation from outside sources of supply. Hope for the Deaf.—Nicholson's Ear Drums Cure Deafness. The most astonishing cures have been effected. Send for 132 page Illustrated Book containing full particulars of this invention FREE. Dr. Nicholson, 65 William Street, Melbourne.

Tim Growler's Notes.

By HIMSELF.

If we had no almanac to guide us—no authentic information as to the approach of the Christmas festive season—we have a true indication of its nearness at hand, by the frequency of advertisements for domestic assistants. As regularly as day is merged into night, and vice versa, by the diurnal revolution of the earth, so comes the period of the year when Mary Jane gets a letter from home to say that her mother is sick; Phebe Ann gives notice to her mistress on account of her approaching marriage; Eliza feels that it is absolutely necessary for the preservation of her physical strength that she should have her annual cessation from toil to enjoy "just a fortnight's holiday" with her friends; while the Matildas, the Bridgets, the Angelinas, the Sophias, the Marias, etc., etc., find some specious reason why they should "give up their places." In the country towns, some want higher wages, whilst others complain of too much work; but in either or both cases, if girls can get to Melbourne for Christmas they are satisfied to do more work for less remuneration. The only other consideration which would appear to recompense them is the extra sight-seeing, and the diversity of amusements that the metropolis affords. Well, I am not one to grudge our Betsy a week's holiday at Christmas time; but Mrs. G. says she is so vexed about her giving notice to leave that she has almost made up her mind to have more servants. Betsy has been with us since last Easter (came just after the holidays, you know); and Mrs. G. was getting used to her peculiarities—such as receiving visitors in "the kitchen, inviting her friends to tea, and going out and coming in when she is so disposed. My good lady casually mentioned to Betsy the other day that we should probably have one or two visitors for Christmas, when she was astounded to hear "Oh, I am so sorry, ma'am; because my sister's young man is coming from Sydney, and I shall have to go home to take her place in the housework."

I can enjoy a good laugh with anyone—even at my age; but I think I have—about passed the time when my neighbors should indulge practical jokes with a chance of frightening me into a "heavily grave." It's quite terrible enough to be sitting indoors listening to the hoisterousness of the weather; or imagining all sorts of calamities, from the blowing off of a roof to the falling of a lightning-struck tree; or awaiting the chance of a fire-bell coming down the chimney, to scare one out of existence. But—on a peacefully still starlight night, when there is scarcely a sound audible save the cry of the curlew at an unknown distance, or the singing of the cricket; or an occasional note from an aged chanticleer—it is most outrageous that one's neighbors should carry on their larks, set and station and howling, and run outside to inform one that the whole legion of Pantheon had entered the habitation and taken possession of the fireplace. But so it happened recently, a few doors from my humble cottage. No harm was done, however, beyond the fright; but the effect of that fright in my case is bad enough, for it necessitates an occasional expenditure on chemical preparations to restore to its natural color my beautiful flowing beard and cranial adorning. I intended to take a trip at Christmas time to an adjacent sporting rendezvous, as turkeys are reported to be plentiful; but my powder flask is missing. Little 4-year-old tells me he jammed it in a log of wood and couldn't get it out again, and that now the log of wood is gone, and he "don't know who took it." I think I might give a warm glass, but I know I shall never see that serviceable old powder flask again.

Well, friends, I don't like to be a prognosticator of evil. I like at all times to wish everybody well, and delight to see them enjoying health, wealth, and happiness, especially as Christmas approaches. It is a season when all should be happy and contented; when envy, hatred, malice, and all uncharitableness should be cast behind us, for the winds to scatter far and wide. But I find it impossible to shake off a feeling that we are on the eve of having to pay very high prices for everything—that is, everything we eat—especially in this district. But in the very midst of hard and dull times we seem to be a people who will not be deprived of our full complement of everything. Well, I for one (at the risk of being considered sarcastic in saying so), don't believe that we were ever made to be deprived of enjoyment, in whatever shape or form it may come to us. So that if the price of bread is raised, we must starve ourselves for the sake of accumulating nicknacks, fenderals, and luxurious articles for adorning our homes, and making the interiors of our dwellings little paradises, thus affording ourselves the opportunity to gloat over the assistance we rendered to a good cause; or, on the other hand, to growl at our extravagances. We are to have two bazaars this month, one within a fortnight of the other. After the great success that attended two bazaars running at the same time last year, I must not be surprised to witness success in both these affairs; at the same time there are many people poorer this year than last, and I am inclined to pity the promoters of one or the other—I can't decide which—perhaps both. Both are for worthy objects; each is deserving of success. But the most important question to decide is this—Can the people afford it? I have just been reading some good items in the temperance—or total abstinence—line. I find one contributor

to a paper issued in the interests of "the cause," giving drink the most horrible and ineffectual title. He may be right in condemning drink—I make no doubt that it does the scribe no harm—but the world would be a peculiar place to live in if we were all of the one way of thinking. *Quot homines, tot sententia.* And while the world lasts it will always be so, no matter how some people may go on about it. But the expression made use of brings vividly to my mind a little incident, which so far as I know has never yet appeared in print. Temperance lecturers and writers frequently relate anecdotes, so I will take a leaf out of their book. I happened to go into a tailor's shop on business one day in the old country, and there I met a well-known temperance advocate who was endeavoring to convert the tailor to his way of thinking in regard to drink. The advocate had been told that the tailor was an incurable boozier, who could not work without the bottle beside him, and his thoughts undoubtedly were—"If I can conquer in this instance it will be good for the cause in this town." But the tailor was obstinate. The other took a pledge card from his pocket and said, "Now, like a good fellow, make up your mind and sign the pledge; you will never regret it as long as you live. If you don't, then the day will surely come in which you will regret that, when you had an opportunity of fleeing from the 'blighting damning curse of the soul-destroying alcohol,' you refused to sign the pledge." The tailor, with a peculiar smile on his face, which I almost fancy I can see as I write, reached beneath his table and produced a square black bottle with a broken wine glass over the cork. He then said, shaking the bottle to see if there was anything in it, "Look here, master; here's the least-drop as is. Do you mean to tell me that this will hurt anyone?" He had poured out all there was into the glass, which he held up. "Yes, my good fellow; I mean to say that it is dangerous to take even that small quantity. Put it back again, I don't want to see it." The drop was put back into the bottle and corked up. Said the tailor, "The squire would like to see me put this out of sight." "Certainly should; and further than that I would like to hear you say you would not touch it again, nor allow anyone in your house to touch it." "As to that, I must place it where no one can get it." "Aye, do, my good fellow, and quickly; the odour offends me." The tailor at once got down from his board, and in doing so withdrew the cork; but he was observed. "Keep the bottle corked, my dear fellow; it cannot hurt you if it is so." The tailor smiled again, and looking the temperance man straight in the face, said, "It can't hurt me! Then I'll take good care it shan't hurt anyone else. Here's to you good health, sir," and tipping up the bottle the contents rapidly disappeared down the tailor's throat, and the temperance man left him without hope!

Melbourne Gossip.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Among the passengers to England by the P. and O. s.s. "Ballarat," which left Melbourne last Friday, was Mr. Clarke, "the Christian athlete," who had been conducting his farewell series of evangelistic mission services in the Town Hall. During the mission the large building was crowded in every available part, scores of people standing in the approaches and passages, whilst hundreds went away disappointed at the opportunity of hearing this most popular teacher. When the whole vast audience united their voices in the melody of some well-known hymn, the volume of sound was enough to lift off the beautiful ceiling of the Town Hall. Mr. Clarke by his wonderful energy, and the indefinable magnetism of his earnestness, and by the candour of his style had fairly won his way to the hearts of the people, and his ministrations have, no doubt, accomplished very much good indeed. He had succeeded in very materially aiding the funds of two deserving institutions, the Young Men's and the Young Women's Christian Associations, and his influence has markedly worked for good in many kindred directions as well. He left Melbourne amid the heartfelt regret of thousands.

I am inclined to agree with "The Vagabond" that far more good is likely to accrue to Australia from the "Colinderies," which took place in London some two or three years ago, than from our own Centennial Exhibition. The first was held—so to speak—under the very noses of the British public, whereas the present show has its locale in a comparatively obscure, and certainly a remote portion of the globe. In order to convey the extent of our resources to the minds of the inhabitants of Europe it is necessary that the samples of our own productions should be displayed in their own countries, and not here in Australia. I would suggest that the exhibits to be forwarded by the various colonies to the Paris Exhibition next year, should at its close be shown for, say, a month in Berlin, Vienna, Brussels, &c., as well as in London, Glasgow, and Dublin, where suitable buildings could be readily obtained for a few weeks in each city. Such a course would open the eyes of capitalists, and would tend to increase the prosperity and progress of the colonies.

Now that the racing carnival season is over and we have time for reflection, I would like to say a few words in regard to the dreaming of winners of the Melbourne Cup. The practice was started by the unfortunate Mr. Craig, the well-known hotelkeeper of Ballarat, who in 1870 dreamt that his horse Nimblesfoot would win, his jockey wearing a piece of crape around his arm. The horse did win, but Mr. Craig himself had died before the event, and it was in his memory that the crape was worn. There have been many remarkable dreamings of winners since then, some of which have come off tightly, and the most wrongly. Without being superstitious there are many who believe that there is a good deal in dreams, and there are some thoughts, as Cliphaz the Ramanite said, "from the revisions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men" which are entitled to serious attention. Galen declared that he owed most of his knowledge to communications received in dreams; Hermas wrote his "Shepherd" as he tells us, at the dictation of a voice heard in sleep; the calamities which were to befall Croesus, King of Lydia, were predicted to him in a dream; Calpurnia, the lady who was the wife of Julius Caesar, and expected to be above suspicion, dreamed that she held her husband's murdered corpse in her arms the night before the ancient seer's "did for" the second best noblest Roman of them all in the Forum; and the Monics, the mother of St. Augustine, was admonished in her sleep that her son would be converted from the giddy-man about town life he was leading, and so he was. Beyond all doubt the men of old were pretty great on dreams, but the level-headed Cicero doesn't seem to have put much faith in them, for he observes shrewdly that "we hear a good deal about the dreams that come true, but very little about those that prove untrue." Most people dream every night in the year about something or another, and it would therefore be surprising if they did not hit on a true dream once in a way. He must be a precious bad marksman who shoots at a target for a year's end to another without scoring a bulls-eye once.

The sensation of the week has been the very mysterious death of a young woman named Fanny Perry, who has been in the employ of Mr. G. B. W. Lewis, once a well-known theatrical manager, as general servant. The girl was missed from her room one morning, and all enquiries as to her whereabouts proved entirely resultless, until last Friday an extremely strong and nauseous smell emanating from an out-house adjoining Mr. Lewis' premises prompted a search. Here, upon a mass of old scenery and theatrical properties, which had been stored in the shed, were, after some difficulty had been experienced in reaching them, found the decomposing remains of the unfortunate creature. How she reached the place where the body was found, how, having got there, she met with her death, and what were the motives which led to her seeking

this lonely seclusion, are all, with many other circumstances surrounding the case, wrapped in impenetrable mystery. The most mortifying shows the girl to have been in no way tampered with, and, while she had a sweetheart, there has been nothing disclosed in regard to their relationship to indicate that any question of blighted, crossed, or crooked love enters into the explanation of the mystery. The girl is said to have had a share in some land on which she wished to reside, but which she was not permitted to do, and this disappointment is the only cogent reason for the suicide—if suicide it be.

Correspondence.

TO THE EDITOR.

