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THE PROPOSED INCREASE OF THE WATER RATE.

ANY increase in taxation naturally enough causes rebellion in a greater or lesser degree. The rich do not take kindly to any proposal of the sort, and the poor have a painful objection to it. Prosperity to some is as a river current, always going onward. Occasionally, in the flood time of the year, its velocity is increased, and it carries everything before it; then having spent itself it resumes its ordinary way. With others prosperity is a thing desired which stands afar off, coming no nearer than to afford a glimpse which makes the heart discontented and the hands eager to grasp the fruit: this is practically forbidden them. There are times when things are on the decline, property is deteriorating in value, and heads of families are looking around for a means to make both ends meet. The people see nothing that will tend to help them out of their difficulties; economise how they will, life must be sustained if they go in rags. The first craving of mankind is for the body—the inner man; when that craving is satisfied men are content. Their health and strength is in a measure assured, and they are a happier people. But there are places even in prosperous Victoria where the struggles of mankind to provide the bare necessities of life for themselves and families are hard and severe, and in numerous instances fruitless. They find it a very hard and trying matter to contribute even the lowest quota of taxes that is imposed upon them. Is it a wonder then, that in a place like Beaufort, by degrees getting poorer, should resent any proposition to increase the taxes that are already imposed and pressing heavily upon more than two-thirds of the people? Certainly, it is no wonder at all. The wonder is—and after the feeling expressed at the meeting on Tuesday night, we are justified in making the assertion—the wonder is that the people have not before this raised their voice loud enough to be heard upon the unjust and inequitable arrangement of the present water rate. They have struggled long to comply with the law

as laid down to them. They were content with the arrangements that had been made, but as the ratepayers are the masters there can be no doubt that they were the ones to be consulted before any increase was proposed. They have taken what is the proper course to take to show their representatives how to act in their behalf—by calling a public meeting and discussing the matter with their councillors, so that there can be no misunderstanding.

There were one or two statements made by Cts Thomas and Andrews at the meeting, which, perhaps, it would have been wiser to discuss at greater length. The outline of the argument for the increase of rate was stated to be—that the general town revenue had suffered considerably through having to meet a deficiency in the water rate revenue; that as the present rates would need replacing in a couple of years' time it would be necessary to provide funds to meet the necessary expenditure by increasing the rate to 9d in the £, with a minimum payment of 20s. The expenditure to be incurred would amount to about £300; and the surplus from the extra rate would be £50 per year. It was thus set forth that in three years the extra rate would produce £150, and this subsidised by the Government another £150 would be sufficient. But why such a state of things was allowed was not pointed out. The burden of taxation as far as the water rate was concerned has been borne by those who were unable to bear it. While those who are evidently able to afford more have paid considerably less in proportion to their means and the valuation of their rateable property, and now that the question of a deficiency has been raised, the matter should be thoroughly thrashed out with a view to a readjustment of the taxation.

The fact of the matter is that the proposed 9d rate would only affect 49 ratepayers whose properties are valued at £25 per year and upwards. The bulk of the ratepayers are rated at under £20, but more than half these under only a few over £10 per year. The proposition was to tack the 9d rate on to the 4d and compel the poor population to pay the bulk of the increase in proportion to the valuation set upon their property. It was felt that such a proposition was unjust, and as Mr G. Wotherpoon pointed out, it was for the poor people that the objection was raised. The way Cr Thomas put the matter was slightly misleading, although we cannot say intentionally so. He said 49 persons would be expected to pay an average of 15s more than they are paying at present; and 112 would be paying an average of 6s per year more. Placing the matter in a strictly correct light it means that 49 ratepayers would be asked to pay general and water rates amounting to 1s 9d in the £, while 112 would have to pay, in some cases 6s, others 5s, others 3s in the £, in proportion to their valuations. In illustration, a person paying 20s a year general rate would pay the minimum water rate of 20s, making 2s in the £. Those paying from 4s to 10s, and they are not a few, would still pay the minimum 20s for water, which is equal to from 6s to 9s in the £. A ratepayer whose property is valued at £30 would only have to pay £2 12s 6d; or 1s 9d in the £ altogether, and perhaps he could better afford to pay the 2s in the £ than a man rated at £10 could pay the minimum. If the council must raise the money it would have been more equitable to fix the rate at 1s in the £, with the present minimum payment unaltered. The figures would then show—

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Total ... £277 0 0. Rates at present ... 215 0 0. Estimated increase ... £62 0 0.

The wealthier class would thus pay only 2s in the £; while those rated at £15 and under would pay 2s to 3s 6d or 3s in the £. At the same time they would not be paying any more than they do now, and they are satisfied to do this although they struggle to do it.

No one can blame the north riding members for endeavoring to provide for the future, and although the ratepayers themselves have decided against the proposed increase, they should certainly not overlook the two important facts that stare them in the face, viz., a probable water famine in the event of the flames giving way; and that Government will lend no money while the minimum rate is under 1s in the £. It appears to us that there could be no reasonable objection to the rate being raised to 1s as given in the above table, which sets forth rather a lower estimate of the increase than would actually result; but this to us is the only way to equalise the taxation, and at the same time comply with all Government requirements.

LOCAL & GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

LAW NOTICES.—Sittings of the County Court of Mines, and Court of Insolvency will be held in Beaufort on Friday next, 10th instant.

RAINFALL.—We have still to report favours from Jupiter Pluvius. During the month of April the rain gauge registered a fall of 5 inches 41 points. On the first of May (Wednesday last) rain fell slightly during the day, but at night some very heavy showers came down. The gauge showed on Thursday morning that 91 points or nearly an inch of rain had fallen. The aspect of the hills surrounding Beaufort, and in fact throughout the whole district, bears a beautiful contrast with the appearance of a month ago. Nature having put on her verdant clothing. In the fields where early crops were sown the spring of the cereals has been even, and the young plants look healthy and strong. Occasionally, the sun has been sufficiently warm to cause healthy growth, and those who were fortunate enough to set a good early sowing have so far excellent prospects.

THE AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL.—The May number of this periodical has come to hand. The contributors of the serial stories are "The Secret of 'Only One,'" "Detective's Album," "The Haunted Bridge," and the usual complement of short stories in prose and poetry are the contents. Mr Henningsen is local agent.

NOTICE.—The secretary of the Beaufort Football Club desires to acknowledge with thanks a donation of 10s from Mr A. Andrews, J.P., to the funds of the club.

POLICE COURT, BEAUFORT.—Only one case occupied the attention of Messrs Andrews and Thomas, J.P.s, at the Beaufort Police Court on Monday last. Mrs Smith, an old offender, against whom it was stated that there were six previous convictions, was charged with being drunk and disorderly on the night of the 27th ult.; and also with having made use of insulting and obscene language in the hearing of a number of persons. Constable Dunn and John Cameron gave testimony to the fact that defendant was very boisterous in her behaviour, and both witnesses showed marks of "the scratch-and-scratch" exhibition that Mrs Smith treated them to. Mrs Smith was fined fourteen days' hard labour in the Beaufort Gaol, without the option of a fine, on the first charge; and for not having under proper control her linguistic organ she was ordered to pay a fine of £3, or go to gaol for a period of six weeks with hard labour.

BEAUFORT BRASS BAND.—The Beaufort Brass Band, which was formed a short time since, is meeting regularly once a week for practice. Nearly all the members are making good headway with the instruments, and it is presumed that in two or three months they will be able to delight the residents with a few choice selections.

MR. PARNELL AND THE "TIMES."—At the "Times," Parnell Commission on Wednesday, Mr Parnell, examined by Mr. Asquith, stated that his attention was first called to political affairs by the passing of the Land Act. He had made it his business to read the "Times" and he was in Ireland to have to some extent an independent Parliament, and enable tenants to counteract the coercion exercised by the landlords. He described the formation of Mr Isaac Butt's Home Rule Association and stated that he came to an unsatisfactory conclusion with regard to the proceeding. He said that he had all the members are making good headway with the instruments, and it is presumed that in two or three months they will be able to delight the residents with a few choice selections.

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THURSDAY, 2nd MAY. Present:—Crs Lewis (president), Murray, Oddie, Austin, Cushing, Beggs, Andrews, and Thomas.

THE minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Cr Murray moved, and Cr Cushing seconded, the suspension of the standing orders to enable Mr Pinch, lessee of a portion of the Mt. Cole State Forest, to address the council on a complaint. The motion was carried.

Mr Pinch stated that he was one of the lessees of a portion of the Mt. Cole State Forest, and he appeared there on account of the action of the rabbit inspector, he having put on three men to kill rabbits on the leasehold. He (Mr Pinch) had only been two months in possession of the lease, and immediately he and his partner put one man on to attend to the rabbits, destroying them by the use of traps and poison. He had found yesterday (1st May) that the rabbit inspector had put three men on, and now they were saddled with heavy expenses. These men had been put on the run at a different place to where he was informed the rabbits were most numerous. He did not complain of the inspector doing what he considered his duty. But certain implements were used by the men which had been purchased expressly, and the lessees were asked to pay the cost of them. He thought that unjust, and suggested that the council should not charge him with the cost of those implements—that they should do as the Lextonshire had done, viz., retain them for use in other places and only charge a percentage to the parties on whose land they were employed. He also requested the council to remove the men from the run, and put them to destroy the harbor which was near by. The men had been building near the boundary fence on his run, and it was unfair that he should be charged with the expenses and cost of material used. He was quite willing to do his share in ridding the place of rabbits. He found he had been led into a snare; but he was prepared to do his duty and get out of the snare as best he can. He only asked that some assistance should be rendered to landholders by the council. The President explained to Mr Pinch that he had had plenty of warning respecting that reserve, and if he chose to relieve the Government and take up a lease for the land, he must be prepared to destroy the rabbits on it. The council had always been put to trouble over the same lease, and to expense also, and the inspector had power to put men on wherever he saw that proper work was not being done.

At the request of Cr Murray, the inspector's report referring to this lease was read. Cr Oddie drew attention to the fact that every lessee of the reserve in question had failed to do his duty. They could only make headway when the Government had control of the land, and although he sympathised with Mr Pinch in having been led into the snare, he said that Pinch had surely seen from reports what action had had to be taken by that council against his (Mr Pinch's) predecessors; and if he chose to take the responsibility out of the hands of the Government he must be prepared to rid the land of the rabbits.

Mr Pinch stated that he thought it rather hard. As a councillor of Lextonshire he could say that his share showed a disposition to assist in the destruction of rabbits rather than put any unnecessary expense upon them.

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The Clerk for the Town of Ballarat forwarded a resolution of that body requesting the railway authorities to concede the privileges of suburban residents in Melbourne to those within a radius of 20 miles of Ballarat, and asked the co-operation of the council.—Received; no action taken.

From J. W. Horwood, Castlemaine, re road rollers.—Received.

From Treasury, forwarding an account for L1355 12s 5d, being proportion of subsidy of £310,000 for the year 1889.—Received.

From G. Ison, stating that he had been charged 5s more for water rate than he was entitled to pay; that he had paid the same surplus of rate last year; and asked for a refund.—Referred to water committee.

FINANCE. The following accounts were recommended for payment by the finance committee:— Engineer ... £23 6 8 Secretary ... 20 0 0 Mrs Taylor ... 1 15 0 J. Christie, weighbridge fees, Carriham ... 1 19 3 J. Tompkins, do, Beaufort, and lighting ... 1 12 6 D. Cameron, dog registration ... 4 0 0 Jas. Whitla, do ... 3 0 0 Insurance Fund cottage, Bt ... 1 2 8 Arnold and Jackson, stationery ... 2 0 0 E. Whiting, gardening ... 2 0 0 S. Baker, nightman ... 5 9 0 J. Louthe ... 6 8 8 Local Board of Health ... 5 13 8 Rabbit Suppression: On Pinch and Campbell's run ... 16 4 0 On Mt. Emu Reserve ... 6 0 0 On Beaufort Common ... 20 15 0 John Whitfield ... 13 5 0 Wm. McFarlane ... 8 0 0 R. Gibson ... 8 0 6 W. G. Stevens ... 5 10 0 M. Muir ... 8 0 0 M. Moohan ... 11 10 0 M. Carrigan ... 13 10 0 Isaac Storey ... 8 0 0 W. Calligan ... 1 16 0 J. Robertson ... 4 0 0 J. Smith, timber, &c. ... 9 7 4 W. Wise ... 1 8 6 R. Dixon, Skipton ... 0 12 6 R. Stuart, repairs to weighbridge ... 6 15 0 Taylor Brierley ... 0 7 0

CONTRACTS. West Riding—Contract No. 222, Jas. Madden, L75. East Riding—No. 343, J.F. Watkin, L100; No. 344, M. Sheehan, L165; No. 342, M. Sheehan, L16; No. 346, A.R. Slater, L50; No. 452, J. Madden, L25; No. 453, J. McEtegor, L120. Cr Thomas took exception to one item in the expenditure for rabbit destruction. There was an amount of L4 6s 8d to Hill for the Mount Emu Reserve. He would like to know something about it.

Cr Oddie said he had objected to it in committee, but there was no one to support him, so he did not move in the matter. He did not think the council were responsible for the amount, and moved that it be not paid. Cr Thomas seconded.

Cr Andrews asked when the reserve was let, and was informed that the advertisement stated it was to be let from the 10th April. It was not, however, until the 11th that tenders were accepted, owing to the council meeting being adjourned from the 4th to the 11th April. The first half-year's rent had been paid dating from the 10th.

