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The Outlaws of Mountain.

A Story of Van Diemen Land.

FOUNDED ON 1842. BY CAPTAIN L. (James J. Wright) Author of 'The Gem Field Wake of Bushranger' 'The Hut of Ellerslie'.

Then what would he do. He seek the traitor Sinclair? He considered the point, doubtless, but he was to the rescue of his last such a region, what more did the young man had met with or death. This put the grin of Edward Lyell and the which he had been found. Some of the prospector For and the thought started him train of conjectures and sup-

It was the third day after disappearance of Sinclair that the shelter of the breakwind, most gloomy thoughts. It maddened for vengeance from putting an end to the under such conditions. The irritated by the movements was compelled to make, and progress towards recovery troubled the fugitive invalid terrible loneliness of the situation view to augment the first dish of food, the injured man used hours the edge of the scrub animal would show itself secure.

Night was fast approaching expectation of getting a shot the giant, musket in hand. A noise immediately breaking—just in the only to that in which he was the hunted man to start and his feet.

As he did so a wild-looking man, almost naked, for rags, which hung round his cover the cuts and scratches in scrub, turned the breakwind almost at his feet. Quick Forbes covered the face with an almost instantly dropped the a wild exclamation of relief.

'Great God, Lyell, where anyone after you?' For a few seconds the creature did not respond, but at Forbes a new light came and he dropped on the ground. 'Food, Ben. Have you a hoarsely gasped, and the giant respond, for the next instant part of his provisions into the famished man.

'Get the panmican yonder have a drop of this. For soon a small portion of the remained was handed to Lyell and draught quickly revived man, and soon he was able to line of what had happened previous week. He was astonished to hear of Sinclair, since, though, to some extent, sense of relief. It had dawned that beneath the feminine ext- beyond conception.

Not much time, however, discussing the absent man, immediate affairs demanded to both it seemed as if he brought them together. 'We may manage to pull after all. Fort Davey is the for. I've got plenty of am that is one great point in marked Forbes.

'I'll look after you, Ben, turn the good you did me keep quiet the face will soon then we can go on.' Lyell, and he kept the pr For a fortnight he looked who speedily recovered from and then they took up the journey. The point they at was not more than a mile from the entrance of Macquarie rather than into the long that great inland sea. It was attempt to reach the south entrance by means of a narrow pass was narrow, but treat if favorable weather obtain easily be crossed.

Next day a raft large on both men was formed by pla parallel to each other and with smaller ones, secure in w tough creepers and bark. On morning, everything being venturers managed to safely get This saved the two at least score of miles through a country, but still the journey eighty miles to Fort Davey easily accomplished. A long range ran parallel with the nearly the whole way to the was skirted to the west. After after Hill's Gates were left a heading to the north, w gather too far distant for the those on board to be attract Lyell was waving to signalling a deep desire to once again Town.

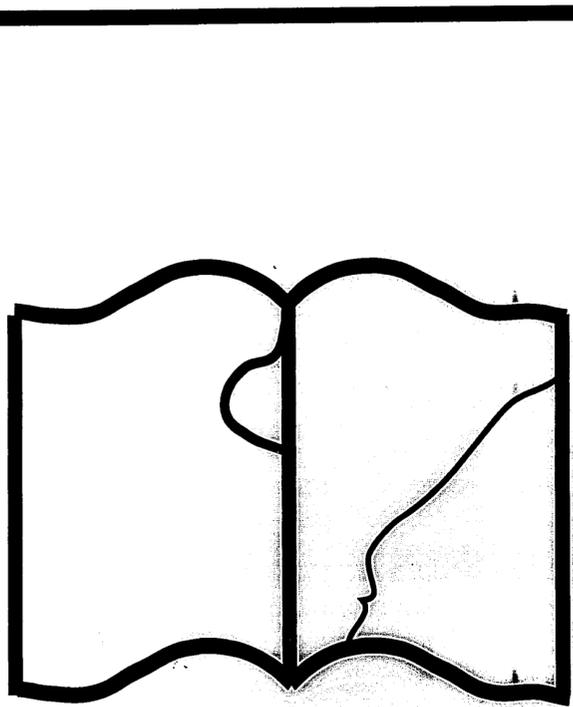
In that his companion di and several times Forbes pr- cious which his company would so. 'My idea, Ned, is to American or Dutch whaler whose business. If the au what will happen. Don't let the girl draw ye to death, it would argue.