Sir,—During the competition on Saturday last for the trophy presented by Captain McKeich, of the Beaufort District Rifle Club, the handicappers came in for a good deal of criticism, from both the senior and junior members of the club, some going so far as to say they would not again shoot in the monthly matches. I trust this was said only on the heat of the moment, and that before the time for the next match rolls round they will not only be prepared to compete, but also to work as energetically for the club as they have done previously. The sore point, sir, appears to be this—and from it you will see there is some cause for complaint—Some members who have been connected with the club for a considerable time, but take little interest in it, and only shoot two or three times a year, (and that is when there is a good trophy to shoot for) get a handicap of 25, 30 or 20 points, and thereby prevent the man who is at or near scratch from getting a show.

This is scarcely as it should be, as it affords such persons no encouragement to become good shots. On behalf of the scratch man, it is said he is protected by the limit: this is scarcely correct, as the limit is fixed so high that in nine cases out of ten it is not reached even by the handicap man. My suggestion would be—Give every new member 25 or even 30 points for the first two or three matches; after that, whether they practice or not, reduce his handicap to not more than 21 points, or 1 point a shot. The new members would then have to do what most of the old ones have done, viz., spend a good deal of time and money in practice, or they would have no show at the matches.

The complaint of the junior members is that they do not get a greater handicap than some of those who have been in the club for years. As I suggested above, for the first two or three matches they should certainly get a higher handicap. If some such suggestion were adopted, the club might lose a few of its members, but the others would be brought more on an equality as far as shooting is concerned, and there would be less ill-feeling at the close of each match. My handicap for a three-range match would be as follows:—McRae, who is without doubt the best shot in the club, scratch; W. O. Thomas 2; Chapman 4; A. Tromp 6; McKeich 5; Lord 9; Harris 12; Eddy 12; Jackson 14; Russell 14; other old members from 14 to 21; new members from 25 to 30. The above has been written in a friendly spirit, with a view of inducing others, with your permission, sir, through your columns, to criticize the above and throw out suggestions for the benefit of the club and the assistance of the handicappers, whose duty is anything but an enviable one.—I am, Sir, 29 1/2 11; '88.

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D. GILLIES, Treasurer. Treasury, Melbourne, 1st December, 1888.

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JOHN MAIN, Acting Secretary. Education Department, Melbourne, 1st December, 1888.

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AT THE PLAY.

The curtain had just risen on the "The Lady of Lyons." Miss Elsie Genet and Miss Alice Fontaine came in leisurely way down the aisle, and with delicately made-up faces they took their seats in the very middle of the row. They were enormously high-lit and carried boxes of candy.

Miss Genet (in a tone supposed to be low, but which was perfectly audible to all around her): There, I knew they'd begin before we could get here. But you would go up to Westchester.

Miss Fontaine: But, Westchester chocolates are so much better than those you get down town. Besides, who cares for the first part of the play any way. I like to see it after the second act.

Miss G.: Yes, that's what I think.

Miss F.: After they get to making love.

Miss G.: Yes, that's the best part.

Miss F.: Have some of these chocolates. I know they are better than yours.

Miss G. (munching): Oh, ain't they just heavenly! I do love to go to the theatre.

Miss F.: Ain't that man that's playing Claude just too sweet for anything!

Miss G.: Yes, ain't he.

Miss F.: He makes believe he is a nobleman, and marries somebody.

Miss G.: Does he.

Miss F.: Yes; I've seen it lots of times. I almost know it by heart. The place where he makes love to her is just too killing. I declare, I've almost a mind to fall in love myself sometimes, that part is so awfully sweet.

Miss G. (giggling): How you do talk! The idea!

Miss F.: Wouldn't it be fun to have a man talk to you so sweet?

Miss G.: Oh, Alice, don't! I shall laugh right out loud!

Miss F.: And suppress your hand!

Miss G.: Oh, my dear! I'm still!

Miss F.: There, you're looking at you, you are laughing so.

There is a brief suspension of the conversation while the giggling is attempted. Then the young women straighten themselves up and endeavor, with frequent relapse, to restrain themselves.

Miss T.: You *don't* keep still!

Miss G.: Oh, dear! Oh, dear!

Miss T.: I expect we shall be put out!

Miss G.: Oh, I shall die!

Gruff old gentleman behind (sotto voce): Confounded giggling idiots!

Miss T.: Did you hear that?

Miss G.: Yes! Oh wasn't it funny?

Miss T.: He must be just as mad!

Miss G.: Oh, awful!

They become speechless with mirth.

Miss T.: (After three minutes, during which the pair have alternately looked at the stage and at each other, bursting into fresh tittering whenever their eyes meet): There, I'm going to behave.

Miss G.: Have a caramel. It may keep you sober.

Miss T.: Ha-ha-ha!

Miss G.: Oh, don't do that lovely creature kiss her hand.

Miss T.: I don't think it's nearly so pretty as the one May Maynard wore to the Leap Year Ball. It's cut like it, all but that absurd piece on the side.

Miss G.: Don't you like that. I think it's lovely.

Miss T.: Don't you think it makes it kind of lumpy?

Miss G.: Well, sort of lumpy.

Miss T.: May's had a bias piece put with a piping round it, and it hung beautifully.

Miss G.: What are you going to wear to-night?

Gruff old gentleman behind (leaning forward): I beg your pardon, young ladies; you had prevent my seeing anything, but could you kindly be quiet and let me hear a little?

There is a murmur of applause from those round. The two young women exchange glances of the most righteous indignation, and sitting bolt upright, are silent for nearly a moment and a half, as if by mutual consent.

Miss G. (softly): Brute!

Miss T. (louder): Isn't he horrid!

Miss G. (louder still): Ain't he awfully wicked?

Miss T.: He hasn't any manners at all.

Miss G.: To speak to ladies that way!

Gruff old gentleman (sotto voce): Good old! Are these ladies?

Young man beside him (in same tone): Yes, State-ladies!

Caude Melnotte (from stage): Ay, dearest, nay; if thou wouldst have me paint the home which could lead thee, 'tis a lone vale.

Miss T.: There! This is the part I like best. I do think it just too heavenly for anything.

Miss G.: Lean over. I want to whisper something.

Miss T.: What is it?

Miss G. (whispering): Don't you wish—

Miss T.: Wish what?

Miss G.: Wish—Te-he-he!

Miss T.: Don't stop laughing and say it.

Miss G.: Don't you wish you were—Oh! Te-he-he-he!

Miss T.: Elsie Genet, if you don't stop, I'll shake you.

Miss G.: Don't you wish you were being hugged like that? Te-he-he-he!

Miss T.: Why, Elsie Genet! Te-he-he-he!

Miss G.: Te-he-he-he!

Miss T.: Te-he-he! I'm—Te-he! I'm ashamed of you Te-he-he-he.

Miss G. (evidently trying to regain her self-control): But he is so sweet.

Miss T.: Ain't he?

Miss G.: Oh, perfectly lovely.

The gruff old gentleman, at some abandoned seat, and goes in a rage, to stand against the wall for the rest of the performance.

Miss T.: There! That act is done.

Miss G.: Isn't it fun to come to the theatre?

Miss T.: Yes, awful good fun.

Miss G.: Do you see that girl over there, with a yellow bird on her hat? Did you ever see anything so unbecoming?

Miss T.: Oh, I never dreamt of anything so horrid.

Miss G.: Doesn't it look seakish.

Miss T.: Oh, awfully!

Miss G.: There, now we must be still; the pathetic part is coming.

Miss T.: Oh, I think this part is perfectly lovely. It always makes me cry like anything. Are there any more caramels?

Miss G.: Yes, lots. Don't you think these chocolate caramels are delicious?

Miss T.: Oh, heaven! When the orchestra goes that way, doesn't it make the cold shivers run all down your back?

Miss T.: Oh, yes; always. There isn't that sweet!

Old lady in front (turning to glare on the young women): Will you be still!

Miss T.: Oh, my!

Miss T.: Oh, my! She'll hear you.

Miss G.: Oh, no, she won't, she's too old. She must be deaf by this time.

Miss G.: How awfully funny you are!

Miss T.: Hush-sh-sh!

Miss G.: Oh, you make me laugh so.

Miss T.: Now I am going to cry.

Tears and caramels are now, by an abrupt transition, indulged in for the rest of the play, with scraps of conversation, too much like that recorded to be worth setting down.

Miss T.: There! I can't it funny, the caramels just held out until the end of the play.

Miss G.: Haven't you had an awfully good time?

Miss T.: Oh, heavenly!

And the recording angel sets down against the pair the anger and mental profanity of everybody who has been within ten seats of them during the afternoon.

POETRY.

In the Attic.

Behold Christmas Eve!
Looks cold and strange this festive weather;
And yet, content
My heart and I jog on together.

I smoke and dream;
The street lights gleam
Below me, and the crowd that surges
But footstep may I hear
And move the same
To wedding chimes, or funeral dirges.

My good cigar
Glow like a star,
'Tis from a box a woman sent me;
Such simple thrift
In Christmas gifts
Hath pleasant magic to content me.

Then let me view,
My smoke-cloud through
Old flames—old joys—old Christmas treasures!

The eyes I loved,
The paths I trod
In that dear world of sweet lost pleasures.

The rustic maid
Who gaily strayed,
With me, to pluck the holly berry;
The belle in plume,
Who stepped through slush
On London crossings, blithe and merry.

The flying tide,
Where lovers glide
While bells rang soft from tower and steeple;
The moonlight fair,
Like unto a prayer
Good angels breathe for worldly people.

The kiss—the vow—
(Forgotten now)
Alas, for passion's fickle glowing light!
The ocellus fair,
That rose in air,
The bubbles bright of fancy's blowing.

Ah, sweet and vain!
Dear dreams, to last my lonely attic—
Dear days long gone
Still, still live on
In visions baseless but ecstatic!

'Tis Christmas Eve,
Why should I grieve?
The world is kindly braced in plenty;
Love holds his charm,
And blazes warm
The dimpled cheek of sweet-and-twenty.

So Christmas cheer
Must still be dear,
Though small my portion of its treasure;
A quiet joke,
And lo! Fate's hand hath filled my measure.

Then, joy bells, chime!
Though thought and rhyme
May jiltly drift, like floating feather;
Yet still content
With blessings sent,
My heart and I jog on together.

—MARGARET S. BRIDGES.

NOVELIST.

PRIDE AND PERIL

BY G. LINTON.

SUMMER tour on the Continent had become almost an institution in the Burleigh family. It had been taken during so many years, that Fanny, Florence, Elsie, and even Stockholm had become more familiar to the holiday voyagers than the places of historic interest and the scenes of natural beauty with which Great Britain abounds. But a few years ago a breach was made in the custom that had been so long observed. Mrs. Burleigh and her daughter decided to let the continental cities do as best they might without their presence for that season, and the decision was very heartily approved, and was a nominal ruler of the Burleigh family circle.

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"Indeed! And who is our next visitor to be?" Mrs. Burleigh asked, with some interest.

"Mr. Lord is coming here."

"I am delighted to hear that," exclaimed the lady, with evident pleasure. "I hope he may stay until we return. Did he write to you?"

"Oh, no. I learned it incidentally from a letter I received from Mr. Hoyleland this morning. He says Mr. Lord has decided to spend a few weeks fishing the Dovey and other streams near this place, and will certainly call upon us, and with the coolest unconcern she could have shown if announcing the approach of a person whom she did not know and for whom she could not care.

Mrs. Burleigh looked at the girl curiously, and surprise and concern were plainly expressed in the glance.