The President said he did not think they could make any claim on the new tenant, as the rabbit inspector had stated last month in his report that he would keep the man on until the new tenant took possession, which did not take place until the 25th. The council had adopted the report, and were in a way liable.

Cr Murray moved, as an amendment, the adoption of the finance committee's recommendation. Cr Cushing seconded. Carried; Crs Thomas and Oddie dissenting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT. Mr H. H. Jackson reported satisfactory progress in respect to the construction of the bridges at Mount Emu and Traralgon. In both cases a large portion of the timber is in position, and the earthworks and stoneworks are being proceeded with. One of the large contracts for making a metalled road in the west riding is at a standstill for want of stonebreakers, and on two other contracts but slow progress is being made from the same cause. The work on Traralgon and Carriham road is finished. The contracts in the east riding by Williamson, and on the Carriham and Ballarat road, are in an advanced state of progress; and other contracts have been commenced.

RABBIT INSPECTOR'S REPORT. Mr J. McRae reported—The destruction of rabbits on the Mount Emu reserve was continued until the 25th ult., when the reserve was taken possession of by Mr McIntosh, the new tenant. I consider the reserve is now in good order, and with proper attention may easily be kept so. Mr McIntosh and I went over it on the above date without seeing one rabbit. The bracing of the wire netting will be finished in about a fortnight. On the 23rd ult., I engaged three men to destroy rabbits on the portion of the Mount Cole State Forest occupied by Messrs Pinch and Campbell, as I found that they were not paying sufficient attention to the extermination of the pest. I beg to point out to you the fact that each party who has taken the mount has given this council the same trouble through neglecting to comply with the Rabbit Suppression Acts. Adjoining ratepayers are continually complaining of the trouble and expense they are put to owing to the dilatoriness of the lessees of the mount in during their duty.

Cr Andrews moved that the Secretary be instructed to write to the Minister of Lands, urging the necessity for introducing the new Rabbit Bill as soon as the Parliament meets; also to request the members for the district to support the main provisions of it. The reason he wished the council to take immediate action was because he had heard on good authority that owing to the inactivity of the Mount Emu Drain-

age Bill, all measures affecting the country districts stood a big chance of being shelved. The Rabbit Bill was one of these; and as it was of great importance to the country at the present time, he thought it should be dealt with among the first measures to be before Parliament.

Cr Murray seconded, and the motion was carried.

BEAUFORT WATER SUPPLY. The notice of motion affecting the increase of the water rate in Beaufort, was then called on.

Cr Oddie said that in deference to the wish of the ratepayers, he had expressed at a public meeting on Tuesday night, he would withdraw the notice of motion. At the same time he was of opinion it was a mistake. The meeting was thoroughly representative, but he thought that those present could not have thoroughly understood the object of increasing the rate as proposed, and very fully and clearly explained by Crs Andrews and Thomas.

The President said it was the duty of the council, then, to take matter up. Cr Oddie said Cr Beggs was quite right in bowing to the wishes of the ratepayers.

Cr Murray would like to hear the north riding members speak up. Cr Andrews pointed out that Cr Thomas and he had gone into the matter very fully at the meeting, which was a thoroughly representative one. The amount that had been diverted from the town fund had been printed out; the amount of indebtedness that at present existed with reference to water supply; the amount that was required for new fluming; and the way it was proposed to raise the money to meet the expenditure necessary. The meeting had decided against the proposal, and they (Cr Thomas and himself) felt justified in advising Cr Beggs to withdraw the notice of motion.

Cr Cushing and the President pointed out that the north riding was not able to keep itself in funds; that it was already indebted in a large amount to the other ridings, and if it was not able to manage its own affairs satisfactorily, the council as a whole would have to manage them.

Cr Murray said he felt it was really the duty of the council to raise the water rate themselves to keep the north riding solvent.

Cr Thomas repeated the statement made by Cr Andrews, but added that a suggestion was made at the meeting with reference to the increased amount which the railway department has now upon the supply compared with the requirements of twelve years ago; in addition to this the department was, in the very driest part of the year, carried the water away in trains to supply the gatehouses between Ballarat and Ararat. It had been suggested that he should ask the council to apply to the railway department to increase their contribution to the fund; also to point out to them that in order to let the department have their supply, it would have to be turned off from the town in the season when it was most wanted, for several hours in the day.

Cr Andrews moved that the Secretary write to the Railway department, asking them if they will pay half the cost of a storage reservoir in Tipperary Gully, at an approximate cost of L700. Seconded by Cr Lewis.

The motion was subsequently withdrawn, and

Cr Thomas moved that the Railway department be asked to pay the whole cost of repairing the flumes, the suggestion he had previously made to be embodied in the request.

Cr Oddie seconded this, and it was carried.

WATER SUPPLY IN DEBT. The Secretary read and laid on the table, a statement showing that the Beaufort Water Supply fund was indebted to the Salaries fund in the amount of L600. The statement pointed out that for twelve years the Railway department had paid the sum of £2 a year as office expenses, and the water supply should have done the same. They had not done so, however; and the L300 that had been allowed to go into the water supply fund, with a similar sum from the town fund should be paid to the officers—Secretary and Engineer.

RAISING THE SALARIES. On the motion of Cr Cushing, seconded by Cr Oddie, the Council went into Committee to consider the applications from the rabbit inspector and secretary for an increase of salary.

On resuming, it was stated that the Committee had resolved that the salary of the secretary should not be increased, but that L25 be added to the salary of the rabbit inspector. The resolution was adopted in open council.

NOTICES OF MOTION. The following notices of motion were laid on the table for next meeting:— By Cr Austin—To move that the engineer prepare an estimate of the cost of supplying sufficient red-gum teleposts for the principal roads.

By Cr Thomas—To move that the engineer be relieved of the duties of thistle inspector, with a view to reducing his salary L25.

By Cr Lewis—To move that the question of increasing the Beaufort water rate be considered by the whole council.

The Council then adjourned.

LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH.

Present.—All the members except Cr Russell.

On the suggestion of Cr Andrews, it was decided to invite Mr Butler, health officer to the Central Board, to visit and inspect Beaufort and district. From this gentleman's scientific knowledge in regard to sanitary arrangements, it was pointed out that some valuable suggestions might be obtained to assist the local board in keeping down those diseases which are now so prevalent, and

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Poetry.

Twilight Musings. I

Dear little girl, the sky is all a-fire,
The long dark shadows from the west are
creeping;
The south wind lingers 'mong the drooping
boughs,
The stars behind the purpled gloom are
sleeping,
And pink buds stoop to win the green leaves'
kiss,
And all the world is tremulous with bliss.
The twilight deepens and the stars come
out,
The night-bird woees his mate in crooning
numbers;
The wayworn "campers" feel the brooklet's
rhythm,
And with it weaves sweet fancies through
his slumbers
Of eyes, of smiles, nay, of silken curls,
Of bygone days, of some dear little girl.
"Some little girl!" I see one while I sit,
With face aglow and pure eyes gently
beaming,
And through the gloom another form ap-
pears,
Fair as the essence of a poet's dream-
ing,
Fair as the dawn when merging in the
morn,
Fair as the sunlight when the day is
born.
Fair forms I sweep faces! may the years that
lie
Twixt this bright land and that beyond
the morrow,
Have never a tear and ne'er a pang or
sigh,
Save when the Father gives some chasten-
ing sorrow,
He knows best. The flowers on hill and
plain
Win more of beauty from the falling rain.

Novelist.

The Midnight Prophecy

OR,

HEIR OF STRATHSPY TOWERS.

By Emma Garrison Jones.

CHAPTER XLVI.

MAGGIE HAS AN OFFER.

Lord Angus, declining to attend the
Lisewood ball, mounted his roan mare and
galloped across the downs to Doctor Ren-
frew's pretty cottage.

Since the afternoon when his fall had
thrown him upon Maggie's hospitality, he
had been a constant visitor, and the old
doctor, although he did not fancy the
young peer, had treated him civilly.

He found Maggie alone that evening,
her father having been called out to con-
sult with the practising physician of the
neighbourhood on a critical case.

She was sitting at her desk, under a
canopy of honeysuckle, and with her
guitar at her feet, and a little pet
poodle on her lap. Very charming she
looked, in her delicate blue muslin, with
her dainty lace, and shining bronze-brown
hair all about the face, eyes lit with
delight as they rested on her.

"So you're all alone, are you, Maggie?"
he said, after the salutations of the evening,
seating himself on the steps near her
feet, and tossing his hat and jewelled
riding-whip out on the grass. "Where's the
doctor?"

"Gone to Blackwood Grange, to meet
Doctor Gregory in consultation," replied
Maggie, running her white fingers through
her poodle's shaggy hair.

"He is? I'm glad of it," replied the
young lord, "for I rode over to have a
word with you. The folks from the
Towers have all come to the ball at Lisie-
wood, and I preferred coming to see
you."

"Did you, my lord," she replied, so-
ronely, with never a flush on her fair,
pearl-like cheeks.

"Yes, I did. And I may as well out
with it at once," he added, bluntly,
moving a little trifle nearer to her
feet. "I love you, Maggie; don't you
know it?"

"Well, my lord," she answered, even
more coolly serene than before, "to tell
you the truth, I have never spent one
thought on the subject."

"Cool and serene!" uttered the young
peer, under his breath. "Well, I rather
like that—a flinty talker to the bit at
once is never worth much."

Then he continued aloud:
"Well, I want you to think of it; for
I do love you better than any other
woman alive. See here, what I've brought
you."

He drew from his pocket a heavy ring,
studded with magnificent diamonds, and
held it up to her; but she did not remove
her white fingers from her poodle's curly
head.

"On 't you let me see if it will fit you?"
he continued, making an effort to obtain
possession of her hand.

She drew back with quiet dignity.
"No, my lord, 'tis useless; I shall never
wear it or accept it."

Her cool, quiet voice exasperated him,
and his hot blood began to stir.

"Oh, nonsense!" he said. "It is well
enough to play shy at first, Maggie; but
you, and I am one of the richest men in
England, and able to let you live like a
queen. You shall have the richest dresses
and costliest jewels in London, and the
handsomest rooms to live in, and servants
to come at your beck and call, and I'll be
with you day and night—what do you
say?"

"Say to what, Lord Strathspay?"
The young man faltered a little; his
eyes fell beneath her steady gaze.

"Why," he said, at last. "I'm going
to London in a week, and I'll arrange it
soon, and have your apartments fit for a
Maggie!"

He arose, and put out his arm to
clasp her; but her ringing voice arrested
him.

"Lord Strathspay!" she cried, raising
cheeks flushed, her unusually bright
eyes in a blaze, "don't lay put your hand
on me! You have insulted me in my
father's house—that is enough! Leave
me now, sir!"

He was utterly confounded for an in-
stant. The idea that she would refuse
him, had never entered his dull brain. He
thought to have her for the asking, yet

her passionate refusal did not seem to an-
ger him. His leaden eyes flashed with re-
newed ardor.

"By Jove, you're worth the winning!"
he replied at last. "I like you for your
mettle. You shall be my wife—do you
hear—my true and lawful wife! I'll make
you Lady Strathspay."

Her scornful laugh answered him.

"You mean to marry me?" she asked.
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"I will not go," he answered, stoutly,
his temper beginning to rise. "Do you
think I'm going to be foiled in this way?
I've set my heart on having you, and have
you I will, by fair means or foul! You'd
better accept my offer peacefully. It is a
fine offer for a girl like you. Will you be
my wife?"

"No, sir."

"You shall—I swear you shall!" he
cried, half choking with passion, and
seizing her hand, he strove to force the
ring upon it.

But she wrenched her hand away, and
sent the costly jewel flashing out into the
summer moonlight.

"What's this?" exclaimed the doctor,
coming upon them unobserved. "Maggie,
what does this mean?"

"It means, father, that Lord Strathspay
has insulted me," panted the girl, her
eyes still flashing lightning, "and he
now swears he will force me to be his
wife."

The old doctor turned upon him
fiercely.

"Your wife!" he repeated, with in-
describable scorn. "Who are you, to ask
for any man's daughter? You are not the
father of your race! Dare to trouble my
daughter again, or intrude yourself here,
and I'll wear this out on your cowardly
shoulders!"

The old man brandished his whip, and
the young nobleman retreated before it
step by step; but his face was something
horrible to look upon.

"Girl," he hissed, his head protrud-
ing, his greenish eyes glittering, "you
shall be sorry for this, and you shall be
mine—mark my words, you shall be mine
yet!"

The doctor brought down his lash with a
smart blow.

"Go, sir," he commanded, "and
don't stand there threatening my daughter
away."

And, stinging with pain, the young
lord vaulted into his saddle and galloped
away.

"I'm afraid of him, papa—I'm afraid
he'll give us trouble," she whispered,
lingering after him in the summer moon-
light.

CHAPTER XLVII.

JUDITH TAKES A BOLD STEP.

After her marriage at the Hart Inn,
Judith, accompanied by her husband,
took rail for Strathspay Station in
Northumberland. For one reason, she
thought that it might be soothing to
visit her father's home, and to be near
the familiar scenes of his boyhood; for an-
other, she felt dreadfully anxious in re-
gard to Lady Marguerite, and could not
content herself to remain away from her.

"I promised my poor, poor lady to keep
my eye on her," she said to Hendrick,
"and I must keep my word; the poor,
motherless young thing will need me,
too, for as sure as you and I are man
and wife, there's trouble ahead for her."