"You speak very strangely on this subject, my dear," she said. "The news does not appear very agreeable to you, and I am unable to guess why it should not be so. I am afraid you are concealing something from me. I ought to know. Why should not Edwin's company be as pleasant in Wales as it is in Liverpool? And why do you put the name Edwin, which has long been familiar to your lips, in favor of the cold and formal 'Mr. Lord'?"

"I notice this sudden and unaccountable change in your manner with surprise and pain. You may be candid with me, child, and require some explanation."

"Do not blame me too hastily, mother," replied Maud, a flush mantling her cheeks, while her eyes drooped before the earnest gaze fixed upon her. "I do not wish to conceal anything from you. I have heard something of Mr. Lord, which has wounded me deeply. I will explain all; but do not press me now."

"Well, Maud, let it be as you wish. I cannot insist upon your strange and youthful humor; but I cannot conceal that your conduct irritates and pains me very much. You can find me when you are prepared to make the explanation you promise."

Mrs. Burleigh could not, indeed, conceal the fact that she was disturbed and angry. The tone in which she spoke sufficiently attested that, and as she left the room, the

hightened color of her cheeks proclaimed that her temper could be ruffled to a point at which a violent assertion of her authority would become a mere matter of course.

Maud rose from her chair as her mother left the room, and clasping her hands behind, paced slowly across the floor. There was natural grace in every line of her figure, and a subdued dignity in her motions, while the expression of sadness that settled on her face did not in any degree reduce the charm of her beauty, but rendered it even more than commonly interesting.

"Mother is really angry," she muttered. "She may be even more angry when I explain. But she cannot know how much I suffer. I cannot—I will not—bear a slight of this kind. It is too much. Through Edwin has become so dear to me as my life, he must honor after we meet that I can resent his treatment with proper spirit."

As she concluded this soliloquy, she raised her head with the air of a queen, and the resolute expression of her face, heightened by the brilliancy of her beautiful eyes, gave her an appearance of regal dignity.

The Burleighs occupied a plain but substantially-built stone residence, which stood on the eastern side of the river, and commanded an extensive view of Cardigan Bay. In front of the house a broad balcony extended, which was furnished with a thick wooden sash throughout its entire length. To this balcony Maud Burleigh bestowed herself about half an hour after the interview with her mother, and while the lady was absent on a drive.

While standing on this balcony, Maud's glance wandered down a winding rocky path which led to the town. Turning the most distant angle of the path, she noticed a solitary pedestrian, tall and stalwart of frame, who appeared to be making his way towards the house. Almost instantly a look of recognition flashed in her eyes. She started back a pace as if to avoid being seen, and then her face became set in the sternest guise such a beautiful face could assume.

A few minutes later she heard a loud knock on the door, and very soon after the gentleman she had seen entered the balcony from the house, and advanced to meet her with outstretched hands and every appearance of delight.

"Miss Burleigh," he said, "this is happiness indeed, and I am sure you will pardon my hearty, exuberant speech suddenly ceased. There was no answering display of

pleasure or of friendliness on the part of the young lady. She looked at him steadily, but made no attempt to touch his proffered hand. An unmitigated expression of proud reserve was apparent in her eyes and curled on her expressive lips.

"Your appearance in Barmouth does not call for pardon, Mr. Lord," Maud said, with chilling quietude. "I knew of your visit about a week ago, but I did not think you would arrive to-day."

"Maud—Miss Burleigh—you surprise me," exclaimed the gentleman, and, indeed, he looked the surprise he expressed. "I looked for a different reception. Having I offended you? Surely you cannot be angry with me?—or rather, say you really are acting this part?"

"I am not given to acting," Mr. Lord replied Maud, coldly. "I might say, with truth, that you have been acting with me, and when I know your name is coupled in like manner with that of other ladies, I should be unjust to myself if I did not resent the indignity you put upon me."

"I declare I cannot understand you, Miss Burleigh," exclaimed Mr. Lord, hoily. "I certainly did not think it could be necessary to assure you that I act honorably in my dealings with men and women. Who are the other ladies to whom you refer, and how has my name been associated with that of any lady besides yourself? Will you not favor me with some particulars?"

"All the particulars I can give at present are contained in a letter I received this morning from Mr. Hoyleland. I will read you a part of it," replied Maud.

She sank upon the seat of the balcony, and opening a bulky letter-case, laid it out on the top of the parapet, securing it by resting her clasped hands upon the bottom of the leaves. (See Picture.) Then she read:

"Mr. Lord is likely to call upon you in a day or two. He is going to fish the Dovey and some other streams, and I wish him success. He is such a favorite with the ladies that other poor fellows cannot even gain a smile when he is near. Some people say Jane Seymour is the latest victim of his winning ways. He was very attentive to her at

ments, and an odd complexity of feelings were agitating his breast. Astonishment, pain, anger, and admiration influenced him at once, but presently only pain and anger remained.

She is insanely jealous, and I am the victim of her ridiculous fancies and her intractable pride," he muttered between his teeth. "Hoyleland—the shallow, rattle-brained fool!—and his cursed letter has brought this would through him. By heavens, I feel as if I had received a slap in the face, and I cannot plead humbly and abjectly to my imperious and unreasonable empress, Maud. I cannot endure such treatment, and it may be better for both if my lady is left with time to reflect upon her action. The holiday from which I expected so much happiness is ended. I will not meet the overbearing girl again."

Mr. Lord promptly acted on this resolution. An hour later he was in the Lion Hotel, indicating a letter to his partner in the extensive shipping business they conducted in Liverpool. He told him he should visit Canada for an indefinite period, and would combine business with pleasure during his wanderings, always leaving the interest of the firm in view. The same evening he left Barmouth for London.

When Mrs. Burleigh returned, Maud immediately sought her, and gave Mr. Hoyleland's letter as the explanation required.

"But, my dear, I do not see why you should be angry with Edwin because of that," said Mrs. Burleigh. "That is precisely what I should expect from Edwin. He is most courteous when he thinks such polite attentions are most needed. I can only approve his conduct."

"I cannot do so, mother. Mr. Lord bestows his attentions indiscriminately, and I cannot think you would like to be merely one of the young ladies amongst whom his favor is shared," said Maud, with some asperity.

"You are too hasty, Maud, and unreasonable. Polite attention and earnest affection are very different things, though you do not distinguish them in this case. Though Edwin loves you, he need not become a boor in his intercourse with others. Try to regard his conduct as I do."

"It is too late now, even to make the attempt," replied Maud, less firmly.

"Why too late?" queried the mother, quickly.

"He called when you were out, and we quarrelled."

"Quarrelled!" repeated Mrs. Burleigh, in a higher tone. "That means that you insulted him. Oh, proud, vain, short-sighted girl! You have wronged my heart once more, but I must restrain myself. Pray leave me for a while."

Without uttering a word, Maud did as directed, and retired to her room. As soon as she had done so, Mrs. Burleigh, who had been waiting for her, called her to her.

Edwin Lord gazed after her a few moments, and an odd complexity of feelings were agitating his breast. Astonishment, pain, anger, and admiration influenced him at once, but presently only pain and anger remained.

log knelt on one knee in the road beside her, while he supported her head on his arm and peered anxiously into her face. "What was there in those eyes and that bronzed and bearded face that thrilled her with electric power? An instant's gaze and she knew all. Her eyes closed again, and in a sigh, which seemed to rise from the depths of her being, she murmured, 'Edwin!'

Just then the rattle of wheels was heard at hand, and the cab for which the gentleman always pulled up at the edge of the crowd. Maud was assisted to her feet by her nurse, and together they entered the vehicle—Edwin Lord and Maud Burleigh reunited under such terrible circumstances.

It is necessary to add another word? Edwin had returned to Liverpool on the preceding day only, and was on his way to visit his old friend, Mr. Burleigh, when he saw some people running, and heard the cry of 'Mad dog.' He stepped forward in the way of the brute, just as the woman was thrown, and his unerring eye and powerful arm enabled him to fracture the dog's skull with the first blow of his heavy stick.

It need not describe the scene that followed the arrival of Maud and her preserver at her father's house. Edwin stayed there that night, and his visits were very frequent during several days after. Explanations were readily tendered and as readily accepted, and the outcome of all in that beautiful Maud in due time linked her fate and fortunes with those of Edwin Lord, and became the devoted and happy mistress of his unassuming home.

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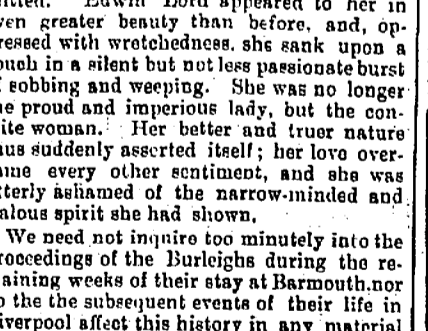
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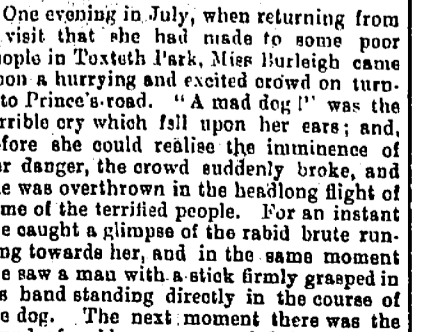
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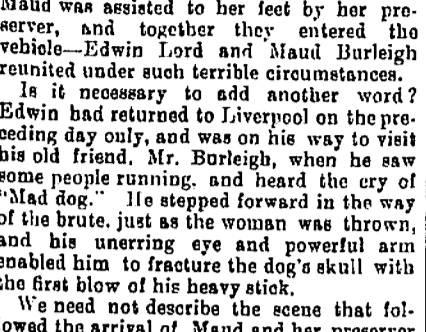
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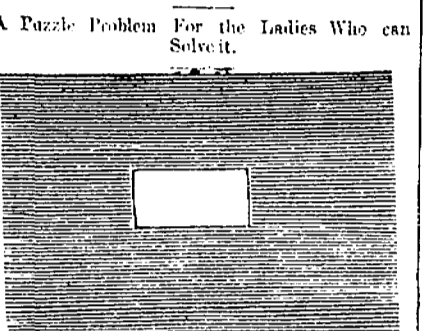


Answers to Puzzles.

The Diamond Puzzle.

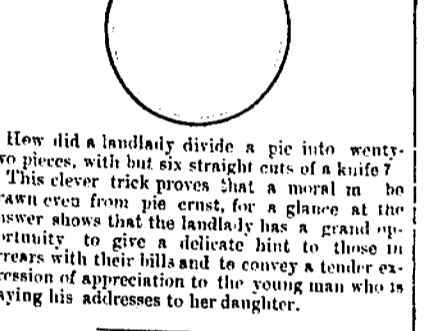


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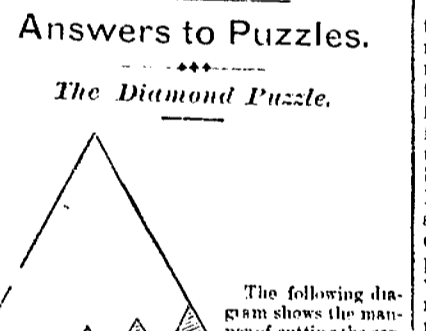


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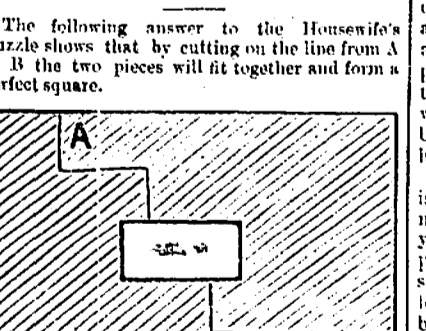
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The following answer to the Housewife's Puzzle shows that by cutting on the line from A to B the two pieces will fit together and form a perfect square.