So they took rail for Northumberland,
arriving at Strathspay Station in the wane
of a summer afternoon.

Judith went straight to the King's
Arms, a public-house, just below the
Towers, and leaving Hendrick there, she
made her way up to the earl's
castle.

The earl himself was the first person
whom she saw when she reached it. He was
pacing up and down beneath the oaks, at
the lower end of the park, his face so
white and sad that the tears rose to
Judith's eyes as she looked at him. A
swift and sudden thought flashed through
her mind as she stood irresolute in the
glow of the afternoon sunlight. She put
her hand to her heart, and felt as if some
fluxion lock she had put on, leaving her
own brown brows expanded.

"I'll not play Janet Burns a day
longer," she said; "I'll be my own true
self or no one."

She advanced with a swift, ringing
step, startling the brown deer from their
covert, and attracting the earl's atten-
tion.

"Why, Judith, can it be you? Where
have you kept yourself in all these years,
my girl?"

"I'm Judith Ford, my lord," she re-
plied, "and I have been in a great many
places in the last ten years—I was married
in Lunashire yesterday!"

"Married! Why, I thought Hendrick
was lost at sea!" replied the earl. "So
you've solaced yourself with a new
lover?"

"No, sir, I should never have married
if I had not loved Hendrick. He was
not lost—he was saved; I found him in a
mad-house, while I was in search of my
poor lady!"

The earl flushed, and looked up inquir-
ingly.

"Your lady, Judith?"

"My lady, Lord Strathspay, and your
late wife's daughter."

Her words rang like a bell, and her
steadfast brown eyes met his gaze un-
flatteringly.

"I have been searching for her," she
went on, steadily, "ever since that night,
fourteen years ago, when she was caught
up and hurried away from Auckland Oaks.
My lord, do you know that your poor
wife was as sane as you or I when they
carried her off and shut her up in a mad-
house?"

"The earl grew deathly white, and gasped
once or twice for breath.

"Why have you come to me with this?"
he demanded; "how does it concern me
whether she was sane or not, or what they
did with her?"

Judith faced him unflinchingly.

"How does it concern you, my lord? It
was your wife—your true and faith-
ful wife."

"She was not; she was false!" he
thundered.

"Lord Strathspay," Judith went on,
calmly and convincingly, "by the power
of her quiet voice and steady eye, you
are mistaken—your wife was true; she

never wronged you in thought, much
less in deed; and now that she is
dead—"

"Dead!" he gasped; "is she dead?"

"She's dead," replied Judith, solemnly.
"They stole her away; Sir Marshall
Neville and his doctors came upon her at
the midnight hour, and carried her off to a
desolate old place, called Milford Grange,
away down upon the Lancashire coast;
and she remained there for years, shut up
with ravings maniacs—a terrible life, my
lord, for a fair and delicate woman like
Lady Marguerite Strathspay."

The earl stood silent—motionless as a
statue, his face as white and rigid as the
face of a dead man.

"Go on," he commanded, in a hoarse
voice; "but how do you know this?"

"I know it, my lord," continued Judith,
"because I have spent fourteen years in
solving the mystery—I have travelled
over England a dozen times. I made up
my mind to find out, and I did it. From
Milford Grange the Countess of Strathspay
was transferred to the insane asylum
on Lancashire Moor, and there again for
years she was a prisoner, shut up in a
dreary cell."

"I have been there, my lord," she con-
tinued, carried away by her emotions.
"It was there I found poor Hendrick
and I saw the very cell in which the
countess was kept—a little dusky box—
with one dingy window, and a straw pallet
for her bed. But the keepers told me
she never murmured; she was always
patient, and kind, and gentle. But she
said she had a mission to accomplish be-
fore she died, and she should try to make
her escape."

"And she did try; she got an old file,
and for months and months she worked at
the lock of her door—just think of it, my
lord," cried Judith, with tears streaming
down her cheeks, "just think of her little,
tender hands, and she working and filing
at her lock, through the lonely midnight
hours, while you and Lady Neville were
in your grand chambers, with wax lights,
and flowers, and music all about you!"

"Stop!" gasped the earl, putting up his
hands as if to shut out the sight; "I can-
not bear it."

"But you must hear it, my lord," con-
tinued the inspired girl; "she could bear
to suffer it, and you shall hear it, and do
her memory justice. She worked with her
old file, till at last the lock yielded, and
she made her escape."

But the river below the asylum was
very high from rains, and in at-
tempting to cross the broken bridge she
was drowned. They found her shawl the
next morning just below the bridge, and a
week after, her body drifted ashore lower
down. And she was buried by strange
hands. I saw her grave, the greatest
in the common Potter's Field that lies at
the back of the asylum."

And standing by that grave, Lord
Strathspay, she went on, "I vowed that
I would seek you, and tell you her story,
and I have kept my vow. You know now
what she suffered, and suffered innocently,
for she was a sane woman, and as true a
wife as there is in England. Her mother's
heart was right, for I tell you, Lord
Strathspay, that as sure as you and I stand
here this hour, under this blue sky, that
little boy down in the Tyrol Valley was
your son, your own son, and the one who
bears your name, and is to be your heir,
is an impostor."

She paused, but the earl uttered no
word in answer. He stood facing the
summer sunset, his hands locked behind
him, as white, and rigid, and icy as if he
had been suddenly turned into stone.
Judith observed him narrowly, and then
she went on:

"I beg your pardon, my lord; and it
hurts me dreadfully to pain you so, but
my poor lady's name must be cleared.
She was true to you, my lord, as you
would readily have discovered, if you had
only been patient, and looked into the
matter. Her only object was to reclaim
her child, and restore him to his rights.
She was true to you, and she loved you
to the last. When you were on the point
of a duel with Colonel Vane, it was her
work his refusing to fight at the last
moment. She travelled all the way back
from Auckland Oaks, and went down on
her knees before him, and never left him
till he had promised not to fight. And
the very last day I ever saw her, as we
were driving home from London, after she
had seen her children in Lady
Neville's grounds, and had kissed them
because your lordship had for-
bidden it; that very afternoon she said to
me:

"Whenever you see my dear husband
again, Judith, tell him that I freely for-
give him, and love him as fondly as ever.
He will know how true I was to him
when I am gone."

"I had come to her, cold, silent,
motionless, his ghastly face turned toward
the purple sunset hills. Judith watched
him with a feeling of awe, and began to
fear that she had gone too far. She laid
her hand upon his arm.

"My lord," she said, "had you not
better return to the Towers?"

The touch of her hand roused him. He
shook it off fiercely.

"What does it matter were I go now?"
he burst out. "Girl, why didn't you
murder me at once, when you had the
more merciful! If what you've told me
is true, there's not a lost soul so utterly
accursed as I am."

And with the words, he turned and
strade away. Judith looked after him
with a deep sigh.

"Poor man," she murmured, "how I
do pity him, but I had to clear my lady's
slandered name!"

She stood a moment irresolute, debat-
ing within herself whether she should go
to the Towers, and seek an interview
with Lady Marguerite, or return to
Hendrick at the King's Arms.

All of a sudden, while she stood thus,
something grasped her shoulder, and she
cried so fierce and strong, that the girl
was nearly repressed a cry of pain. Turning
quickly, she stood face to face with the
young lord.

He wore his shooting suit, and had a
rifle across his shoulders.

Judith knew him in an instant, and
met the beautiful glare of his tigerish eyes
with her serene and steady gaze.

"Well, Lord Angus," she asked,
quietly, "what is it?"

"It is this!" he panted, his voice deep
and hoarse with suppressed fury. "I
have heard every word of the idle tale
you've been telling. Do you dare to
slandere me? I am not the Earl of Strathspay's
son."

"I dare to say it, my lord," was her
quiet answer, "because it is true! You
are not the earl's son!"

His grip tightened on her shoulder, and
his eyes glared more fiercely.

"Liar!" he hissed. "Here, swear to
me this moment, swear before Heaven
never to utter those words again, or by
my soul, I'll put this bullet through your
heart!"

He removed his hand from her shoulder
and raised his rifle.

"There's not a soul in sight of us," he
went on, "and just below there is a deep
gully—'tis the easiest thing in the world
for me to pop you down like a pheasant,
and drag your carcase there, and if you
refuse I'll do it! Will you swear? I'll
not have my prospects ruined by a prat-
ling fool like you!"

His face was something terrible to look
upon, with that murderous glare in his
eyes. He brought the rifle to a sure aim,
and stood with his finger on the trigger.
But some power in the girl's soul, stronger
than her more woman's strength, made
her fearless. She faced him unflinchingly,
her steady eyes never wavering for an in-
stant.

"No, young man," she answered, in a
ringing voice, "I will not swear—you are
not Lord Strathspay's son!"

"Die then!"

And simultaneous with the fiendish
sharp report, there came a blinding flash and
a sharp report; but the rifle went off at
a quick bulwark it upward, and the
deadly bullet, aimed at Judith's heart,
went crackling through the oak bows
overhead.

"Murderer!" cried the earl, facing his
astonished son; "do you think I could
own such a dastard as you are?"

The young man slowly whitened, till
his very lips were colorless.

"Own me or not as you will," he mut-
tered, as he picked up his rifle; "but as
sure as I have life I'll be your heir, and
that sooner than you think for."

"Silence!" stormed the earl; "don't
you threaten me. I'll hand you over to
the authorities to be tried for your crime.
Your life is in my hands."

"And yours in mine," replied Lord
Angus, as he strode away.

The earl stood for a moment like one
stunned; at last he turned to Judith:

"You are right, my girl," he said, his
voice thrilling in unutterable pathos,
"and my poor wife was right—she is not
my son!"

CHAPTER XLVIII.

THE EARL'S REMOVAL.

The earl and his family were comfort-
ably established at Ravenswood, until
the Scottish highlands, and Lady Neville
and the dowager countess were wholly en-
grossed with plans and preparations for
the approaching marriage.

As the season had been ordered, and
was progressing fairly, on the grandest
scale, and the earl, true to his
promise, had purchased for Marguerite a
set of diamonds even rarer and more
costly than the ones she had lost, and
withal in receipt of them, kissing her
forehead, and saying, "My dear girl, the
miserable sinner, for your father's
face was wan and sorrowful beyond all
description, and the Scottish breezes
rather seemed to increase than to cure his
malady."

"You see, my love," said Lady Neville,
with tears in her eyes, "I remained
behind, not at the Towers, for the earl
had forbidden him over again to darken
his doors; but at 'The Cedars,' the in-
vited guest of Lady Cecilia Drummond.
Her ladyship and the young earl were
getting to be fast friends."

A day or two after their departure the
young nobleman, in his own nature, and
started for the cottage of Doctor Renfrew.
The results of his last visit had by no
means dampened the ardor of his passion,
or weakened his determination to make
pretty Maggie his own. On the contrary,
he was more in love, more desperately so,
in earnest than ever.

"She shall be mine," he swore, as he
galloped across the downs, "she shall be
mine, if it costs me the life to win her."

What was his surprise to find the
cottage locked up, and his pretty bird
 flown.

"Where's the doctor?" he demanded,
of the old servant-woman.

"Dolly," he cried, more, yet lord-
ship to visit his sister as lives in the
Scottish Highlands."

And the angry young peer resolved,
with a bitter oath, that to the Scottish
Highlands he would follow.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Manufactures in Japanese Prisons.

A visitor to a Japanese prison in Tokio
thus recounts a portion of some of his ex-
periences:

"Then we visited a workshop where *jinri-
kikas* were being made, then one where
umbrella handles were being elaborately carved,
then one where every kind of pottery, from
the rough porous bottle and jar to the egg-
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Faience. Don't Fight the Team.

It is here shown that stubbornness or obstinacy, just as much as you, and you can rest assured you are fixed for the rest of the day, as long as you want to keep it up.

Begin on the Coll.

There is no danger of handling and feeding the colt early. The colt is generally properly should begin as soon as the colt is dropped.

Teaching a Horse to Stand.

An old harnesser, from the Rural Canadian following as his method of training horses to stand without being tied: After putting the horse on his knees, after putting the horse on his knees, after putting the horse on his knees.

Building a Fence.

Factor Bette in the Harbinger gives advice about building a fence as follows: "In building a fence around your young orchards, several years ago, we tried many plans for preventing the trees from being cut down by the fence.

I Wonder.

She's the fairest little maiden To all the country round; If you're so long as you're round, No fairer can be found.

Invalid.

"I have been here now for six weeks, and I don't see that the water has had the slightest effect." Dr. Caspell: "You must have patience; this water will cure you in ten days."

Young Man.

"Young Man," he said, "concerned," "see you are not in the early morning when the great city of day rises in all his majestic and brilliant glory."

My beloved brethren.

"My beloved brethren," said a preacher from the pulpit, "on looking over the collection of the Sabbath evening, you can imagine my pleased surprise to discover that a five-cent piece had been given."

Education Lightens Work.

As a direct testimony to the value of a good education in enabling its possessor to take hold successfully of the humblest duties of domestic life, we give the following letter, addressed to the by a friend.

How I take hold of it in a more work-makable and systematic manner.

"I don't mind so much of the higher education of women? I asked. "Most certainly," he quickly responded.

A Receipt for Photographs.

One of the prettiest photograph holders is a plain sheet of card stock, with a description of the way in which they are made.

A Pretty and Inexpensive Table.

A very pretty table may be made as follows: Two squares of ordinary card or white paper, each about two feet square, or three feet square, if you prefer.