The following is the answer to the puzzle, showing how the boarding-house pie lady divided her pie into twenty-two pieces with six straight cuts. It will be seen that each cut crosses all the others, which is the key to the trick. A plan suggested to double up the pie and cut through



pile of half a dozen pieces at one fell swoop will prove a lamentable failure on warm mince and custard, and won't work.

At this joyous season of the year, when the heart overflows with "good will to men," women and children, what theme more appropriate than the heart of giving, for it is an art, and can be cultivated to perfection. Let us see how. Every one is for and expects a Christmas present, and they style it in Great Britain, "a Christmas box." Sad and lonely indeed must be the lot of him who has no one to whom he can send him a Christmas greeting in the shape of a card. We wonder how many rich people will realize the power of the Lord's words: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Surely there are many who can pleasure themselves to humanity than the power of making of their happy, to bring comfort to the needy, mirth to the sad, joy to the miserable—to be able to fill the hearts of those around us with the glow of a joyful gladness that finds vent in thanksgiving to a Higher Power, who has made us the glad instrument of His bounty, from whom all things come. And yet with how little discrimination this power seems to be used. To the young completely married, already laden with bridal silver and costly bric-a-brac, is sent more spoons and forks, or China-drawer sets; to the old lady whose wealth makes her one of the most conspicuous and esthetic features of the society, children are given doll upon doll of the most elaborate make and get-up; for the dolls of today boast of as varied and elegant wardrobe as their prototypes of the society belles. Yet no one thinks how dear to the heart of the child would be a good old-fashioned doll, and a bedroom set, or kitchen furniture, to play hours with in a corner of the room.

Perhaps the most difficult present to make is to one who has been better days; sadly in need of substantial rather than showy gifts, yet ever sensitive on the subject of being noticed by the society. But a judicious and skillful management will transform the longed-for garment and timely change into a blessing from above. What fun to fill father's stocking with a nice half dozen handkerchiefs in the corner of the room. The young daughter has embroidered, with so much pride in her first effort, her initials. Handkerchiefs are always useful to mothers, well as father, and when beautiful with gay borders and fine embroidery, equally valued by the girls, too. For a young lady one of the most acceptable gifts we know is gloves. Books are not always appreciated, and have been scornfully thrown aside (because unsolicited) by many a girl. But books have been brought to such a pitch of estimation, their price can become almost sinful—so much money can be squandered on them, which would give vastly more pleasure and profit if turned into other channels. Toys, too, while very beautiful, and in some cases highly prized, are a medium of much waste of money, and we fear, valued in many instances for the amount spent upon them rather than for their intrinsic beauty and fragrance.

Just fancy what genuine happiness it would be to a struggling housewife to have some kind friend send her an order on a leading grocer, with a few graceful words to the effect that "she could make so much better selections herself," etc., or some good fairy send mysteriously a ton of good coal, or Nellie find a parcel from a friend, which on opening proves to be the very thing her heart has been craving. Oh! there is no end to the devices—of being in need—of the ways and means of driving joy and peace to many a weary home and sad heart this blessed Christmas season. Not a gift, nor of necessity, therefore, but with loving heart and open hand, as far as lies within our power, may we all give presents that will indeed bring to others as well as to ourselves—A Merry Christmas.

Things Are Different Now.

My dear! things are altered now. Sit! I have a letter from Mrs. Pride's on the place of Common Sense. An 'like this is false. The noisy brawling along the streets. Are these the former times. The old cock mediae eras; the young Nae langer frae him leorns. My Tam, a lad o' seventeen. An' weel they posted on their slung—Bings, beders, bonifiers, clyngs. I tell him politicians now. Are we what they were? If what is said of them be true But Tammy laughs at me.

'Why, mither, I have heard them grand Snaid, bairn, like anything. Like bairns they are. Mither those outside the ring. In half an hour about their cups. He has made them agree. I ken the ropes an' what's what. Quoth Tammy, wi'—'Thee!

The names afore the holy name. We gied our hearts o' yore. No longer are their modern taste—Our Ellen's lemons. An' dennis, for auncie named. No longer is our dennis, but Benfriehied—Jennette.

I wonder where their pride will end; 'Twas just the other day I let her see down to the Rock. To see auld things. Beside a youth I sat me down, I saw his teeth was false; But ere we had a blocks I found The laddie was a lass.

Her jaunty hat a nicker coat. At first I saw my view! But aye, I saw my error in Her dress, trimmed in blue. A child, a steep in eclogue. Her heart's kindly spirit. Addressed her, an' as to me. The better man appear.

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Poetry.

Barbaric Indignation.

A grim barbarian warrior heard How Christ was crucified; How meek and uncomplainingly He bowed his head and died...

Poetry.

In The Conservatory.

We sat beneath the foliage green, Where we could watch the dance unseen And undisturbed, while 'midst the gloom...

Christmas, And Its Suggestions.

It would seem, after Washington Irving and Dickens, as if nothing were to be said of Christmas. And yet the word unlocks the heart to-day...

the Christmas-tree, the eternal and consecrated mother-love; the good cheer, evincing forethought, good housewifery and hospitality...

Christmas is kept splendidly in Yorkshire; and the preparations begin weeks before, when the "wassail" (wassell, wassil) cup singers go about for three weeks before Christmas...

High in the cheerful fire Is blazing even the enormous Christmas brand. In the noblest English houses of to-day they observe the old peasant superstition of lighting the Yule-log...

pleasure which it was to hunt for one's own name. The Mayflower, which brought so much "ill-considered lumber," did not bring over a Christmas-tree. It was not until the beginning of the present century that one could be discovered anywhere near to Plymouth Rock...

was sung even by men who had had Puritan forefathers, and old Christmas came to America, and came to stay—and the mistletoe, protitist, most weird, and most attractive of parasites, was removed from its melancholy Druidical associations...

learning, lore and legend of Christmas—how better confine religious feeling and innocent recollections, than by making the precious festival the cause of joy to aching hearts, the outflowing of im-poverished lives? We would not...

No; we would make it that minor key in our joyous Christmas Carol; that key which unlocked the tight prison where Blue-nosed Seneca kept his heart. We would have it overflow on Tiny Tim, and every one who suffers. We would keep up the work which Dickens wrought at faithfully—bringing the rich to the poor in these winter days...

A CHANGED CORPSE.

A Story of Two Far Apart Christmas Days.

John Wilde was a First Lieutenant of a marching regiment and the girl (of course there must be a girl in every romance) was Denise Fayle, daughter of the commandant of the detachment, stationed at Wellington, N.Z. She was French on her mother's side, which gave to her that swiftness of thought and promptness of action in emergency...

John Wilde fell in love with her, not for what she was, but for what she might be. He was a strong, self-reliant, with unbounded depths in his character, for of these he knew as few men know. He was a man, and such influence as he could bear would be made to bear to him. He was well along in years for his rank, and he knew that the time must inevitably come when he should need all the influence of higher powers to keep his commission, and an officer will do more to retain his commission than he will to keep his health, his honor, or even his life...

Wilde was not a man who was easily deceived. He was a man who was well along in years for his rank, and he knew that the time must inevitably come when he should need all the influence of higher powers to keep his commission, and an officer will do more to retain his commission than he will to keep his health, his honor, or even his life...

After taking a long and delightful wedding trip, a whim came to him to visit his old home in New South Wales. He had grown quite fond of the sweet woman who was his wife, and proud of her, as he began to realize that she was the strength of her nature. And up there, among his people, Mrs. Wilde found out the secret of her husband's life, which he had kept from her during the weeks of their marriage...

Against the time when he should crave it, he supplied himself with the choicest and strongest of drinks. He studied up the symptoms of an venereal disease, and, affecting them, confessed to the surgeon, in a burst of confidence, that he was a sufferer therefrom, and begged that the knowledge should be between themselves alone, as he dreaded the reputation of an invalid, which really his healthy appearance seemed to contradict. The army surgeon, as a rule, is not overburdened with professional acquaintance...

this information. Russell Wilde had all the brother love of his brother-in-law, and he was a man who was well along in years for his rank, and he knew that the time must inevitably come when he should need all the influence of higher powers to keep his commission...

She went back to New Zealand, and Wilde, a different man, applied for a commission. His parents died, three children were born to Denise, and seven years passed. He was a student; his life was full, with the exception of the loss of his brother's wife and the widow's remarriage. Denise and his wife had a son, who was a student; his life was full, with the exception of the loss of his brother's wife and the widow's remarriage...

She was in mortal danger, as the doctor said. He might go to bed, but he would not get up. He might go to bed, but he would not get up. He might go to bed, but he would not get up. He might go to bed, but he would not get up...

The whole garrison was in a state of anxiety the next day. Lieutenant Wilde had been seen for the better, as sudden as it was unexpected. The next day was Christmas, and he was in his bed from heart disease, and he had long continued unconscious, as the doctor said. Lieutenant Wilde applied to the doctor, saying to me, in a faint, but clear voice, "I am now in the streets of Melbourne, and I suppose I am the only person who has ever held the rank of captain in the army, and no more right to his position than the harrikin in Melbourne."

But it is even so; and I am not sure that I think how simple the process was. I saw through it all, and I am sure that the Government was benefited by it. I think that I pitied Mrs. Wilde, and that the ingenuity which prompted the skill which carried out the plan, had been exposed. The doctor, who had taken from her at once means of relief, herself and little ones, position was more to her than all other things. A wedding trip is not supposed to be a season of rest to a man, and it was what that voyage was to Denise, for he was married to his bride the night before they sailed. "Scribner," said old Mr. Hume, "I think to your clerk after thinking for a time: 'did you ever notice that a woman always gets into bed as though she was going up stairs?'" The clerk blushed, and answered that he never had. "They do, though," continued Mr. Hume; "now, a man just sits down on the edge of a bed and swings gets right up to his feet, as though he was going to work. Fanny Dickens never worked a day of her life, and she was a woman of human nature into some of his 'ain't it?'" Mr. Scribner said it was, and he put the tale on his typewriter where he left off. A baker seldom does any kind of work. Most young men admire Browning, and pretty country maidens a dusky cheek.

Christmas in Many Lands.

This illustration which we present in this page of this issue, will serve to convey to our readers a pretty good idea of how the great feast of Christendom is celebrated in various countries. And a very little reflection will show them the vast influence of Christmas, as factor in social and religious matters. Let carpers say what they may, Christmas brings to the world, upon each returning celebration, a wonderful amount of happiness to poor humanity. The bilious sceptic may rail at Christmas as a merely representing a heathen festival; the annual Saturnalia by the Romans, or the bestial orgies of Druidic superstition. But, what then? To the Christian thought it has but one meaning—it is symbolic of the great event which revolutionised the world, which brought hope to the despairing, light to the darkened, and expiations in object of unbelief, or still worse, of paganism. Christmas gave Christ the Saviour to the world, and that circumstance is all-sufficient to give it its hold upon the Christian section of humanity. No class is free from that influence; indeed, as is fitting, Christmas has a stronger hold perhaps upon the poor, the workers of the world, than upon the rich and favoured. These last, of necessity, care less for those associations which are so dear to the toiler. Wealth loves not simplicity, and the simple teachings of Christmas, of love, of goodwill, and charity, seem to us to be better learned in the cottage than in the palace. At any rate, our illustration shows clearly how the "people" enjoy Christmas. To be sure we have the somewhat incongruous picture of a bewildered Rajah, invited to partake of the Christmas cheer which has been sent by loving hands to the English sailors. But the worthy knows nothing of the sentiment of Christmas, and without doing it, beneath all his politeness and suavity, he is moved to great contempt by this queer custom of Christmas as observed by his foreign masters. He knows nothing of the sentimental aspect of that plum pudding of which he is invited to partake, and would, we dare say, as soon feast from a fillet of the tiger which has been slain by the party.