Cooking Recipes.

Two cups of sugar, one half cup of butter, three eggs, one cup of milk, three cups of flour, three level teaspoons of baking powder, bake in layers.

The Usual Thing.

Fierce Stranger: "Where's the editor?" Office Boy: "Gone to New York for a month. Do you want to like him?"

Mr. N.

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Miscellaneous. The Spider and the Fly.

A spider slid down on its silken rope In a corner of Wilson's barn, And said in a voice devoid of hope, "I'm blighted if I can't have."

The Words We Use.

At an educational meeting held a few years ago, the conductor, a noted professor, made the following statement: "The best educated person in this room will not use more than 600 or 700 words."

The Volcano Fish.

In the year 1803, Von Humboldt was fortunate enough to witness an eruption of Mount Cotopaxi, a well-known peak in the western Andes, during which, among other things, a large number of fish were killed.

A New French Rifle.

A French invention lately brought to notice is a new rifle, fired by powder, whose composition is as yet undisclosed only to French authorities.

The Effect of Too Much Education.

"I understand you ran away from a policeman the other night," said Colonel Yerger to Sam Johnson. "Dat's jess what I did."

He Was Doubtful.

Lawyer (to witness): "You have known the prisoner a long time?" Witness: "Yes, sir."

A Landlady's Best Hint.

"Good-morning, Mr. Dallywig. Changing your boarding-place again?" "What is wrong now? I thought you were nicely fixed."

A Pretty Compliment.

"Mr. R. rather paid me a pretty compliment last night, Ethel." "What was it?" "He said he liked me if I wasn't a young lady who always looks out for number one."

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Science. Experiments on Death by Electricity.

At Mr. Thomas A. Edison's laboratory in Orange, N. J., the effects of electricity were tried upon larger animals than have hitherto been experimented with, under the charge of Mr. Harold P. Brown.

Milk and Typhoid Fever.

The agency that milk may assume in the propagation of fatal diseases has received much attention during recent years. Scientific investigations have confirmed the belief that milk has in a large number of cases been responsible for epidemics of acute fever.

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Lesson in Definition.

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Wife: "John, the new maid told me that you tried to kiss this morning." Husband: "What! And I paid her a dollar to say nothing to you about it. Discharge her at once. Such a person is not to be trusted."

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Poetry. The Old Hundred.

I've a darter Polly, From an island blue, Not as blue as 'Tis sea, But blue as 'Tis dew.

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Humor. Just Because She Said Sixteen.

I met her at the station, in the ticket buyers' row; She was traveling, unattended, to the town where I must go, And I had a very nice ticket for an adult with surplus.

Just Because She Said Sixteen.

I heard the agent ask her if she wanted one "full rate." And she said, "I want a ticket," (very curiously and shyly); So I did not at the moment interfere in her affairs.

Just Because She Said Sixteen.

Then at length I said most kindly to the girl so slightly grown, "Do you travel very often on the railway all alone?" "Not very often," said she; "but I had a wish to-day To leave the noisy city and go very far away."

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Then I told her of her error, which had occurred twice; (Here a blush of modest confusion ran across her cheek) And to do her simple justice I would go with her, with manner quite unassuming, I deemed it best to leave.

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Our talk and trip were ending, but I saw a My little girl you are not, are you very far from town? But she said, with further blushing, with a smile not unbecoming, "I am doubtless very childish, but my age is just sixteen."

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Then I looked and saw my blunder, but the vexing ways of Fate Left my heart to solve a problem and to solve it with a smile; For I had met her again around her and was toting with her hair, And she seemed to think it kindness—or she didn't seem to care.

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So I jumped up with my sash (barely looking at it as I went) From a task begun in play, ending sharp in a discomfiture; But she bowed and smiled sweetly, while I thought how very mean That I could not stoop to kiss her just because she said "sixteen!"

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Humor. Inexplicable.

Doctor (to patient): "Why, you are cured as a matter of fact; what have you been drinking?" Patient: "Can't understand it. Only drank pale ale."

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"I'm sorry to hear that you are not getting on very well." "No, I'm not. I'm just getting on as well as I can, considering the circumstances."

for the appearance of which there is no visible cause. Dr Andrews drew attention to the fact that a large number of cases of typhoid had been reported. Although, fortunately, none had been fatal, yet it would be well, if possible to discover the cause of it. It was further pointed out that it would be no expense to the local board to have Mr Butler's visit.

Dr Johnston reported that several cases of typhoid fever of a mild character had broken out during the month of April, only one of which terminated fatally, a patient over 70 years of age. There were also one case of scarlet fever with diphtheria and two cases of diphtheria attended to by him, but all have recovered. He had visited the State school at Clute with Sergeant Gibson, in consequence of a complaint made respecting the method of depositing the contents of cloist pans, and saw that it was necessary to remove the pans to a further distance from the school, and have the soil buried deeper. The teacher promised to see that this was done. Although there have been many cases of illness, yet there has been no death registered in Beaufort during the month of April.

Francis O'Neill, head teacher, Waterloo Flat school, No. 717, reported one case of scarletina having broken out in the school. Several letters referring to the complaint in Grenville-shire on the Cargham and Ballant road were read, from the Central Board of Health, and these having been dealt with, the Board rose.

Tree-planting Mistakes.

- 1. Getting varieties not suited to your soil and climate is often a serious error, because it may be some time planted before you are fully aware of it.
2. Failing to properly prepare the soil, thinking you can do this afterwards, which while it increases the eventual cost, it decreases the chances for the tree to become a success.
3. Supposing that by merely putting a shovelful of manure in the bottom of the hole in the tree that you are manuring it properly, when in reality you are doing more harm than good.
4. Neglecting to work manure in all the land about the trees for yards.
5. Failing to dig a place sufficiently large for the root, and, in not pressing down firmly after the roots are covered.
6. Failing to fine the soil so that it can be filled in well around the roots. It is very necessary, if the tree grows, to have the roots come in close contact with the soil. This can only be done by having the soil fine and then pressing down.
7. Failing to cut back the trees before setting out. In taking up you cut off more or less of the roots, and the top should be cut off accordingly.
8. Planting in a thin soil and not properly manuring, so that the strong vigorous growth will be secured. The best manuring is broadcasting over the surface with thoroughly rotted manure, working it well into the soil. The next best plan is to work it well into the soil before filling in when you are setting out.
9. Failing to provide good drainage. What is best to do is to drain the land, when this cannot be done conveniently the next best plan is to provide surface drainage, not so that the lands will wash, but sufficient to carry off the surplus water readily.
10. Failing to mulch properly in the dry season, to prevent the young trees from being damaged by drought before they have secured a good root hold.
11. Letting the trees take care of themselves, instead of cultivating, pruning, and giving such attention as will induce a good growth.
12. Failing to protect the trees from the ravages of borers or other pests, that often if they do not kill, at least seriously injure the tree.—Farm Field, and Stockman.

Beaufort Common.

Meeting of Managers held 1st May. Present—Messrs Browne, Andrews, and Cumming. The secretary reported as follows:—Balance in bank to credit, £35 12s 9d; cash in hand £14 8s 4d, making a total credit of £50 1s 3d. Fees collected to date for current half-year, £45 18s 8d; unpaid fees due on stock branded by the herdsman, £4 17s 4d, making total assessment to date £50 16s. Percentage due to herdsman, £13 18s.—Report received. The herdsman reported that 8800 sheep and 220 head of cattle passed through the common during the month; that the dam at Waterloo has been repaired at a cost of 7s; that he intends to muster all unregistered goats before the expiration of the half-year. Have seen two of the commonage bulls since last meeting.—Received. After discussing a few general matters connected with the common, the following accounts were passed for payment:—Herdsman, £8; Secretary, £2; repairing dam 7s.

Mining Notes.

Approximate yields at claims for the week:—Saxon Consols ... 50 oz. Waterloo (tributors) 23 oz. Holloway's Ointment and Pills.—Rheumatism and Neuralgia.—Though persons of all ages, and the latter ruthlessly selects its victims from the weak and delicate, the persevering use of these remedies will infallibly cure both. Complicatedly fomented with hot brine, and his pills taken according to the printed directions wrapped round each box of his medicine. Both Ointment and Pills are accompanied by instructions designed for the public at large, and no invalid who attentively reads them, can now be at any loss how to doctor himself successfully. THE BEST REMEDY FOR INDISTESTION.—Norton's Camomile Pills are confidently recommended as a simple remedy for indigestion, which is the cause of nearly all the diseases to which we are subject. Norton's Pills, which justice calls the "Natural Strengtheners of the Human Stomach," act as a powerful tonic and aperient, are mild in their operation, and safe under any circumstances. Sold in bottles at 1s 3d, 2s 6d, 11s, by all chemists and druggists.

Picnic at Middle Creek.

The annual picnic at Middle Creek was held on the Kussarve on Wednesday, 26th April (writes our correspondent), and the reputation attained by the people of this place for catering to the amusement and providing for the bodily wants of the numbers that throng there once every year was fully maintained. Gloomy forebodings had been indulged in respecting the uncertainty of the weather, the previous day having closed dull and showery, with every prospect of steady rain, but the clerical gentleman who is supposed to have control of the weather must surely have been propitiated as were the oracles of old, for the morning gave promise of a glorious day, and anxious thoughts and looks gave way to easy minds and pleasant faces. The attendance was good, and fully equal to previous occasions, very many of those on the ground having come from considerable distances; among the visitors was the member for Ripon and Hampden, Mr Uren.

A very liberal programme of sports was provided by the committee, no fewer than thirty five events being on the card, not notwithstanding that every effort was made to get them all off, there were still three on the list when darkness rendered it imperative to desist. The friendly rivalry of the competitors was very pleasing to see; there was not the slightest hitch or complaint, and the committee are to be congratulated that their labours, though arduous, were by no means unpleasant.

In the junior division, the vaulting was remarkably good, each event being keenly contested. The foot racing brought out a large number of competitors, each of whom, judging by the earnestness depicted on their faces, had evidently determined to "beat the record." Whether they succeeded in doing this we are unable to say, but we can tell our young friends that if they go into their school studies with the same determination as they "toed the mark," their success will be pretty well assured. The youngsters' powers of endurance were pretty well tested in the Go-as-you-please, the majority of the starters holding out till time was called.

The events requiring the display of a good amount of muscular development, viz., Putting the Stone, and Tossing the Caber, brought numerous competitors to the fire, much good humored badinage being indulged in during the progress of these two matches. Not the least important event of the day (to the competitors of course) was the Married Men's Race, the resolute champion of last year again asserting his supremacy. By the way, the other prizes in this event were highly appropriate, and showed the considerable forethought of the committee, the second man receiving three bottles of Chapman's famous Balm, wherewith to salve his wounded feelings at not being able to play first fiddle, notwithstanding his well known ability as a performer on that instrument; the third and fourth men were enabled to rehabilitate their shattered frames and regain their juvenility with some of the "famous manufacturers' excellent pick-me-up, Tonic Bitters."

The Tug of War, owing to the slippery nature of the ground, was not so exciting as last year's, it being almost impossible to obtain a good footing; however, while it lasted, the partisans of either team were loud in their urgent appeals to the friendly belligerents to utterly demolish their opponents—figuratively of course. The fact that there are very few old maids in the district was exemplified by only three entries for the Old Maids' Race, and as there were three prizes it can hardly be said that the contest was very keen. Either the modesty of "would-be aspirants for athletic honors overcame the desire for fame, or the foresaid statement that the triplet of prize winners constitute the sum total of young ladies who for the nonce had the courage to claim that their teens were memories of the past is a fact; we think, however, it would be well to reserve our decision on this point till another year has been added to the score, when the augmentation or otherwise of the entry list will reveal the truth.

On the whole, it must be said that the picnic was a great success, and where all worked to secure this result, it would be invidious to single out anyone, but it would be not only discourteous but unjust if special mention were not made of the ladies who took part in the organization and management of the affair. It was they who provided the sinews of war by collecting the necessary funds, and who so well superintended the tables, and the committee feel greatly indebted to them for their invaluable aid. The day was brought to a fitting termination with a ball, held in the old school, the room being crowded. Mr Cowans, of Beaufort, catered efficiently, the quality of his goods being all that could be desired. The committee wish specially to thank Mr Osmund, M.L.C., for his liberal donation of two guineas. Appended are the results of the day's sport:—

- Boys' Race, 4 to 6 years.—T. Simpson 1, J. Hinton 2, E. O'Brien 3. Girls' Race, 4 to 6 years.—E. Holdsworth 1, F. McPherson 2, M. McPherson 3. Boys' Race, 6 to 9 years.—W. Jess 1, J. Fay 2, W. Holdsworth 3. Girls' Race, 6 to 9 years.—K. Simpson 1, P. Panther 2, F. Lhotellier 3. Boys' Race, 9 to 12 years.—E. Gibbon 1, M. Kane 2, J. Simpson 3. Girls' Race, 9 to 12 years.—C. Fay 1, S. Topper 2, M. McPherson 3. Boys' Race, 12 to 15 years.—J. Kane 1, C. Simpson 2, W. Simpson 3. Girls' Race, 12 to 15 years.—M. Jess 1, E. Holdsworth 2, M. Linton 3. Boys' Race, 15 to 17 years.—J. Pickford 1, J. McPherson 2, L. Fay 3. Girls' Race, 15 to 17 years.—S. Jess 1, B. Waldron 2, M. Grange 3. Running High Jump, for boys 10 to 18 years.—J. Kane 1, C. McKinnon 2, W. Riley 3, W. Simpson 4.