A more significant spectacle is that of one of our Jack Tars in Sydney Harbour splicing a bunch of Australian holly to the main royal mast truck. We may be sure that Jack and his companions will drink to sweethearts and wives, and that many a stout and honest heart will pulsate with love and kindness as its own dear friends and loved ones in that isle wherein Christmas is kept so royally. But Christmas is kept everywhere in noble fashion—in no country more so than in Russia, where the simple descendant of the heathen Scythian gives all the gratitude of his heart to the symbols he worships on that day. The churches are alive, day and night, with worshippers; the tea houses and taverns ring with the laughter and song of revellers—for, in truth, your Russian has so happy a way of combining his religious duties with festive observances, that he may be said to be alternately devout, with worship, and with grass throughout the feast. But he is always kindly and hospitable, gallant and good natured. In the rural districts it is the fashion for the young maidens of a commune to assemble at some house, and there take part in an interesting ceremony. They are all seated in a row, with ribbon round the waist, and with a heavy cargo of human hopes "against time," and most successfully. She also has a long list of legends of the little German boy who watches the stork on the roof; the coming Kris Kringle; and who goes with the sad-eyed father-father to see him out the log which shall burn for the twelve sacred days. All nations have thus striven from the earliest antiquity to throw a magic mantle over the dreary days of winter; and all must be struck, as they read the ancient, beautiful story, with the resemblance in all customs and superstitions. Everywhere the Yule-log, signifying light and warmth;

For them we revive all the legends; for them we read of "The Little Russian Amid his Snows," of the Roman boy who watches with delight the preparation for the Yule-log in the public squares of Rome. For the Jew, the illustration shows clearly how the "people" enjoy Christmas. To be sure we have the somewhat incongruous picture of a bewildered Rajah, invited to partake of the Christmas cheer which has been sent by loving hands to the English sailors. But the worthy knows nothing of the sentiment of Christmas, and without doing it, beneath all his politeness and suavity, he is moved to great contempt by this queer custom of Christmas as observed by his foreign masters. He knows nothing of the sentimental aspect of that plum pudding of which he is invited to partake, and would, we dare say, as soon feast from a fillet of the tiger which has been slain by the party.

He hears the most charming music and singing, chorists swaying the censer before the host; above his head St. Michael fights with the dragon, and he sees the splendid procession of the cardinals in their gorgeous red and white robes, and as he goes down the steps, at each side of which beautiful statues stand in niches, his mother, poor Domine, peasant of Campagna, kneels and makes worship, and tells her boys that this is "Christmas"—the day on which the Jesus-child was born, to take all his sins away. Again she kneels, with her head through the market-place; every one gives him playthings, fruits and cakes; a rich foreigner tosses him a coin. The host asks why. And his mother tells him it is Christmas—the glad day when Christ was born—and she says, with a sigh, that it was much sayer when she was a little girl; for that the pifferari—the shepherd from the mountains—in their short cloaks, with ribbon round the neck, and with a heavy cargo of human hopes before every image of the Virgin. Then they go again to the church—the beautiful church of Ara Colli—to hear the angel-girls who make Christmas speeches to welcome the Jesus-child; and little Antonio wishes that it were Christmas all the year round; for the rich splendor of the church so dazzles him. An affectionate impostor, known as Mamma in all languages, is thus apt to revive, often, the well-known legend of Santa Claus, whose reindeer team has made better time than any horse who ever won the Derby; having trotted down the Druidic yet seems to have disappeared out of England for a series of centuries. Meantime it went over to Germany, where, under the tender, and soft Scandinavian influence which has such an admirable and ameliorating effect on homely German life, it has continued to bear its various fruit for six hundred years. It came back to England, under Queen Charlotte, who led her German associations, regularly had one dressed up, at Kent Palace, in the rooms of her German attendant. "It was hung," writes the Hon. Amelia Murray, "with gifts for the children, who were invited to see; and I remember the

with milk, sugar, wine, spices and rasins is served, also mince-pies and plum-puddings. The Christmas pie of Yorkshire is a "bra' goose pie"—which Herrick, in one of his delightful verses, thus describes: "Come guard this night the Christmas pie That the thief, though ne'er so sly, With his flesh-hooks, don't come nigh To catch it." From him all who stow this there, Having his eyes still in his care, And a deal of nightly fear, To watch it."

This was one of the famous songs of the Waits, or singing-boys, who go about London still, singing their Christmas Carols. This is a very poetical, suggestive custom, that we might well introduce into our practical Australian life. The Christmas-tree comes down from the Druids, yet seems to have disappeared out of England for a series of centuries. Meantime it went over to Germany, where, under the tender, and soft Scandinavian influence which has such an admirable and ameliorating effect on homely German life, it has continued to bear its various fruit for six hundred years. It came back to England, under Queen Charlotte, who led her German associations, regularly had one dressed up, at Kent Palace, in the rooms of her German attendant. "It was hung," writes the Hon. Amelia Murray, "with gifts for the children, who were invited to see; and I remember the

and even introducing upon the olive-branch of the Greeks; for the mistletoe was carried in the old day from house to house. "The righteous branch which health all anger and old wounds;" the dove's branch, the pledge of Resurrection. To children of a larger growth, these anniversaries are apt to be sad. They speak to us of those who are not, and of parting footfalls, whose echo is but the beating of our own hearts. We no longer, like the jolly English squires of a century ago, can eat and drink and be merry for seven days; the wassail-bowl is broken at the fountain, and mince pies, and goose-pies, and Yule-cakes, disagree with the degenerate dispositions. Our Christmas Yule-log must be lighted for others; our feast must go to the poor, the sick, the weary. Yonder hospital, where lies the wounded boy, the over-worked woman, the dying girl, there must grow the best Christmas-tree, there can we sing our carols, and there can we light the Yule-log. If all the money which is daily spent in luxury could for twelve days be spent in that beneficence which gladdens the heart of the poor, what a Christmas would resound from earth to heaven in these clear, starry nights, which recall the vision of the Shepherds. How could one better consecrate the delightful reminiscences of early life, how better wreath the cross of a lifelong sorrow—how better emphasize all the

mas and humanity, and "May the green holly tree flourish, striking its roots deep into our Anglo-Saxon ground. It is only by planting this tree, and tending it, that we can furnish for the future that Yule-log, whose fire once lighted—the sacred fire of hospitality and benevolence—shall never go out on these shores, to which the poor of the Old World are directing their steps—"the poor whom you have always with you." M. E. W. S.

A Rural Symphony.

"If there's anything on top of this created air that I do jist natchelly love, it's good music," said old Mrs. Beggs. "I've read 'n' heard tell of the great exhibition symphony concerts, but I ain't a idee that they ever come up to the music I hear when I'm visitin' down to my brother Aaron's, in Buynip Township, last week. He's got the mistletoe family! And of an evenin' he'd git out his fiddle, his wife would play the melody, his darter Harriet the accordion, his son Jack the guitar, his other darter the banjo, his little boy Tom the juke-harp, the farm man the bones, the servant girl a triangle, and his son-in-law a big bass viol, and they'd all hammer and toot and blow and scrape away at one time; and mebbe they'd all sing Christmas hymns, in their jist own way. It was sweet. All it needed to make it perfect was somebody to rattle away on a good tenner drum; an' Aaron's third boy is learnin' on that."

Among his own people who knew of his weakness, and removed from the disciplinary restraints of garrison life, he made use of no precautionary measures, and the fact that she had married a drunkard burst upon his young wife with a blinding sense of shame, terror and humiliation. She thought he was ill unto death until the fine, but some backler brother-in-law she had found in Australia took her out for a long walk along the hard, breezy roadway on that warm December morning, and told her how it was. It was her Christmas gift,

pleasure which it was to hunt for one's own name. The Mayflower, which brought so much "ill-considered lumber," did not bring over a Christmas-tree. It was not until the beginning of the present century that one could be discovered anywhere near to Plymouth Rock. Men and women, not very old, can remember when the "Sketchbook," told the pleasant story of an English Christmas—and some brave women dared to hang a few green boughs and red berries in the church. Then the evergreen tree began to "bud and bourgeon" with gifts; the rare glories of color crept in upon the snows of winter. The red fire on the hearth, the red berries on the mantel, brought in the light which was hidden in the heavens; the hospitality and cheer of the wassail-cup went round. "He gives me wassail-cups to drink Filled to the brim," was sung even by men who had had Puritan forefathers, and old Christmas came to America, and came to stay—and the mistletoe, protitist, most weird, and most attractive of parasites, was removed from its melancholy Druidical associations, and no longer assists at human sacrifice, unless some misogynist may so endeavor the getting of husbands. The oak has never lost its reputation for sanctity and should still be consecrated to Jove, that gay and love-making deity, for from the Christmas-tree to the mistletoe-bough, we are leading the children up to the young man

John Wilde fell in love with her, not for what she was, but for what she might be. He was a strong, self-reliant, with unbounded depths in his character, for of these he knew as few men know. He was a man, and such influence as he could bear would be made to bear to him. He was well along in years for his rank, and he knew that the time must inevitably come when he should need all the influence of higher powers to keep his commission, and an officer will do more to retain his commission than he will to keep his health, his honor, or even his life. And so John Wilde married Denise Denise he never knew, but when she found out what he was, she would despise him. About this time Lieutenant Wilde was in need of a henchman, and he had a raw recruit who had been in the army barely a fortnight. The man was a little fellow, though he was a good natured, and in a serious attack of malarium it would be difficult to get him to do anything. His father was dead, and his mother had no record to fall back upon in a court martial. About this time Lieutenant Wilde was in need of a henchman, and he had a raw recruit who had been in the army barely a fortnight. The man was a little fellow, though he was a good natured, and in a serious attack of malarium it would be difficult to get him to do anything. His father was dead, and his mother had no record to fall back upon in a court martial. About this time Lieutenant Wilde was in need of a henchman, and he had a raw recruit who had been in the army barely a fortnight. The man was a little fellow, though he was a good natured, and in a serious attack of malarium it would be difficult to get him to do anything. His father was dead, and his mother had no record to fall back upon in a court martial.

After taking a long and delightful wedding trip, a whim came to him to visit his old home in New South Wales. He had grown quite fond of the sweet woman who was his wife, and proud of her, as he began to realize that she was the strength of her nature. And up there, among his people, Mrs. Wilde found out the secret of her husband's life, which he had kept from her during the weeks of their marriage. He was a man who was well along in years for his rank, and he knew that the time must inevitably come when he should need all the influence of higher powers to keep his commission, and an officer will do more to retain his commission than he will to keep his health, his honor, or even his life. He was a man who was well along in years for his rank, and he knew that the time must inevitably come when he should need all the influence of higher powers to keep his commission, and an officer will do more to retain his commission than he will to keep his health, his honor, or even his life. He was a man who was well along in years for his rank, and he knew that the time must inevitably come when he should need all the influence of higher powers to keep his commission, and an officer will do more to retain his commission than he will to keep his health, his honor, or even his life.