News by the Cable.

Queen Olga of Wurtemberg narrowly escaped being killed by a coach accident at Munich, where she is at present staying. Her Majesty was driving out, when the horses were startled by a rain and bolted. They went over a precipice and were killed; but, fortunately, the breaking of the pole prevented the carriage from being dragged down. The Queen escaped unhurt, but her footman sustained some injury.

A shocking railway accident has occurred at Hamilton, Ontario. The train caught fire, and 18 passengers were burned to cinders, 12 others being more or less injured. The celebration of the hundredth anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington as first President of the United States was commenced on Monday, a steamer, on board of which were President Harrison and other leading members of the Government, was escorted by 300 men-of-war and merchantmen round the harbor of New York and Brooklyn, the vessels forming an imposing and stately procession.

A further display was intended to rejoice the arrival of Washington at New York after his inauguration as President in 1789. The shores of the harbor were lined with crowds of people, and it is estimated that fully 1,000,000 persons witnessed the procession. The greatest enthusiasm prevailed, and the decorations in New York were magnificent. The city will be splendidly illuminated for the next 20 nights. The celebration was continued on the 1st May at New York. Mr Chauncey Depew, addressing President Harrison, delivered an eloquent open air oration. He declared that the prosperity of the United States surpassed the wildest creations of romance writers, and would constitute a menace to mankind if the virtue and intelligence of the people did not sternly prevent abuses. The President briefly responded, exclaiming "Washington." The troops, 60,000 in number, then marched past the President, the procession lasting for 6 hours. Ex-President Cleveland was present, and was greeted with as much cheering as President Harrison. The number of persons who witnessed the ceremony is estimated at 3,000,000.

Rifle Shooting.

The second match in the competition for six gold medals—five of which were presented by the Beaufort Rifle Club and one by ex-Captain Thomas—was fired on Friday and Saturday last at the local ranges. The distances were 300 and 500 yards, and the conditions were seven shots and a sighter at each. The result was that Mr J. Chapman's team secured first place, Captain McKeich's second, Mr Thomas' team third, Mr A. Tromp's fourth, and Mr J. McRae's last. Some of the members of each team made very poor scores, which they will have to improve upon next match, which is the last of the series, if they are to share in the prizes. In the first match Mr Chapman's team were at the bottom of the list, thirty points behind the first. It will be seen, that their shooting is the most consistent in the two matches, and they have now reached fourth place in the aggregate. Mr McKeich's team was fourth in the first match, and they have gone up one place. Likewise, Mr Thomas' team, who were one point behind the winners of the first match have got into first place with the aggregate, holding a lead of three points only. Both Mr McRae's and Mr Tromp's teams have lost ground. The following results of both matches show the position of each team for the final.

Table with 4 columns: Team Name, 300, 500, Total. Rows include Mr A. Tromp's Team, Mr Thomas' Team, Mr McKeich's Team, Mr McRae's Team, Mr Tromp's Team, Mr W. Harris, W. C. Thomas, C. Tromp, L. Warkins, F. Porter, J. H. Nelson, J. K. Wotherpoon, Mr McRae's Team, J. McRae, A. Russell, J. Sussens, P. De Baere, J. S. Brooks, A. Thomas, Mr McKeich's Team, J. McKeich, J. A. Lord, W. Tromp, J. B. Prowse, R. Jackson, J. Strapp, Mr Chapman's Team, J. Chapman, J. Barber, J. Prentice, W. J. Haines, H. Loft, J. Jackson.

The final match will take place on the 24th and 25th of the present month, the ranges being 400 and 600 yards. Sir James Murray's Patent Fleid Magnesia secures a perfect digestion, corrects acidity, and relieves heartburn, without injury to the coats of the stomach. Efficacious in cases of irregular digestion, gout and gravel, and the safest corrective for women and children. Recommended by leading physicians. Invaluable in all climates. In bottles 1s. each, of both chemists and patent medicine vendors. Roche, Tompsett & Co., agents, Melbourne.

Government Advertisements.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 235—SHIRE OF RIPON, NORTH RIDING. NOTICE is hereby given that an Election of One Person to act as a member of the Board of Advice for the above-named School District will be held on Wednesday, the 23rd day of May instant, and that Saturday, the 13th day of May has been fixed as the day of nomination. Nomination papers must be delivered to me at my residence, Lawrence street, Beaufort, before four o'clock p.m. on Friday, the 17th instant. W. C. THOMAS, Returning Officer. Beaufort, 4th May, 1889.

NOTICE to Administer the Estate of James Negri, late of Chute, farmer and charcoal burner, deceased, intestate, who died on the 23rd June, 1888, has been granted to me, and creditors and others having claims on such Estate are requested to send in particulars to my office by the 18th May, 1889, or they will be excluded from the distribution of the estate. THEYRE WEIGALL, Curator of the Estates of Deceased Persons. New Zealand Chambers, Collins street west, Melbourne, 18th April, 1889.

THE CONFERENCE ON SAMOAN AFFAIRS was opened on Monday at Berlin, the representatives of Germany, Great Britain, and the United States being present. Count Herbert Bismarck, the German Minister for Foreign Affairs, and one of the German delegates, in opening the proceedings, stated that the Emperor William earnestly desired to arrive at an amicable settlement of Samoan affairs. Germany, he believed, had no selfish or secret scheme of annexation or aggrandisement in the Pacific, especially with regard to Samoa, and desired nothing that was inconsistent with existing treaties. He believed that the present negotiations would be successful. Sir Edward Malet, on behalf of Great Britain, and Mr Kussow, on behalf of the United States, reciprocated the views expressed by Prince Bismarck; the latter hinting that the United States hoped for a settlement upon the basis that there should be no interference with the autonomy or independence of Samoa. Committees were appointed, and the conference then adjourned in order to await their reports. The Emperor William evinces the liveliest interest in the proceedings of the conference.

The Roumanian Government is proceeding as quickly as possible with the completion of the fortification of Bucharest, the capital, and Galatz, an important town on the Danube. It is believed that Russia is endeavoring to shake the fidelity of M. Stambouloff, the Bulgarian Premier, to Prince Ferdinand, by trying to persuade him that a general settlement of affairs in the Balkan Peninsula favorable to Bulgaria is possible, provided that Prince Ferdinand is removed from the throne. M. Stambouloff, however, continues loyal to Prince Ferdinand.

With a view of strengthening the Russian navy the Czar has given orders for the construction of two gigantic ironclads. In connection with the recent attempts on the Czar, M. Poutiline, chief of the secret police in Russia, and a number of his subordinates have been dismissed on the ground that discoveries have been made by which they are seriously compromised. The health of the Duke of Edinburgh, who has been suffering from an attack of Malaria fever, continues to improve. He is, however, not at present allowed to see any visitors. A Spanish novelist named Raphael Corrome has been sentenced at Madrid to four months' imprisonment for publishing libellous statements with regard to the private life of the Duke of Edinburgh.

Three hundred and twenty-five troops, forming a portion of Captain Wissman's force for the purpose of establishing German authority on the coast of East Africa, have arrived at the Baomayo, on the mainland, opposite Zanzibar. Reports are current in Vienna that Russia intends to make an attempt to seize Constantinople. The Austrian journals are writing in a very excited tone on the subject.

Intercolonial Postal Notes.

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to deal with every large question on the basis of understanding, that it may be a long time before a portion of a still larger one; and however politic it may be to look hopefully forward to the near approach of Australian union, there must be no shirking of questions because they are simply and purely Victorian questions—no putting aside of the present interests of a part, in deference to a desire, however laudable, to ensure the future interests of the whole.

BEAUFORT RIVER CLUB.—At a meeting of the committee of the above club, held on Tuesday evening, it was resolved that the dates of firing the final match in the Club's competition be altered to the 23rd and 24th, in lieu of the 24th and 25th of May. There were present—Mr McKelich (President, in the chair), Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (secretary), and Messrs Andrews, Congle, H. Loft, G. Loft, H. M. Stuart, T. B. Chapman, and G. Jaensch. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Beaufort Athletic Club. A meeting of the above club was held at the Beaufort Hotel on the 3rd inst., to pass accounts, consider protests, and transact any other business that might arise. There were present—Mr McKelich (President, in the chair), Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (secretary), and Messrs Andrews, Congle, H. Loft, G. Loft, H. M. Stuart, T. B. Chapman, and G. Jaensch. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Melbourne Items. A short time ago the Melbourne public were shocked to learn, from a cablegram, that Mr Durich, well-known as an employee at Messrs Daley and Co's, and lately started in business on his own account as a wool buyer, had been crowned at sea on his way to England. A letter has just arrived from one of his friends, who was a fellow passenger, detailing all the circumstances surrounding the end case. The following extract therefrom will be interesting:—'Shortly before 10 o'clock Durich came on deck. He had his master on his arm. On coming out of the companion door from the music saloon on the port and leeward side he saw a lady lying on a chair just vacated by a lady, who had gone down stairs. He lifted the rug with the intention of carrying it after the lady and wound it round his hands in the form of a muff. The ship at the moment gave a fearful lurch, which threw him off his balance, and slipping on the slim deck, he slid on his thick india-rubber shoes hastily down the incline caused by the heavy roll, straight against the bulwarks, which caught him right in the pit of the stomach, and tilted him overboard in the form of a somersault, to the great horror and distress of the five or six passengers near him, who witnessed the calamitous affair. Descending into the sea head foremost, with a feet high in the air, was the last seen of poor Durich. He uttered no cry, and was never heard of more.'

Ararat District Prospecting Board. A special meeting of the above board was held at the Shire Hall, Ararat, on Monday afternoon, being present—Mr H. C. Bate, chairman, and Messrs White, Shaw, Browne, and Carroll. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, a large quantity of correspondence received was also read. This included reports from the following parties of the work done by them—E. S. Statters, 25, 26, 27, D. Goodwin, Waterloo; William Keadle, Beaufort; Buangor Prospecting party; Matthew White and party, Muckook; John Demming and party, Geelong Flat, Beaufort; John Saddle and party, Nerling, Beaufort.

Police Court. (Before Mr J. C. Thomson, P.M.; and Messrs A. Andrews and C. J. Leadbeater, J.P.) EDUCATION COMPULSORY. Proceedings were taken against Jas. Robertson, Rudolph Waugler, Thomas Bath (2 cases), Henry Hardy (2 cases), J. Ballenger, Conrad Young, Wm. Dunn, J. Trayner (2 cases), Cecil Baker (2 cases), and Wm. Provis (3 cases), for not sending their children to school the required number of days in the quarter ending December. Various excuses were given in court, which, however, materially differed with those tendered to the Trustee Inspector, Mr Usher, on his visit. The Bench imposed a fine of 5s in each case; default 3 days imprisonment; costs 4s in each case, to be recovered by distress in default of payment.

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Summary of European News.

(FROM THE ARGUS.)

The Supreme Court of the United States has affirmed the legality of the action of the United States Government in excluding Chinese emigrants from the country.

The colliers on strike at Westphalia, in Germany, stubbornly refuse to accept the conditions offered them by the masters, and a large number of furnaces have been blown out.

Baron Reuter has obtained further concessions from the Shah of Persia in connection with the agreement made in 1872, by which he obtained the exclusive privilege of constructing railways, working the mines and forests, and making use of all the other natural resources of Persia, besides farming the Customs.

The death of Father Damien, the Catholic missionary to the leper colony in the Sandwich Islands, has led to considerable discussion on the treatment of leprosy, and it is suggested that a conference of medical experts should be held in one of the capitals of Europe to discuss the subject.

The Italian Government have expressed their willingness to recognize King Menelik of Shoa as King of Abyssinia, conditionally on the British Government adopting the same course.

Seven hundred and fifty cases of Tasmanian apples, shipped by the R.M.S. Iberia, have been sold at from 7s 3d to 17s 3d per case.

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The Naval Defence Bill, which authorizes the additions to the Imperial navy proposed by the Government has passed through committee in the House of Commons.

In the House of Commons on Monday, Sir James Ferguson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that the Government had not received any further reports of the persecution by the French authorities of the Protestant nuns on Mount St. Helier.

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Mining Notes.

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Rifle Shooting.

The interest centred in the third and final match for six gold medals has been very keen during the past month, and the determination of each team to win it could be evinced by the regularity which marked the weekly practice, and the scrutineering and comparison of individual scores. But yesterday the excitement reached its highest. Mr McKiech, with four men to shoot was in it, but Mr McRae's team threatened a very hard push, with Mr Trompf's team of colts with a big say in it if everything went right. Mr McRae's team broke down in a lamentable degree, and when Mr Trompf took his place to fire he wanted to make the possible at 600 yards in order to win, which he was unable to accomplish. Mr Chapman had two men to fire with 117 to make to win, at 2 o'clock; but they only managed to put on 93. This concluded the competition, and Mr McKiech and his team win the trophies. Some of the shooting in this match was extremely good, especially that of Mr J. Wotherpoon, who contributed 57 by very steady shooting. Some of the young shots came off very well, notably Messrs Sussems and Strapp, the latter of whom quite eclipsed all his previous efforts, and materially helped his team to the front. The five captains competed for highest individual aggregate, which resulted in Mr McRae being first with 161; Messrs McKiech and Chapman tied for second place with 158 each; Mr Trompf, 153; Mr Thomas, 149. The following is the result of the third match:—

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Summary of European News.