Against the time when he should crave it, he supplied himself with the choicest and strongest of drinks. He studied up the symptoms of an venereal disease, and, affecting them, confessed to the surgeon, in a burst of confidence, that he was a sufferer therefrom, and begged that the knowledge should be between themselves alone, as he dreaded the reputation of an invalid, which really his healthy appearance seemed to contradict. The army surgeon, as a rule, is not overburdened with professional acquaintance. Once each three months regularly, he drank himself insane, with the strongest symptoms, but very few people, even his intimates, knew it. Knowing exactly when his fits would approach, he had prepared for them with an amount of precision that would do justice to a commander marshalling his forces. He was an able actor. One day, he happened to meet one brighter than his fellows, but found him not impertinent to handsome gifts, gold-headed walking sticks, curios in carved ivory, valuable paintings, a watch and chain of exquisite workmanship, and even a lot of ready money; that there was no account made, and the one clever surgeon he found was drawn over to secrecy. So once in three months Wilde was put on the sick report for from three to five days, and was attended variously with alleged gastritis, neuralgia, tonsillitis, &c. The rest of the time he was a strong temperance man. Among his own people who knew of his weakness, and removed from the disciplinary restraints of garrison life, he made use of no precautionary measures, and the fact that she had married a drunkard burst upon his young wife with a blinding sense of shame, terror and humiliation. She thought he was ill unto death until the fine, but some backler brother-in-law she had found in Australia took her out for a long walk along the hard, breezy roadway on that warm December morning, and told her how it was. It was her Christmas gift,



A rolling-pin gathers a good deal of dough.

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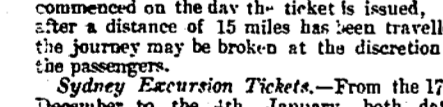
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Sydney Excursion Tickets.—From the 17th December to the 4th January, both days inclusive, Excursion Tickets will be issued at Melbourne to Sydney, at the following return fares: 1st class £13 6s. 6d.; 2nd class return, 2s. 1s. These tickets will be available for return for two calendar months from date of issue, but will not be available by the express trains on the New South Wales line.

Adelaide Excursion Tickets.—From the 17th December to the 4th January, both days inclusive, Excursion Tickets, available by express and ordinary trains, will be issued at Melbourne to Adelaide at the following return fares: 1st class £12 2s. 6d.; 2nd class return, 2s. 1s. These tickets will be available for return for two months from date of issue. Fares to and from other international stations proportionately low.

Hobart Excursion Tickets.—From the 17th December to the 4th January, both days inclusive, Excursion Tickets, available by express and ordinary trains on a line, will be issued at Melbourne to Hobart at the following return fares: 1st class £10; 2nd class £8 10s. 6d. These tickets will be available for return for two months from date of issue. The journey can be broken.

Luggage.—Excursion passengers to and from stations in Victoria will be allowed to carry such luggage free as can be stowed under the seats without inconvenience to other passengers, and those who have luggage for the van are required to be at the station half-an-hour before the train starts. Stamped parcels rates will be charged for it. All luggage should be plainly addressed with the owner's name and the station it is for.

Horses and Vehicles.—From the 20th December to the 5th January, both days inclusive, the Department cannot engage to forward horses and vehicles by passenger trains, unless accompanied by a driver or groom, and such accommodation can be provided by special arrangement.

Commercial Travellers' Samples.—From the 2nd December to the 5th January, both days inclusive, commercial travellers' samples can only be taken from the inside stations by rail or goods trains.

Goods and Holiday.—The 25th and 26th December and the 1st January will be public holidays in the road branch, and goods trains will not run. Perishable goods will, however, be delivered at all stations on application. Consignees of goods can ascertain from the stationmaster at Beaufort when explosives will be received in lieu of these dates.

Station Excursions.—The issue of these tickets at the principal stations will continue as already advertised.

By order of the Commissioners, P. P. LAHERTUQUE, Secretary for Railways.

THE ELECTORAL ACT AMENDMENT ACT 1888.

PREPARATION OF THE FIRST GENERAL LISTS FOR THE NEW ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.

It is hereby notified that the first General Lists of Non-paying Electors for the Legislative Assembly for the new Electoral Districts must be prepared during the week ending the 1st January proximo, and that persons who have not already enrolled may do so by obtaining Electors' Rights from the Registrar for their respective Divisions or their Deputies. It is further notified that every present holder of an Elector's Right, whose name is, in accordance with the provisions of the above Act, placed upon a General List for a new and different Division to that mentioned in such right will be entitled to vote within such new and different Division, and that it will not be necessary for such person to obtain a new Right.

Plans and descriptions of the boundaries of the new Electoral Districts and Divisions can be seen at the offices of all Electoral Registrars and Deputy Electoral Registrars, and at the offices of the several town clerks and shire secretaries.

T. R. WILSON, Under Secretary. Chief Secretary's Office, Melbourne, 22nd December, 1888.

Public Notices.

FOUND, on Christmas Day.—Pair COLORED GLASSES in Case. Owner can have by paying for this advertisement. Apply "Riponshire Advocate" Office.

SHIRE OF RIPON NOTICE is hereby given that the Next Ordinary Meeting of the Council of this Shire will be held on the second Thursday in January, in lieu of the first Thursday.

D. G. STEWART, Shire Secretary. Riponshire Offices, Beaufort, 27th December, 1888.

SHIRE OF RIPON TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing 5 per cent. deposit, will be received up till 11 a.m. on Thursday, 10th January, for the following WORKS:—

NORTH RIDING. Contract No. 452.—Forming and graveling 150 chains of the Trawalla and Carghnan road and building culverts, &c.

Contract No. 453.—Making footpaths in Market Square, and forming 9 chains of Gregory Street, Beaufort.

Contract No. 454.—Clearing 50 chains of road between Topper's and Brentnall's paddocks, and making crossing.

EAST RIDING. Contract No. 342.—Forming and graveling 16 chains of road between the Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley, and J. Ryan's, and repairing the old road.

Contract No. 343.—Forming and graveling 40 chains, and making pipe culvert on the road between Whittall's and Liddle's, Gum Flat.

Contract No. 344.—Making 14.50 chains of metal road, and supplying 470 yards of blue metal on the Carghnan and Ballarat roads, and 150 yards of quartz on the Camed road.

WEST RIDING. Contract No. 222.—Making 70.50 chains of metal road, and building culverts on the road in the parish of Moalback, north of Stoneleigh.

Plans and specifications may be seen at the Shire Office, Beaufort, and those for the East Riding at the Greyhound Hotel, Snake Valley. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

H. H. JACKSON, Shire Engineer. Riponshire Offices, Beaufort, 27th December, 1888.

Wanted Known. SENT POST FREE FOR £1.—Plain Home Talk, Coming Events, Handbook of New Zealand, The Terraces before and after the Eruptions.

Six Novels, Six Journals, Six Songs, with Music, Six Illustrated Papers, NEW ZEALAND NEWS DEPOT, 154 King Street, Melbourne.

Caution. ANY PERSON found TRESPASSING on the Langi Kal Estate, with Dogs or Guns, or Lighting Fires, after this Notice, will be PROCEEDED AGAINST.

THOS. TINDALE, Manager. ANY Person TRESPASSING on Stoneleigh in pursuit of game will be PROCEEDED against this date.

WILLIAM LEWIS, Stoneleigh, 26th December, 1888.

ANY Person TRESPASSING on a Mawalok after this date in pursuit of game will be PROCEEDED.

GEORGE LEWIS, Mawalok, 26th December, 1888.

FOR SALE, SECOND-HAND REAPING MACHINE. Apply W. Smith, Beaufort.

[A CARD.] DR. ADAM, M.B., C.M., MAY BE CONSULTED AT ANY HOUR, Next Door to Mr. A. Andrews, Chemist.

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY, 29th DECEMBER.

LOCAL & GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

CHRISTMAS.—The festive season of 1888 is now one of the things of the past. The chief feature of the 25th was the great heat and unpleasantness of the weather, and the tremendous bushfires which swept across the ranges during the day.

A large number of visitors came to Beaufort by train to spend their holidays, and a few residents departed with a view to visit the great Exhibition and other places.

AN ENGINE-DRIVER SUNSTROCK.—The engine-driver on the 9.30 train from Stawell on Monday night had a painful experience on arriving at Beaufort. During the afternoon he received a slight sunstroke, but felt no ill-effects until his arrival at Beaufort. He brought his train on all right and arrived to time; but was seized with a very peculiar and painful

sensation, which caused him to feel that it would not be safe for him to take the train on. He went to the stationmaster and explained the case to him as best he was able, and Dr Nolan was sent for. The young man, whose name is O'Loughlin, is a capable driver, and his case created a deal of sympathy from passengers and railway officials, and every attention was paid him. Word was sent to Ararat, and another driver arrived by a later train and took the 9.30 on, O'Loughlin being sent home under orders from the doctor. The traffic was in no way interfered with, but the train was delayed till about four o'clock a.m. The passengers were in no way put out by the delay; in fact they rather enjoyed the extensive privilege of getting a good breath of fresh air.

DANGER FROM FIRE.—Owing to the extreme dryness of the weather pastoralists are beginning to fear that great damage may be done by shooting parties in the way of firing the grass. Mr Wm. Lewis of Stoneleigh, and Mr George Lewis of Mawalok have taken the precaution to advertise that until rain comes trespassers on their estates will be prosecuted. The courtesy of these gentlemen on all occasions in allowing sportsmen to enter their property should reasonably command a respect to this request.

OUR SUPPLEMENTS.—We present to our readers to-day two supplements, viz, the ordinary sheet that accompanies the "Riponshire Advocate" weekly, and a sheet calendar for 1889. In the former, a new tale commences, entitled "The Midnight Prophecy; or the heir of Strathspire Towers." It is a story of remarkable power, from the pen of Emma (arison Jones). There is also a number of short pithy stories, and several interesting pieces of prose and poetry.

"PROFESSOR ST. LEGER."—Professor St. Leger, who came to Ararat a few weeks ago and gave a series of horse-taming exhibitions in the Agricultural Show Yards, appears to have fallen upon troublous times, as he was before the Court on Thursday morning, charged with being a lunatic at large. After the exhibition of horse-taming given in aid of the Ararat Hospital, the professor put up at a hotel in the town and started a Crinkling butch which has only now been terminated. On Wednesday he left the town and proceeded to Ross's Bridge, but there he developed the hallucination that several persons, tempted by the greed for gold, desired to murder him. He asserts that two men got into the bedroom he was sleeping in and ransacked his pockets. Not finding the wealth they anticipated they read a testimonial which showed that the professor had given an exhibition before 1200 people in New Zealand, which proved of a most successful character. The men appear to have arrived at a not illogical conclusion, for they at once remarked—"This man must have gold; look at his pockets." Hearing this the professor threw the men his satchel, which contained more testimonials, hoping to divert their attention from himself by tactics common to those who hunt the wolf, or vice versa. He then fled, but was pursued by the would-be robbers and assassins, and being handicapped by the weight of his clothes he divested himself of everything but his shirt and boots, and thus attired he sought protection at the house of a farmer. Here, being naked and afflicted, he was taken in and clothed and comforted, and subsequently sent to Ararat as a lunatic. He was remanded at the court for further examination.—"Advertiser."

A STRANGE MONOMANIAC.—Mental Malady, observes the "Evening Standard," assumes at times strange forms. A case in point is that of the unfortunate young lady, Julia Boole, who resided with her parents at New York, and who recently destroyed herself by poison. The deceased, who was handsome, well-grown, and twenty-seven years of age, had, since sixteen, been afflicted with a fixed idea which nothing could shake—namely, that she was a creature monstrous to behold, horrible in her ugliness, and a disgrace to humanity. In vain her mirror was placed before her eyes by her anxious parents. The poor girl turned shuddering away from it, and any attempt to force her to look at herself provoked a nervous crisis. Suitors for her hand presented themselves merely to be rejected by this unhappy monomaniac, who shrunk from the thought of marriage lest she might become the mother of monsters like herself, and be an object of disgust and aversion for her husband. After living for ten years with this idea haunting her, she committed suicide, leaving behind her a letter for her distressed parents, explaining that she felt it to be her duty to rid society of a being so deformed and so frightful to look upon as herself.

A MONSTER CABBAGE.—Mr. E. Smith last evening presented us with an enormous cabbage, grown in his garden, Pratt street. The specimen is one of several that he has allowed to grow to their full size, and measures 5 feet 6 inches in circumference; 2 feet 7 inches across, and stood 3 feet 5 inches from the ground. The seed of this monster was obtained from Gippsland, but the variety he cannot name. The heart is perfect and quite solid, and the leaves are quite young and tender, each measuring about 2 feet across.

A DONATION OF COSTS.—The Ballarat Hospital collector desires to acknowledge the receipt of £3 18s from Mr. James Bowes, of Waterloo, being costs awarded at the Beaufort Police Court in a case in which he was plaintiff.

Christmas Holidays.

THE WEATHER.

The Christmas Day of 1888, now an event of the past, will be remembered for some time past as the most disagreeable and hottest day for a long time past. The morning broke dull, without any sign of rain, but the sun subsequently came out very warm, and at 9 o'clock people made up their minds that there was to be a genuine scorcher. In this surmise they were not out of their reckoning. At about 2 o'clock the thermometer registered over 102 degrees in the shade and two hours later 107. This latter heat was no doubt caused by the proximity to the town of an immense bushfire, which swept from the direction of Raglan across the ranges and valleys to the Waterloo road in about a couple of hours. Volumes upon volumes of thick black smoke, with occasional bursts of flame could be observed at short intervals. Twice or three times during the day, the alarm bell called out the firemen, many of whom were at work till late at night. Messrs Rogers and Conway, who reside on the Waterloo road, had a narrow escape from being burnt out, and undoubtedly they would have been but for the timely assistance of the firemen. The former gentleman, however, has suffered the loss of a 20 acre paddock of good grass. At one time it was rumoured that both parties were entirely burnt out; but we are pleased to learn that it was only a foundationless rumour. The firemen are entitled to very great credit for their promptitude in responding to the call, the majority of them being called out early, working all day without bite or sup, and when it is considered that their Christmas dinners were on the table, it cannot be said that the motto "Ever Ready" is not upheld by the Beaufort firemen. A very strong north wind was blowing all day, and the fire having obtained a good hold of the timber in the ranges, it will be some time before it is put out. On the following day the wind blew strongly from north-east, and about mid-day, the smoke and flames appeared unpleasantly close to the town side of the Camp hill, and a fear was entertained that the brigade would be again called out. Fortunately it was not so, and their annual sports were not interfered with from this cause. The fire remained burning all night, occasionally sending up flames distinctly visible from Beaufort, and the whole sky was bright with the reflection.

The weather on Boxing Day was nearly as unpleasantly hot up to three o'clock as Christmas Day; the wind then rose in the south-east, veering to all points, and there was every indication of a coming storm. Ominous looking clouds gathered overhead, and numbers wended their way homewards to escape what promised to be a severe drenching. Dust swept in diminutive whirlwinds here, there, and everywhere, and the temperature became too cold for those in light costumes to remain so dressed. This state of affairs continued at evening, and materially affected the attendance at the concert.

CHRISTMAS DAY. In the morning appropriate services were conducted in the Church of England and Primitive Methodist Church, when sermons were preached by Revs. C. M. Lowe and H. Heathershaw respectively, the attendances, however, being small.

In the afternoon, a cricket match was played on the Beaufort ground between the South Imperial (Ballarat) and Beaufort elevens; and the respective captains were Messrs Ike Davis and W. Trompf, and the umpires Messrs G. and C. Trompf. The Ballarat team went to the wickets first, and commenced very well, 11 runs being scored before Gibson got a good ball past Garnham, who retired with a well got 9. Parkes, A. Cripps, and Stone were the only other batsmen who scored, the last wicket falling for 30 runs. Several good catches were made, especially by E. Trompf at long field. The South Imperials then took the field, Humphreys and A. Trompf taking a first ball. The latter soon retired, and E. Trompf filled the vacant crease, only to come away again. He received a bumpy ball on the chest, which glanced off to the wicket. Carmichael followed. On the highest score was made by W. Trompf, who was ultimately bowled by G. Cripps for 31, Harry Trompf being next highest with a good 20. Humphreys kept up his wicket for a long time, but eventually succumbed to Wasley for 14. The innings closed for 93 or 63 in advance of their opponents. There was no time for a second innings on each side to be finished, but the Imperials sent nine men in to fill up time, but a further interest was taken in the game,

which was decided by the first inning.

The following are the scores:—

Table with columns for batsmen and runs. Includes South Imperials and Beaufort scores.

Second Innings.

Table with columns for batsmen and runs. Includes Beaufort and South Imperials scores.

Seven wickets for

Table with columns for bowlers and wickets. Includes Wasley, Cripps, and others.

BEAUFORT. First Innings.

Table with columns for batsmen and runs. Includes Wasley, Cripps, and others.

Total ... 93

Table with columns for bowlers and wickets. Includes Wasley, Cripps, and others.

The visitors were entertained at a supper in the evening at Host Welsh's Camp Hotel, and after the inner man had been plentifully satisfied, the healths of the members of both teams and their captains were duly honored, the toasts being accompanied by musical contributions.

BOXING DAY. There was only the sports to attract a crowd, and it cannot be said they succeeded. The day was unpleasant in the morning, and threatening in the afternoon, and many persons would not venture out. Added to this, the closeness of the huge bushfires to many of the houses of the residents deterred not a few from leaving their homes. This made a great difference—some say about £10—to the takings at the gates. About the sports very little can be said. The usual privileges of the press were upon this occasion suspended; and we were given to understand that it was not an oversight. We will, therefore, for the benefit of those whose absence was unavoidable, who may have friends amongst the successful competitors, give only the results of the various events:—

CHRISTMAS HANDICAP.—First, L. J. second L. J. J. Martin and J. Murray (both of Ararat) scored 8 points each and divided first and second money; McGibbons and Laundry scored 2 points each and divided third money.

FIREMEN'S REPRESENTATIVE RACE. Six teams entered, and the event was finally won by Beaufort No. 4 team (W. Humphreys, A. Driver, G. Huse, and J. Pierce).

BOYS' RACE.—D. Thomas 1; Archie Wilson 2.

BICYCLE RACE.—One, three, and five miles. L. B. Scharpe, 13 points; J. R. Thompson, 11 points; D. Jewell, six points, 3.

SWIMMING MATCH.—Fitzpatrick 1; Smith 2.

WOODCUTTERS' CONTEST.—C. Fisher 1; John Connor 2.

SEAHOUSE RACE.—Fitzpatrick 1; H. Smith 2.

GO AS-YOU-PLEASE for 15 minutes.—Lytell 1, covered 2 miles 2 1/2 laps; Martin 2, covered 2 miles.

MARRIED MEN'S RACE.—H. Stuart and G. Hellyer.

The lottery booth did a very good business, and the large art union was drawn during the afternoon. The winning numbers may be seen at Messrs Watherspoon Bros. and Co. or Hawkes Bros.

THE CONCERT. The concert in the evening was not a very great success. The programme (which was a short one) with one or two exceptions fell flat, but this is hardly to be wondered at, for no singer could positively achieve success when accompanied on a pianoforte so sadly out of tune as that belonging to the hall was on Wednesday night. There were two absentees from the programme, Mr R. Dunn and Miss A. Rees; but their places were well filled by Messrs Carnegie and J. Bolger. The dancing of Messrs T. Williams and Dunstan was a feature in itself. Mr Carnegie sang two

excellent songs, which were duly appreciated, and Mr Bolger gave several recitations, introducing The Schoolboy, the Cork Arm, Mrs Malony's Cat, and Mary Ann Come In, each of which was well received. Mr E. Theimeyer gave two items introducing the Irish element, and with Mr Opie gave the Police-man Act. During the interval between the first and second parts the prizes won during the day were distributed, but only four of the competitors came forward. After the concert a dance took place, and this wound up the tamest Boxing Day ever experienced in Beaufort.

Melbourne Gossip.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

I read in the papers that the invincible Mr. John L. Sullivan, has been appointed sporting editor to an American journal. Next to a 'pub,' the press is perhaps the chief resort of all who are unable to make a living at anything else, or who retire from a calling in which they have once earned notoriety. Knowing something of the profession of letters, I fear Mr. Sullivan will scarcely find his new position as lucrative as knocking men out of time in five rounds. Such a formidable addition as to the ranks of journalism is of course an incident upon which journalists may be congratulated. It is often very handy—especially in America—to have a gentleman possessing the special qualifications of Mr. Sullivan attached to the literary staff of any newspaper.

What can I say of Christmas but that it has come and gone, and we are now in that period of reaction occasioned by the enjoyment of one set of festive gatherings, and the approach of another? Doubtless the season, whilst bringing happiness to many, has left a few in sorrow. It could not be the world goes to be otherwise. It is the one regrettable reflection in relation to Christmas that whilst the many are feasting the few must go supperless to bed. Nor does Christianity, with all its preaching of peace on earth and good will towards men, teach us how to solve the problem—to regulate the balance between wealth and poverty—joy and pain. All we can hope for—and surely our dinners would be enjoyed the more heartily, if we could believe it would be so—is that those whose Christmas was saddened with the pangs of hunger, will have it made up in some higher and more refined sense of enjoyment which the future may bring. Whether the fast dying year has added more to the sum of human happiness than it has to that of human sorrow, none can tell. Our faith is in 1889, and await the blessings it shall carry.

I hope my readers will forgive me for commencing this paragraph with the now hackneyed question, 'Is marriage a failure?' but it seems appropriate to the subject. Getting married nowadays is as easy as getting unmarried is difficult, and the opportunity for taking the fatal plunge is ever at hand for the unfortunate couple afflicted with that phase of lunacy. The celebrated blacksmith of Gretna Green is initiated here and improved upon. There resides in a handy suburb, a gentleman in holy orders who bears the record for dexterity and efficacy in tying the nuptial knot. The legal forms necessary lie on his table, filled up save the name of the contracting parties, ready for the first emergency. The religious portion of the ceremony is delightfully brief and business like, and occupies only about a twentieth part of the time taken up in signing the documents. Then as the newly-married couple prepare to depart someone in the next room grinds out the wedding march on a barrel organ, whilst the clergyman's little daughter showers handfuls of rice upon the blushing bride.

And talking of marriage reminds me that the society journals in reporting fashionable weddings, publish a list of the presents made to the bride. Last week there were too such ceremonies performed, and the gifts to the newly-wedded wives occupied many columns of space in their enumeration. Looking down the list I failed to come across a single really useful article, or any that displayed taste on the part of the donors. It struck me that in the opinion of the friends of the young couples, it was absolutely necessary to shower upon them silver fish knives and silver bottles. I know it is the most difficult thing in the world to select a different gift, for I have had an experience of my own in that respect. I spent many miserable days trying to decide on something novel, and at length finished up by purchasing a most extraordinary looking and perfectly useless inkstand, for which, divining my purpose, the base shopkeeper shamefully over charged me. The lady to whom it was presented thanked me graciously enough, but it was evident that she imagined I had selected the gift during a condition of mental aberration. The inkstand, I have every reason to believe, was never utilised as such—but kept in a glass case—a piece of satire which all visitors to the house duly appreciate.