(FROM THE ARGUS.) The Amer of Afghanistan is compelling the adherents of Ishak Khan, the late Governor of Afghan Turkestan, to emigrate, and they are proceeding in thousands to Brooklyn. [Ishak Khan is a cousin of the Ameer, and late Governor of Afghan Turkestan. In the summer of 1888 he raised a revolt against the Ameer, but he was defeated by the troops sent from Cabul, and fled to Bokhara. Political importance attaches to the province because of the suspicion that Russia aims at including it in her territory. This would push back the Afghan frontier to the Hindu Kush.]

All the persons who were arrested by the police on the occasion of the recent raid on a baccarat club in Park place, including the Earl of Dudley, Lord Lurgan, and Lord Paulist, have been discharged by the magistrates. The proprietor of the club has, however, been mulcted in a fine of £500, and the other officials in fines of a less amount.

Severe riots have occurred among the peasantry in Lombardy, in Italy. The rioters were armed, and assumed a threatening attitude, but were eventually suppressed with great severity by the military.

The colliery strike in Westphalia, in Prussia, has been brought to an amicable termination, the masters having conceded to the men an advance of from 20 to 30 per cent. in their wages, and agreed to adhere to the principle of eight hours as a working day. The colliers on strike in Silesia and Saxony, however, remain obdurate.

In the House of Commons on Tuesday, a motion proposed by Mr Wm. Pritchard Morgan, the discoverer of the gold mines in North Wales, denouncing the levying of royalties on mining in Wales, was rejected by a majority of 45 votes.

It is the intention of Sir Henry B. Loch, the Governor of Victoria, and Lady Loch, to visit Lord Stanley, the Governor-General of Canada, at Ottawa, before their return to Australia.

Nearly 300,000 persons visited the Paris Exhibition on Sunday. The British exhibitors at the Centennial International Exhibition, Melbourne, complain of the delay in the receipt of the official list of awards.

Mr J. L. Catew, M.P., for Kildare North, who was undergoing a sentence of imprisonment for an offence under the Crimes Act, has been released, owing to ill-health.

Admiral Kimberley, who was in command of the United States squadron at Samoa during the recent hurricane, urges that the United States Government should issue rations to the natives of Samoa, who are still suffering from the effects of the storm.

The £500,000 debenture bonds issued here by McCracken's City Brewery Company Limited, Melbourne, has been fully underwritten.

O'Connor, who is shortly to row Searle on the Thames for the championship of the world, has defeated Hamana (Hannamill), Lee, and Patterson, at Tacoma, in the United States. O'Connor intends to commence training in England for his race with Searle in mid-summer.

Count Kalnoky, the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Austro-Hungary, has cautioned the Prince of Montenegro against supporting Prince Peter Karageorgievich, the pretender to the throne of Servia.

The Shah of Persia has arrived at Moscow on a visit to the Czar of Russia, and was accorded a brilliant reception.

The colliery proprietors of Westphalia have dismissed from their employ the members of the deputations that recently visited on the Emperor William on behalf of the men who were on strike. The colliers are greatly incensed at this action.

The defence works which are to be constructed by the Imperial Government on the Pacific coast are to be commenced during the ensuing summer.

In the hearing of the action Greenwood v. Gibbs, in which the jury were unable to agree, the plaintiff, Mr Fred Greenwood, late editor of the St. James's Gazette, said that he severed his connection with that journal because he believed that under the new proprietorship it was made the organ of Prince Bismarck.

Three thousand masons are now out on strike at Berlin. The new steamer, the Tamar, which has been built by Messrs David and Moore for the Australian trade has been launched, and will shortly proceed to Sydney.

The Dairy

Many butter-makers fail in trying to draw off the butter-milk at points of granulation, and fail because the granules are yet loaded with sticky albuminous matter, and have no chance to rise to the surface. If butter-milk was simply buttermilk, there would be no difficulty at this point; but butter-milk is made up of the un churned cream, cheese, sugar, fibrin etc., and at the "breaking stage" separation is not complete, and to churn more to do to defeat what is known as the granular process. Very fortunately water is a solvent of the cheese at that stage, and the sugar has a greater liking for the water than for butter. So if to each two gallons of cream put into the churn one gallon of cold well water is added at the granulating stage, with a single handful of salt, and the churn is revolved a few times to incorporate the whole mass, and then it is allowed to stand for five minutes, the buttermilk will be fluid, and the salt will have added weight to the cheese and sugar that the butter fats will float with a distinct line of separation.

If now, without disturbing the contents of the churn, the plug is taken out, nearly all the buttermilk will flow out before the butter will be drawn towards the orifice. Do not try to get out over three-quarters of the buttermilk. Return the plug, and add another handful of water and a little more salt, and continue this until the rising water comes clear; then it is ready for the brine or dry salting, as the operator may elect. No sieve or strainer is necessary through which to run the buttermilk. The whole secret is in using plenty of water in which a little salt has been dissolved at the start. Of course this makes thin buttermilk, but if it is set away for a few hours the best of it will settle to the bottom of the vessel, and if the top is turned off the rest will not be greatly impaired for cooking. For stock feeding no injury is done to it beyond dilution, and the slight amount of salt in it will make it all the more valuable for the pigs.

At the last washing this weak brine should be drawn slowly, and the butter left a while to drain, or the 25 per cent. of water remaining in wet butter will carry out too much of the salt with it. If drained well, and then salted once to the pound, about half an ounce to the pound will be left when worked over, which is all that the general and best paying markets now want in No 1 butter. There is nothing now in the above; in fact it is about like the old diary's sermon on the resurrection. When asked why he had preached the same sermon on that subject for 40 years he replied simply, "Because in that time nothing new had been found out about it."

Luckily for the world there are established fact-finders floating about to guide us to better success than the most of us attain, if we will only accept them. New discoveries in dairying are few, but the great trouble is to get people to see that the best way and easiest way is one which they are inclined to go against! "On general principles."—Mark Lane Express.

A Romance in Real Life.—The son of a wealthy squatter in the Western district, owing to a disappointment in an affair of the heart, joined the ranks of the V.A., under an assumed name, as a private, although his father—a wool king—could easily have procured him a commission. He could have done this himself, as by his mother's death he became possessor of a splendid estate on the plains of Pimpino, in the Wimmera. Time rolled on, and the subject of our remarks got tired of the dull routine of a soldier's life, and to relieve the monotony gave way to the curse of many a promising young colonial—big fat pinta. His misdeeds loved him. He had endeavored himself to cheer by being both a free lender and a cheerful giver. Ask this soldier for the loan of a sovereign and he freely made you a gift of two. No recipient could take offense, for the act was always gracefully done, as he invariably accompanied the gift with the question, "Do you want any more?" The natural result of having such a private in the battery quickly followed. This gunner who appeared to be wealthy far beyond the dreams of a miser, with an account of unlimited credit at the local bank, and one whose cheques it delighted the manager to honor, was no fit private for the V.A. His actions tended to interfere with the military discipline. A recruit joined who had but a short time previously been engaged in tending the flocks of the young squatter at his station on the plains of Pimpino, in the Wimmera. The recruit recognised the mysterious soldier, and his real name became known throughout the garrison. Then he was spoken to, and the effects of his lending proceeds pointed out, showing that he was ruining the service so far as discipline is concerned. Our military Monte Cristo listened to the voice of reason, and purchasing his discharge, returned to his father's estate, wearing a blue ribbon in the buttonhole of his coat. Absence had made the heart grow fonder, and with renewed vigor the prodigal son again pleaded his suit to Cupid's shrine, and succeeded far beyond his hopes, for the fair one who previously said that she must laugh but a sister, love to testow was now ready for a wedding wedding blossoms round her snowy brow. Report had told the lady of the adventures of this heir to a squatter since she first refused his truth—how he rushed to join the ranks of the V.A., with the intention of seeking death in the imminent deadly breach, etc., so she took pity (which is akin to love) on this gallant soldier of fortune. Owing to a recent bereavement in the family, the marriage washorn of the expected pomp and ceremony nasal on such a happy occasion. The presents were few but very costly, the bridegroom's father sending an envelope with an enclosure negotiable for five figures. On 24th May the happy couple leave for Europe in the Lusitania, intending to winter in Switzerland. In the meantime they are honeymooning at the bridegroom's pleasant station on the plains of Pimpino, which is high unto Dimboola, in the Wimmera.—"Queenscliff Sentinel."

Mining Notes.

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AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM A VETERAN.

As this is Jubilee year it tends to make one look back and think of the flight of time, and in this way an incident occurred that I am one of the veterans in the sale of your valuable and successful medicine. I have sold it from the very first, and have sent it into every country in England and many parts of Scotland. Well, as I remember the first circular you sent out some nine or ten years ago. You had come to England from America to introduce Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, and I was struck by a paragraph in which you used these words: "Being a stranger in a strange land, I do not wish the people to feel that I want to take the least advantage over them. I feel that I have a remedy that will cure disease, and I have so much confidence in it that I authorize my agents to refund the money if people should say that they have not benefited its use." I felt at once that you would never say that unless the medicine had merit, and I applied for the agency, a step which I now look back upon with pride and satisfaction.

Ever since that time I have found it by far the best remedy for Indigestion and Dyspepsia I have met with, and I have sold thousands of bottles. It has never failed in any case where there was a real case of the following symptoms:—Nervous or sick headache, sourness of the stomach, rising of the food after eating, a sense of fullness and heaviness, dizziness, bad breath, slime and mucus on the gums and teeth, constipation, and yellowness of the eyes and skin, dull and sleepy sensations, ringing in the ears, heartburn, loss of appetite, and, in short, wherever there are signs that the system is clogged, and the organs are out of order. Upon repeated inquiries, covering a great variety of ailments, my customers have always answered, "I am better," or "I am perfectly well." What I have seldom or never seen before in the case of any medicine is that people who have tried it, and who have had those who have been cured say to the suffering: "Go and get Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup, it will make you well." Out of hundreds of cures I will name one or two that happened to me into my mind.

Two old gentlemen, whose names they would not like me to give you, had been martyrs to Indigestion and Dyspepsia for many years. They had tried all kinds of medicine without relief. One of them was so bad he could not bear a glass of wine. Both were advised to use the Syrup and both recovered, and were as hale and hearty as men in the prime of life.

A remarkable case is that of a house painter named Jeffrey, who lived at Penshurst, in Kent. His business obliged him to expose himself to a great deal of wind and weather, and he was seized with rheumatism, and his joints soon swelled up with dropsy, and he was very stiff and painful. Nothing that the doctors could do seemed to reach the seat of the trouble. It so happened that he could do hardly any work, and for the whole of the winter of 1878 and '79, he had to lie up and take to his bed. He had been advised in this way for nearly ten years, and was getting worn out and discouraged. Besides, he had spent over £13 for what he called "doctor's stuff" without the least benefit. In the Spring he heard of what Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup had done for others and bought a 2s 6d bottle of it. In a few days he sent me word he was much better—before he had finished the bottle. He then sent me for a 4s 6d bottle, and as I was going that way I carried it down to him myself. On getting to his house what was my astonishment and surprise to find him out in the garden weeding an onion bed. I could hardly believe my own eyes, and said to him, "You ought to be dead—not to be out here, man, it may be the death of you, after being laid up all winter with rheumatism and dropsy."

His reply was:—"There is no danger. The weather is fine, and Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup has done for me in a few days what the doctors could not do in three years. I think I shall get well now." He kept on with the Syrup, and in three weeks he was at work again, and has had no return of the trouble for now nearly ten years. Any medicine that can do this should be known all over the world.

Yours faithfully, (Signed) J. REPERT GRAHAM, of G. GRAHAM & SON, Holloway House, Suburb, Middlesex, June 25th, 1887.

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THANKS. MR and MRS T. W. JOHNSTONE tender their sincere THANKS to all Friends in Beaufort for their kindness and sympathy in the late melancholy event.

NOTICE. ALL CLAIMS against the late George Harrison Johnstone to be forwarded to the undersigned. T. W. JOHNSTONE, Hawkesdale, 21st May, 1889.

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Marriage. GRENELL-McKENNIE.—On the 24th April, at Christ Church, North Adelaide, by the Rev. M. Williams, B.A., Richard Hylton, second son of John Grenfell, Esq., North Castlemaine (late of Beaufort), to Katherine (Katie), third daughter of the late J. W. McKennie, Esq., of Port Wakefield, South Australia.

Obituary. Suddenly, at Beaufort, on the 16th inst., George Harrison Johnstone, second surviving son of Thomas Watt and Jane Johnstone, of Hawkesdale, and grandson of the late John Logan, Esq., M.D. Deeply regretted. —Glasgow papers please copy.

THE Riponshire Advocate. Published every Saturday Morning. SATURDAY, 25th MAY. LOCAL & GENERAL INTELLIGENCE. THROWN FROM A CART.—A nasty accident happened to Mr. Shaw, baker, of Waterloo on Monday last. He was driving along the road in his delivery cart, when one of the wheels passed over a large stone, and Mr. Shaw, to prevent the capsizing of the vehicle, stepped quickly to the left side of the cart, but was, unfortunately thrown out, his head coming in violent contact with the road. He sustained some severe cuts on the head, which necessitated medical treatment.

ACCIDENTS.—Two accidents are reported this week. The first was to Mr. Ross, consulting engineer, Waterloo, who while inspecting some machinery got one of his fingers severely crushed. The other was to a son of Mr. L. Grant. He was cutting wood when the axe slipped and entered his foot. Dr. Basil Adam treated both cases.