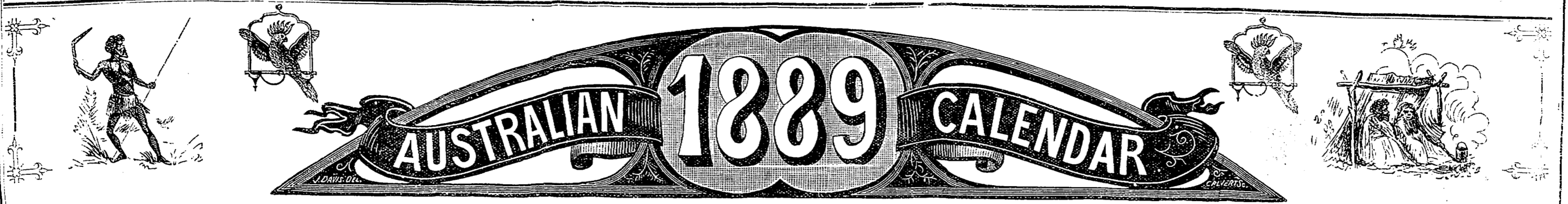
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Death of Mr. John Wilson.

Very much regret was felt on Monday when it became known that a telegram had been received from Melbourne conveying the intelligence that Mr. John Wilson, of Woodlands, had died the previous morning in Melbourne. He had been in delicate health for some months past but it was only since leaving Ararat, about a fortnight ago, that symptoms of an alarming nature set in, and the news of his demise was quite unexpected. The deceased gentleman left Woodlands on the 5th inst., and was under treatment in Dr. Fitzgerald's private hospital, London street, Melbourne, where he underwent the operation of lithotomy, but he gradually sank and died. Mr. Wilson was a native of Belfast, Ireland, and in early life was connected with the linen trade, but he came to this country in the early days, prior to the discovery of gold. Indeed, the brothers Wilson (Charles, John, Alexander, of Mount Emu, and Sir Samuel, of Bendigo) may be justly ranked as amongst the most energetic and successful of the pioneer colonists. A man of great intelligence, liberal education, and indomitable perseverance, and great strength of character, Mr. John Wilson soon carried out his fortune. At one time connected with an interest in a station near Melbourne, later he discovered that a triangular piece of land between three stations in the Wimmera district had been discovered, and here he braved the perils of himself about 1850, and for some years managed their property so successfully. About 20 years ago Mr. John Wilson purchased Woodlands Estate from Mr. Richard Blackmore, and this has now become, perhaps one of the finest properties in this part of Victoria, a very large sum of money having been spent on the land and its grounds. Since purchasing Woodlands Mr. Wilson made two or three trips to Europe, but he finally settled in this estate here several years ago, dividing his house with the works of art and books during his travels. A liberal and courteous gentleman, he was esteemed by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance, and his death was a great sorrow to many poor families who were the recipients of his kind and unostentatious benevolence. He was also a most liberal supporter of the local Hospital and Benevolent Association, the committee of which, when extending their buildings, never appeared to him in vain, and on several occasions was indebted to his generosity for large sums. He was a widow and had two daughters, one being the wife of Captain Bridges, R.N., now of Traralgon. Mr. Wilson died at the age of 75 years, and his remains were interred in the Ararat cemetery on Wednesday, 27th inst., beside those of his late son, Alfred Wilson, who met with his death by falling from his horse in October, 1887.

The body reached Ararat by the day train, accompanied by several of the deceased gentleman's relatives and friends. A number of the leading residents of the town and district, among whom were the secretary and members of the Hospital Committee, awaited the arrival of the train at the station, and joined the funeral cortege, which proceeded direct to the Ararat Cemetery, the following gentlemen acting as pall-bearers—Captain Bridges, Alexander Wilson, jun., David McEwen, J. B. Littlejohn, Alexander Wilson, sen., James Cochran, Arthur Fiske and A. S. Chisholm. The deceased was borne from the entrance to the cemetery to the grave by six of the station band, the remains of the deceased gentleman being interred beside those of his only son. The service was conducted by the Rev. Alex. Brown, Presbyterian minister of Beaufort, and the recitation of the usual funeral service Mr. Adam said—"It was not so long ago that I was a young man, and what God Himself said, and in the place of graves He was preaching lessons of humility and heavenly wisdom in a very impressive way, inasmuch as it showed that the owner of a small estate and of many wide acres had fallen down in the same narrow boat as appointed for all living. But the deceased had been so long and so intimately identified with the district of Ararat that it was perhaps well to say a few words. He felt that he was burying no ordinary friend, and that could not help thinking of many long years of unintermitted friendship and profitable fellowship; for he could know Mr. Wilson without being led by a mind that was original and was enriched by extensive and varied reading. Mr. Wilson was a successful man beyond most; but that success implied many qualities that were not command success, and spoke of sacrifice and self-denial, and of the settlers knew of or could appreciate. And now that we have come to bury him in his last resting place it is touching to me, and I am sure to many more, that his grave is almost within sight of the hospital which he did so much for, and large and support; and from his benefactions to this and other similar institutions, he showed that he was suffering from the blind man's dog of his family, he was not ungenerous to the sufferers who have been surrounded with strangers and the best assisted by strange hands. The funeral arrangements were carried out by A. Sleight, of Collins street, Melbourne, who was assisted locally by H. P. Henningsen, of Beaufort. We are informed that Mr. Wilson, who was a resident of this district for upwards of a quarter of a century.—Ararat Advertiser.

THE RIPONSHIRE ADVOCATE.



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Essays.

Work is Honorable.

BY KATE THORN.

"WHATEVER thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might." All legitimate work is honorable. The man who looks down upon the working class is deficient in brains and in heart...

The girl who washes your dishes in the kitchen, and scrubs your floor, and blacks your cooking stove, is doing just as honorable work as the lady who designs your bewitching bonnets, and plans your entrancing dresses...

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The new style bicycle: A girl can't climb a barbed wire fence or slide off from a load of hay, but she can ride a bicycle as easy enough. Cause her bicycle's built that way.

Children.

A Fairy Tale.

BY JESSIE McDERMOTT.

He met her in a forest path One bright midsummer day She took him for a giant, He took her for a fairy...

Then he said: "If you will promise Not to change me to a cat, I will promise not to eat you. What do you say to that?"

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The cotton seed becomes cotton, the cotton becomes a thread, the thread becomes a fabric, the fabric becomes a print, the print becomes a wrapper, and the wrapper becomes a beautiful woman. Such is evolution.

Miscellaneous.

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Venerable and Extraordinary Superstitions About Teeth.

The back tooth of a horse found by chance will, say the Irish, keep you supplied with money. If you wish to avoid the toothache, shake the sons of Erin, never shave on Sunday.

In Nova Scotia, and in some parts of the United States, children are told that the new tooth will be a gold one if the tongue is kept out of the cavity.

One of the Irishman's recipes for tooth-ache bids you to go to a grave, kneel upon it, say three paters and three aves and the number of teeth in the mouths of men were reduced from thirty-two to twenty-three.

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Poetry.

True to Her Name.

BY EMMA G. DOWD.

In the little hamlet of Dalryock There lived a maiden named Cicely Croak, As bright and comely a country lass As ever greeted a looking-glass.

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Good Stories.

The Sole Survivor.

There might have been fifty of us in the waiting room at the Erie Railway Depot at Buffalo when a young man, dressed as a sailor and having a serious cast of countenance, entered and began to solicit alms on the strength of having been wrecked and losing his all.

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Humor.

Johnny's Complaint.

Our preacher says—of course he's right— It's very wrong to tell a fib, you see, (So mother taught me ever since) She rocked me in my little crib, That's why I can't just understand Why in my sermons he will warn Along like sixty when he's said "But one word more and I have done."

When first I heard him say those words I made me glad, for I, you see, Was tired, for half-hour sermons seem Enough for little folks like me; But gracious! I was quite surprised To find he'd only just begun. When passing for a breath he said "But one word more and I have done."

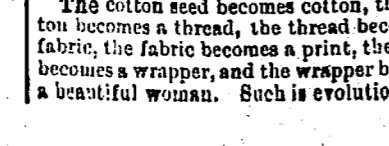
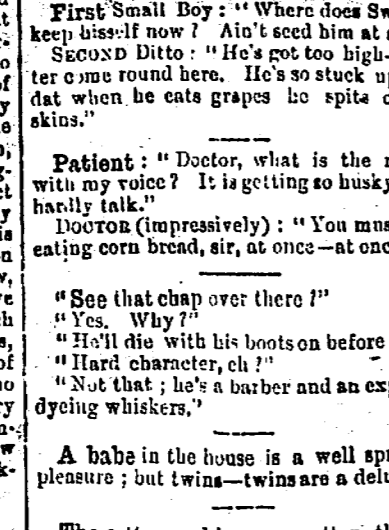
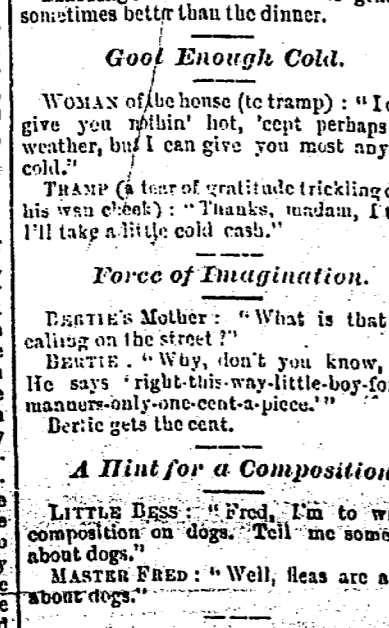
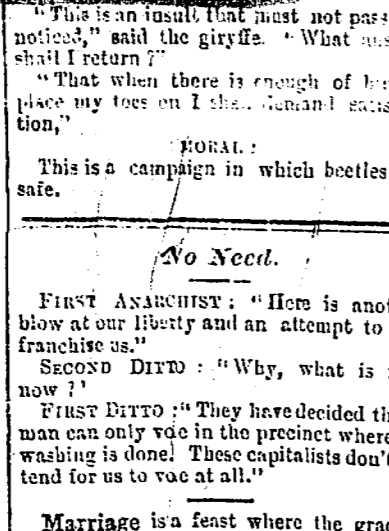
I wonder what he'd think if I Should say, when at his home I'd say, "Just one plum more and I have done." Then cut his wife's preserves all up? I guess he'd ask me what I meant. I'd have to say I was in fun. Just like he must be when he says "But one word more and I have done."

First Boy: "Well, it's all over." Second Boy: "What's all over?" First Boy: "The sky." Professor: "Always at the foot of your class, I am very sorry." Student: "Well, professor, never mind, I presume I am as much to blame as you are."

Teacher: "What does Condillac say about brute animals? He says a brute is an imperious animal." Student: "That's not a man!" Teacher: "That's not a man!" Student: "That's not a man!"

Mlle. Berthe has two young suitors, neither handsome nor young, but rich, and Paul, who is charming, but a cent. "Which of the two do you like best?" asked one of her friends. "Oh," replied Berthe, "I like Paul best, but I prefer Monsieur André."

Excursionist (returning from a trip): "The scenery is certainly not what you expect, but more of the same sort. I saw a very nice view of a mountain range, but it was all the same sort of thing. I saw a very nice view of a mountain range, but it was all the same sort of thing."



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