FOOTBALL.—A match was to have been played yesterday between the Beaufort and Ararat Clubs on the latter's ground, but owing to the greater part of the Beaufort team having other engagements,

the match was postponed. A telegram was sent by the secretary to the Ararat Club, notifying them of the postponement.

BOARD OF ADVICE ELECTION.—The election for the Board of Advice for the North Riding of the Shire of Ripon took place on Wednesday, and resulted in the return of Mr. T. Charlton, by a majority of 16 votes. The polling was—Mr. Prowse, 37; Mr. Charlton, 52.

JUVENILE FOOTBALL.—A match was played on the local ground yesterday between teams representing the I.O.R. Juvenile Tent and the Outsiders. After a pleasant game the Outsiders won, kicking one goal four behinds to their opponents' one behind.

RATES.—The annual notice re the payment of rates appears to-day in our advertising columns.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE EXAMINATION.—The following is the result of the St. John Ambulance examination, recently held in Beaufort. Seventeen students competed, of whom eleven passed, viz.:—Miss Richardson, passed with credit; Mrs. D. G. Stewart, Mrs. Hughes, Miss L. Lewis, Miss Adams, Miss A. Adams, Miss Kiddah, Miss A. Greenwood, Miss Bywater, Miss Boyle, and Miss Minchin.

LAWN TENNIS.—The return match with the Ararat Club was played by the Beaufort club yesterday, and resulted as follows:—Gentlemen's Match—Beaufort, 3 sets, 24 games; Ararat, 1 set, 22 games. Ladies' Match—Won by Ararat.

BEAUFORT SPORTS.—The annual gathering of the Beaufort Athletic Club was held yesterday, there being a good crowd present. The weather was fair, and an enjoyable day's sport resulted. The following are the results of the racing up to the time of our reporter leaving the ground:—Maiden Race—Laundry, 1; Chittis, 2. Birthday Handicap—Ford, 1; Rodgers, 2; Croughan 3. Publicans' Purse—Chittis, 1; Laundry, 2; Ford, 3. Hurdle Race—Cluff, 1; Laundry, 2; Croughan, 3. Sack Race—H. Baker, 1; R. Lewis, 2. A complete report will appear in our next issue.

HELD OVER.—W.J.H.'s contribution, "Our Nellie," is unavoidably held over until next week.

THE RABBIT PEST.—The "Kyneton Guardian" remarks:—"Mr. McKenna's estate at Glen Erin, in Baynton, is a property containing 4000 or 5000 acres; and Mr. Jarratt's run of Theban is an estate of even greater extent, adjoining it. The whole of this property has been very much infested with rabbits for years, defying the efforts of trappers to keep them down. The ordinary remedies, such as phosphorated oats, poisoned apples, &c., have been tried, but proved ineffectual, as the rabbits often neglected the bait for their food. As a last resource poisoned malt was used, with astonishing success, as the pest has been almost exterminated. In the case of one estate it is computed that no less than 10,000 rabbits have been destroyed in the space of a fortnight with eight bushels of poisoned malt. One of the strongest proofs as to its complete success is that Mr. Jarratt is now anxious to countermand a large order he had given for wire net rabbit-proof fencing."

WHERE GEOFFREY HAMLIN WAS WRITTEN.—Most Victorians (writes a London correspondent) have read and admired that brilliant story of Australian life, Geoffrey Hamlyn, but not many of them, perhaps are aware of the peculiar circumstances under which it was written. In this week's "Academy," Mr. Paget Toynbee Orange, Norfolk, narrates the facts as he heard them from the Hon. Philip Russell, M.L.C. It seems that when Mr. Russell was living at Langwily, 30 miles from Ballarat, a party of sundowners arrived at the station one evening, and amongst them was one who was evidently a man of birth and education "down on his luck." This was none other than Henry Kingsley, and at Mr. Russell's invitation he remained on the station for several months, during which he wrote the whole or a greater part of Geoffrey Hamlyn. When he returned to England in 1858 he took to literature as a profession, and achieved a considerable reputation as a novelist.

NO WATER FOR BUTTER.—The gilt-edge butter of the future is not to be washed, says the "American Agriculturist." The fine aromatic odours and the nutty flavor will be retained and not washed away in streams of water. Water injures butter. A cloth wrung out in ice water, or even in fresh water, and then spread over a layer of butter will destroy its color and take out the good qualities from the surface layer. Ice water is more damaging in its effects than fresh water of natural temperature.

THE QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONORS.—It is expected that amongst the honors to be conferred on the occasion of Her Majesty's birthday, will be the following, viz.:—Knights Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—Mr. J. C. Bryn, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of South Australia; Mr. J. Colton, formerly Premier of South Australia; Mr. H. M. Davies, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Victoria; Mr. T. Archer, C.M.G., Agent-General for Queensland; Mr. William Macleay, M.L.C., New South Wales; Mr. J. H. Young, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of New South Wales. Knight Grand Cross of the Order of St. Michael and St. George.—Sir George Vernon, C.B., K.C.M.G., Victoria.

RAILWAY MEETING. PROPOSAL TO CONNECT MR. COLE AND RAGLAN WITH THE MAIN LINE.

In accordance with an advertisement appearing in our last issue, a well-attended meeting was held on Monday evening last, at the Victoria hotel, as a preliminary to the public meeting to be held the following Thursday. Mr. A. Andrews, J.P., was voted to be the chair, and explained fully the object for which that meeting was called. Considerable discussion took place upon the question whether it would be advisable to advocate a tramway only to Mount Cole from Beaufort, or to go in for a loop line from Beaufort to Raglan, tapping the main line as near as possible, and thence continuing along the valley to join the main line at Middle Creek or Bungalow. The feeling was almost unanimously in favor of the loop line which, it was contended, would not only be a great saving in construction when duplicating the main line from Ballarat to Stawell, but would be convenient for the railway department, inasmuch that the railway department could save time, carry heavier loads, considerably lessen the liability of accidents happening, effect a large saving in the wear and tear upon the roads and rolling stock, and open up a valuable field of industry which would in a very short space of time repay the outlay that would be necessary in construction. It was pointed out that when a deputation previously waited upon the Minister of Railways with reference to a line to Raglan, very favorable consideration was given to the claims set forth for this line, and had it not been for the fact that there were so many lines of railway then proposed and in course of construction, this one would have been included in the last railway bill. It was also contended that several lines of railway would be included in the bill to be laid before the present Parliament, that could not show half as strong claims, and more speedy repayment of the cost of construction than the line to Raglan. It was finally resolved, "That the Government be asked to make provision in the present railway bill for the construction of a loop line from Beaufort to Raglan, thence on to join the main line." All present then formed themselves into a league to be called the Beaufort to Raglan and Middle Creek Railway League, with power to add to their number. Mr. A. Andrews, J.P., was then appointed chairman of the League, and Mr. John Humphreys secretary. The secretary was authorized to collect subscriptions to carry on the work of the League. It was then resolved that the foregoing resolutions be submitted for confirmation or otherwise at Thursday night's meeting, and a vote of thanks to the chairman terminated the proceedings.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S MEETING. A public meeting was held in the Golden Age Hall, when there was a good attendance. Mr. Andrews, chairman of the League, presided. The Chairman stated that it was proposed to again bring forward the claims of Raglan and Mount Cole residents to railway connection with the main line. As they were aware, a similar proposal made some time ago was unsuccessful, although this was not because their claims were insufficient, but because the Government had undertaken the construction of so many lines, many of which were expensive schemes, that it was doubtful, even if this line were taken up it could be constructed for a long time. The object of the present agitation was to get a loop line from Beaufort to Raglan, to tap the Mount Cole forest, thence to join the main line somewhere about Middle Creek or Bungalow. By tapping the forest it would mean developing the timber resources of that district, and opening up a profitable industry for many years to come and this would give employment to a very large number of people. In connection with this agitation, a preliminary meeting had been held, at which the matter had been fully discussed, and the resolutions come to would be submitted for the approval of that meeting or otherwise. The master was considered in connection with the duplication of the present line from Ballarat to Stawell, which the railway department considered a necessity in the near future. The expense of this duplication is admitted to be very great—so great, indeed, that heavy rails are being now laid to save off this expenditure and bear the weight of the rapidly increasing traffic for as long a time as possible. It can be shown to the Government—and he believed it could—that this line would open up a large traffic, and heavier loads could be carried over a much less gradient than at present, the present movement would be successful.

Two Hours in a Leper Asylum. (By Our Melbourne Correspondent.) So much is being said just now about leprosy, and the possibility of its sweeping as a scourge over this fair continent, that in the present dearth of news I cannot do better than fill this letter with a few facts about the disease. What I know about it has not been gathered from books, and what I have to say are not mere efforts of fancy. The disease, it is true, when advanced to its latest stages, presents humanity in a form more loathsome than the mind can conceive; but for all that I do not more believe that the legend of Father Damien is due to leprosy, contracted as ordinary contagious diseases are contracted, than I believe that the pen which traces these words is held by a leprous hand. That Father Damien died of leprosy is a fact without doubt; but that the disease was contracted by breathing the same atmosphere as the lepers, or that it was communicated to him in the manner in which small-pox, typhus fever, or other contagious diseases are communicated, is a theory that rests upon a foundation no more substantial than a shadow. If the reader is not too sensitive, let us look in upon one of the saddest scenes which the human mind can conceive; and although the senses may rise up in revolt at what we see, the heart that can withhold its pity is not human.

Leaving Port Louis by the road which leads to the scenes made classic by Bernardin St. Pierre, in his story of Paul and Virginia, we come, at the end of six miles and a half to St. Lazare—a hospital for lepers. About forty years ago God put into the heart of a good woman the resolve to bequeath her property—a pretty house and some thirty acres of ground—to be used for all time as an asylum in which lepers might find a refuge when shunned by healthy and robust humanity. Two other good and noble-minded women—I, a Protestant, say it—two noble-minded women, Sisters of Charity, undertook to reside there, and to receive, tend, and feed as many of those unfortunate outcasts as the place could hold and they could sustain. They begged from door to door; donations were sent to them, and they not only were able to feed the homeless, but they were also able to build, one at a time, cottage after cottage, ward after ward, until at the time when I visited the place, four years ago, the establishment had assumed the dimensions of a little village. And this is the place to which the reader's company is invited. Here we are, and very fortunately the doctor who has just arrived from St. Helena by the steamer, an Englishman by birth—Dr. Poupineau de Vallance—a man who lives eighteen miles away, but who, for the last five and twenty years, has had medical charge of this place, visiting it twice a week, and who has not only not demanded, nor positively refused, any remuneration for his services.

The first thing that strikes us upon entering the little settlement is the profusion of flowers which are growing everywhere. The place is absolutely replenished with the gorgeous flora of Mauritius. There is not the least symmetry or design about the flower beds—the irregular patches, picturesque to the verge of eccentricity, can be called flower beds. But there is a profusion of bloom, abundant evidences of loving care, taste in the arrangement and blending of colour, which make up a sum total of almost overwhelming heartache when one perceives that of the gutter, and it seems that all their care, all the love and tenderness of which they are susceptible, are lavished upon their flowers. For physical exertion even in its mildest form is not exacted from any of them.

The fact that St. Lazare is composed of numerous buildings and separate wards has already been mentioned. There are detached cottages, similar to those of Yarra Bend for the more dependent of the lepers. The association wards again are classified according to the more or less advanced stages of the disease. In its milder form leprosy can only be detected by an experienced eye, and is distinguishable only by a peculiar pucker of the skin. In others again it shows itself in white patches upon the skin. Every leper does not necessarily die from the disease. Perhaps not fifty per cent do so. But, on the other hand, no one has ever been known to be cured. Of course, the disease is far more virulent in some than in others. It may have been in the blood of the family for a greater number of generations, and the blood has become absolutely poisoned. In these wards we see it in all its stages. Here is a person whose skin appears to be covered with minute scales—repulsive to look upon. Here is another, whose finger tips are gradually wasting away, and the toes, as we see, are in the same condition. This is a worse case—the hideous beginning of a leathern and fearful end. In the next ward we come to cases still further advanced. The fingers and toes have gone, and a part of the hands and feet. There are no wounds; the members have simply wasted away—nails, skin, flesh, bones. As for blood one can hardly conceive such a thing to be in the flesh. Pursuing our investigations we find people whose hands have quite

disappeared. The arms terminate in two stumps at the wrists. If the subject lives long enough his arms will terminate at the elbows. Similarly the feet have gone, and the legs are disappearing—from the ankle upwards. Such cases are rare, and are not enough; but there are some still worse. In some subjects the lips or nose, or both, have been attacked; the face has partially gone. There is a cavern forming in the head, and to look at it fills the beholder with shuddering horror; the heart grows sick and faint; and one becomes aware of what has become some time creeping over the senses, an indescribable smell in the atmosphere. It is not an evil-smelling, offensive, acrid smell. It is a thick, heavy, sickening smell—the smell of the charnel-house, the smell of decaying remains. It is the smell of humanity being gradually eaten away by leprosy.

Now, if leprosy were contagious, in the usually accepted sense of the term, this is just the place in which infection would seize upon the vitals of a healthy person. Leprosy is common, very common, in Mauritius, and has been so for over a century at least. Moreover, for forty years, at least, leprosy, in its worst aspects, has been focused at St. Lazare, and the very bodies of the establishments have become saturated with it. The establishment has been in charge of ladies who have lived there and who have been in daily contact with the inmates, for a generation at least. There is Dr. Poupineau de Vallance who had attended them for a life period. There are others who are constantly going in and out. Yet none of these have caught the infection, and they would simply laugh at anyone who told them they were in danger of doing so. More than this; I have said that there is not a case on record in which a healthy person has become leprous from the effect of contact with lepers. There was a case at St. Rochelle—a another leprous center—in which a Dr. Meade-John became a leper. He had been in attendance at the leper establishment at Curieuse, and he contracted the malady. An official investigation followed, and it was understood that the influence easily explainable had been at work in his case.

Leprosy, be it understood, is not confined exclusively to poor people. It assails rich and poor alike. It is not uncommon to see a healthy person marry into a leprous family. That person is invariably scapular. The children, however, are not always so fortunate. The word, leprosy is hereditary. If you see me how it first developed in healthy families, I should say show me the healthy family in which it is developed. The blood must be prepared to receive it. In countries where every kind of meat is cooked in lard—lard obtained from vildly fed, and perhaps leprous, pigs; countries in which leprosy is a necessary generation after generation, in countries in which the laws of sanitation are neither observed nor even understood. Show me one of these countries and you will not surprise me if you also show me families in which leprosy has fastened itself. If you see me how the disease may be propagated, I will tell you—by inoculation. As to arm vaccination from an unscrupulous leper to a healthy child is the worst method I know of. Doctor Damien may have been inoculated without knowing it. He may have innocently suffered an uncovered sore upon one of his own hands to come in contact with a bad case of leprosy. That would explain the whole mystery.

Ararat. (FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.) The country around Ararat is fast becoming fresh and all that could be desired for the farmers, who are making rapid progress with sowing operations. About Kiara, Maroonas, Ross' Bridge and other well-known old farming districts, larger quantities of grain are being put in than usual, the high prices ruling for grain of all kinds being, I suppose, a great inducement.

Two old residents of Ararat have died lately. Mr. A. A. Wood died of the Ararat Hospital on the 5th inst., of consumption of the lungs. He was an enthusiastic student of Entomology, and made some very interesting collections of Australian insects, having obtained some at considerable trouble from the adjoining colonies. Mr. Wood identified himself with the interests of the local Mechanics' Institute and Hospital. He was also an ardent poultry fancier, and acted in that line as judge at our local shows. Mr. Wood will be remembered by Beautifities as having visited their town occasionally in the capacity of Mr. W. E. Nichols' clerk.

The second death is that of Mrs. Reid, wife of Mr. J. W. Reid, farm bailiff of typhoid, at the age of 60 years. Mrs. Reid was a kind, genial-hearted woman, much respected by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance (the writer of these lines included). Deep sympathy is felt for Mr. Reid and his family.

Active measures are being taken by our Local Board of Health to minimize as much as possible the cause of the much dreaded typhoid. And as the elements of the local Chinese camp have been destroyed by the health officer, Dr. Smead, to be unfit for habitation, a resolution has been passed by the board that they be removed, and it is a pity that such dens cannot be swept out of existence altogether, for such unwholesome disease-breeding borders are a curse in any community.

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Poetry.

The Rain.

It is joy to sit and listen,
To the patter of the rain,
As the waters downward glancing
Dash upon my window-pane.
But the lonely and forsaken,
And the homeless, what of these?
Do they hear the chord that strains me—
Soughing winds among the trees?

It is good to sit and ponder
When the storm is coming down,
And the thought must outward wander,
Through the bye-ways of the town,
But the feeble and the moaning
Invalid or beggar child,
What of these? The storm prevailing
Only makes my thoughts more wild.

It is charming in my study;
With a rhythm the waters fall,
And the anthracite is cheering—
Mellow gas-light over all.
But the cold and darkling hovel,
Wherein shivers many a soul,
What of these, whose only measure
Is a want beyond control?

It is kind to sit and think me
Of the blessing I have had
In my days of toil and study,
With a heart serenely glad,
But there is another grouping
Lone and cheerless, lonely too;
What of these poor weary toilers?
Have they not been just as true?

It is wise that we remember,
In our happy, home-blessed hours,
All the terror and the anguish
Coming down with winter showers,
But who goes to aid the starvelings,
When their sorrow to succor?
As though wouldst have it done to thee,
God do thou aid these!

Is it joy to sit and listen?
Is it good to ponder here?
Is it charming in my study,
When the winter's storm is drear,
That no hand is raised to aid them,
Who must bow beneath the rod?
Are they, also, not the carolings
Of the self-same loving God?

Oh, the wintry wind is whirling,
And the chilly rain is sleek,
Filled with thousands of sharp needles,
For ten thousand sootiest feet!
And that I must not forget them,
From my study, snug and warm,
I rush out to breast the darkling
Terror of the winter storm.

—E. G. D. HOLDEN.

Novelist.

The Midnight Prophecy

OR,
HEIR OF STRATHSPY TOWERS.

By Emma Garrison Jones.

CHAPTER LIII.

"Whom did the man look like?" questioned the doctor. "Describe him!"

The captain hesitated.

"Why, Fossbrooke," cried the old man, "would you keep back the truth in a case like this? My daughter's life, her honor, may be in jeopardy!"

The captain spoke out.

"Lady Marguerite thought he looked like her brother, Lord Angus," he said.

"And you?" put in Mr. Keith, sharply.

"I thought so, too—thought so, remember. I am not at all certain."

"I am, then," replied the doctor; "I feared the worst from the first—that young villain has kidnapped my daughter. Keith," he added, springing up excitedly, "there's not a second to lose—do you put the best detectives in the country on his track—and, captain, if you'll accompany me, we'll drive back to Ravenswood and see the end!"

By moonlight the whilom peaceful highlands were in a whirl of excitement and commotion.

Men were galloping like troopers up and down the highways, making inquiries at every point, and from every individual, and half-a-dozen detectives, warned by telegram of what had taken place, were on their way to the scene of action.

Lady Neville went to bed with grief and shame, the countess uttered all manner of execrations, and Lady Marguerite kept her own apartments, in disgrace for having so far forgotten herself as to ride with Captain Fossbrooke, and in terror for the fate of her friend.

The earl was awfully worked up, and vowed all manner of vengeance on his recreant heir. He really turned out to be the offender.

"As if," he said, Lady Neville, "poor Angus were to blame; even if the whole thing were true, of course the shameless girl enticed him to carry her off! For her part, she had never fancied the doctor's daughter! And such a hue and cry as they were making over it. If it were not for her regard for the countess she would take rail for London before night!"

"Wait till the wedding's over," suggested the dowager; "let's get Marguerite married first—and the sooner the better."

In the height of the hubbub, Sir Bayard Brompton returned from London, accompanied by his valet, Leonard.

"I found it so awkward to get on without his valet."

But the whole structure of suspicion toppled over with a crash when only two days after Maggie's disappearance, Lord Angus rode leisurely up the avenue to Ravenswood as cool and easy as air as if no misunderstanding had ever arisen between him and his father.

Pearl was on the terrace, and espied him first, and flew to meet and warn him.

She loved her coarse, brutal brother, with all his errors.

"Oh, Angus," she cried, clasping both his hands, "I am so glad you have come—there is such an awful thing—and papa is so angry—and Doctor Renfrew has detectives everywhere. Oh, Angus, you did not do it, did you?"

The young man burst into a loud laugh.

"Why, Pearl, my dear child," he cried, "what can you mean? What's the matter? Didn't I do what?"

"Why, carry off Maggie, to be sure," replied Pearl, innocently; "she's gone and no one knows where, and they say you took her away."

"Oh, are you losing your senses?" Maggie who's gone?"

"No, Marguerite," Oh, Angus, say you did not carry her off—it is such a terrible thing—I'm sure you didn't do it."

Her brother patted her golden head, caressingly, for the first time, perhaps, in all his life.

"No, Marguerite," he replied, "I did not carry her off, certainly; I know nothing about her"—and, he added, as he saw the earl advancing—"you'll come your papa, as you call him, and you must make my peace with him, Pearl."

She flew like an arrow to intercept her father, always eager to do good.

"Oh, papa," she cried, "dear papa, brother Angus is here, and he is innocent; he knows nothing of Maggie, and you mustn't be angry with him a moment longer—you won't now, please, dear papa?"

The earl put the lovely young intercessor aside, almost roughly, and advanced to meet his son.

"Have you dared to come into my presence again, sir?" he thundered, the very sight of the young man's face putting him in a passion.

"Well, yes, I have," replied Lord Angus, quietly.

"I have come to ask your pardon—I was wrong—I am hot-headed like yourself. Can't you forgive me, and retract your threat of disinheriting me?"

"What have you done with Doctor Renfrew's daughter?" questioned the earl, taking no heed of what he said.

"The doctor took Doctor Renfrew and his daughter! What have I to do with her?"

"Didn't you carry her off two evenings ago from Mrs. Keith's?"

The young man laughed.

"Upon my word," he said, "one would think your Highland trip had turned all your brains—every soul I meet comes at me about Renfrew's daughter. No, I didn't carry her off, and didn't want her. Will that do?"

His bold eyes never faltered.

The earl was staggered, and stood silent.

"Well," continued the young man, after a momentary pause, "is it to be peace or war between us? Can I come in for the night, father?"

Lord Strathspire's heart thrilled. The boy had called him father for so many years.

It pained him inexpressibly to treat him ill, villain though he knew him to be.

"Not now," he said, his voice softening; "I will order to Keith's fire and convey you to the inn for the night."

"Not I," replied Lord Angus. "If he wants to be convinced, let him come to me; I shan't bother about him, I'll go back to Perth, since you give me such a cool welcome."

And, saluting the action to the word, he strode away.

The earl stood gazing after him, with a bitter pain at his heart.

After all his hopes and prayers for an heir, to be disappointed so was almost more than he could bear.

He remembered the day when the boy was restored to him; and how he rejoiced.

How tenderly he had loved him, how carefully he had trained him, through all the years of his boyhood, and now, this was his reward. He was a brute, a villain, well-nigh a murderer—and he was not his son!

The earl felt sure of the truth, as he stood there in the twilight, the boy he had reared as his own was not his son.

Yet, when his passion and excitement were over, it was no pleasant thing to think even of proclaiming the fact to the world, and disinheriting him; no pleasant thing to do, especially to a man like the earl, hot-tempered and impulsive, but kind and gentle of heart.

Lady Marguerite, who had crept to her father's side, was watching his face, and seeing its unutterable sadness and despair she stole her soft hand into his, and whispered:

"Dear dear papa, please forgive him! please call him back."

The tears filled her father's eyes, but he shook his head slowly.

A sudden thought struck him. He took out his memorandum book and tore off a blank leaf, upon which he wrote a few lines.

"Here, Pearl," he said, "run and give him this, but let him go; it is better that he should."

Pearl took the paper and flew after her brother, who was on the point of mounting his horse.

"Here, Angus," she cried; "papa sent you this, and he is not a bit angry with you."

The young man took the paper, and his eyes flashed as they ran over it.

It was the earl's order for a thousand pounds.

"Much obliged, my dear," he replied; "and very considerate of your dear papa, I'm sure. But if he only had a hint of the purpose of this very timely little sum will be put to, I'm quite sure he'd regret his generosity; but I thank him all the same, and bid you good-morning."

He leaped into his saddle and galloped away, and Lady Marguerite returned to her father, with a sad and anxious look in her dove-like eyes.

Somewhat her brother's sneering words and ugly looks had disappointed and disconcerted her.

CHAPTER LIV.

THE FATHER PERPLEXED.

An evening or two after the events of our last chapter, Lady Neville and the countess gave a reception in honor of Sir Bayard's return from London.

The spacious halls of the old Highland manor were brilliantly illuminated, and thrown open to receive the *élite* of the Scottish nobility.

A very grand affair it turned out to be, for the countess had a number of old friends in that vicinity; and they all flocked in to pay their respects to her; and there were a number of gentlemen from London, friends of the earl, who had come to the Highlands for the shooting season.

The old countess was never in her element unless when she had a ball on

hand, or some bit of gaiety, involving fine dresses and music.

With her seventy years, and her wrinkles and gray hairs, she was still as spruce and sprightly as any damsel in her teens.

She wore the very finest of black velvet habits that night, with lace at her throat and cuffs—yellow, ornate affairs, that were in the height of fashion—and on her feet diamond solitaires in her highly polished, that glittered like a morning star.

Captain Fossbrooke was in waiting at the foot of the wide black oak staircase, to escort the countess to the drawing-room.

The handsome captain was always on the alert to please and flatter the dowager, and, like most women of her age, she was fond of flattery and attention.

And it turned out to be that the captain got to be one of her prime favorites.

She liked to have him beside her when she drove out, and no one could please her at a game of chess as he did; and he made her sketches of all the choice bits of landscape around her manor; and made himself so charming and agreeable, so entirely necessary to her content and happiness, that she would have resigned almost any of her pet indulgences sooner than have given up the captain.

"I'd give one half of my fortune," she said to Lady Neville, as they were dressing for the reception, "if Brompton was a man like Fossbrooke. It would be some comfort to leave one's wealth and title in his hands then. But of all the unskullish I ever met, Sir Bayard is the prince. I don't wonder a bit that Marguerite has it in her mind to marry him. Lady Neville settled the folds of her mauve silk meditatively, her delicate brows arched in well-bred surprise. If she had dared to speak to the countess it was in her heart to do so.

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