'Well, Ben, death would to running away and letting died in the bush. The troubles can be explained a return. The soldiers attack warning, and that induced trouble.' I have influence and—

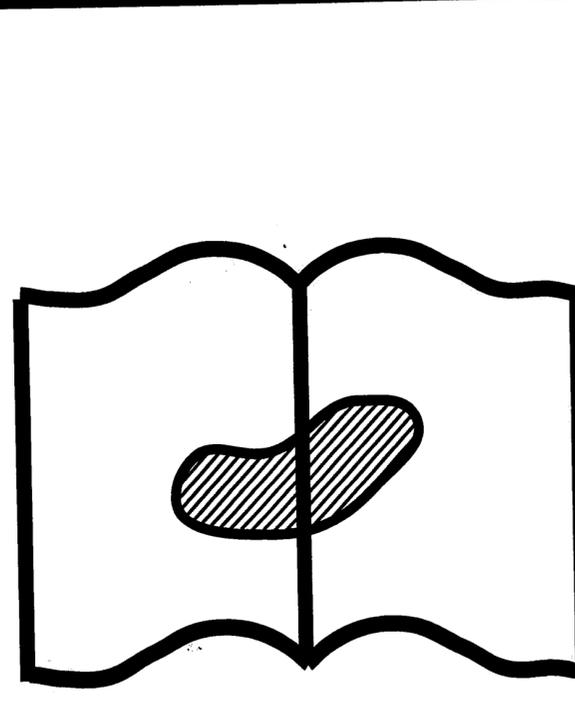
'Ye needn't continue, Iac dately and to risk ye're life I brought there to see Hobart Town may yet turn out better than the giant interrupted, and t closed the conversation.

On the tenth day from Mac the De Witt Ranges were from the summit of the centre view of Fort Davey was obta- joy of Forbes a large volume from the north lead, and he 'trying out' that was lying from one of the levathans of 'It may be only one of the parties who now spend most of the Port,' remarked Lyell.

'I hope not, lad. That me at all. We'll know by to- me though, for we should c-



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After some very close and exciting contests, the Waterloo club emerged as the victors, their opponents by one game. The victors were entertained at dinner on their arrival, and during the match afternoon tea was freely dispensed by the ladies.

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On Tuesday afternoon the directors visited the mine. They consist of Messrs J. Leishman (chairman), J. Ward, J. Leishman, R. Stevenson, and W. A. Sinclair. The inspection of the mine and of the surface indications satisfied them that the mine is a genuine investment, and the belief was confidently expressed that it would prove the best dividend-paying one in the district, and open up a big alluvial field.

Advantage was taken of the visit to drink "Success to the company." The toast was introduced to Mr. Eastwood, the representative of the largest individual shareholder, and he coupled with the toast the name of their worthy chairman, Mr. Leishman. It was, he said, the first official visit of Messrs Leishman and Ward to the mine, and he was sure they were well pleased with what they had seen. They had taken a look round and were agreed that the prospects of the company were very bright. He spoke of the satisfactory manner in which the winding plant had been erected, and said that under the management of Mr. Skewes, who was the right man in the right place, he firmly believed the mine would be the forerunner of a large number of companies, and that the lead would show good results for some time to come. The prospect here was very bright, and he would never forget their kindness. He felt that he should say a lot, but he could not put the words together. He, however, thanked them from the bottom of his heart for a very nice present (Applause). Mr. Wetherston said he had enjoyed to say that the mine had been a good one, and that it had been subscribed for by the members of the Band only.

Mr. Froust, at the request of Mr. Wetherston, proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Eastwood, and was loudly applauded for his very fine effort.

The coronet, which was manufactured by Bony & Co., of London, was valued at £25.

Carnham Turf Club Weights.

The following are the weights for the Carnham Turf Club's races, to be held on Saturday, 3rd April.

Table with 2 columns: Name, Weight. Includes Naughty (12 lbs), Minnie (12 lbs), etc.

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'Twixt Love and Gold. A HIGHLY SENSATIONAL ROMANCE OF LOVE AND ADVENTURE.

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CHAPTER I.

A loud report startled the inmates of Westleigh House. Cries of terror and the sound of hurrying feet came from the hall.

Mr. Bexfield started. Cool and impassible as he was, the report and the cries which followed it had alarmed him.

Mr. Merriman had shot himself, sir, in his room," gasped the butler, every muscle of his face betraying his agitation.

"Shot himself!" echoed Mr. Bexfield in dismay. "Yes, sir, in his own room. Would you mind coming up? The women are too frightened to do anything."

Mr. Bexfield rose from his chair. "Send for Dr. Gray and Dr. Thomas—and Dr. Christie; quick," he said, as he hastened to the door and passed out into the hall.

The butler hurried to the servants' hall to despatch messengers for the doctors. Wells, the under gardener saddled a horse and rode off to summon Dr. Gray and Dr. Christie, and a domestic was sent for Dr. Thomas. Westleigh House had never before been in such a state of alarm.

Mr. Bexfield went upstairs to the room that Mr. Merriman had been occupying. Half an hour before Mr. Merriman had left him to retire for the night. They had been engaged in an excited conversation for nearly two hours, but there was nothing in Mr. Merriman's manner to suggest desperation or tragedy.

The door of the room was partly open as Danvers had left it. Entering timidly Hugh Bexfield stopped. Across the bed lay the lifeless body of Dudley Merriman, his right hand still grasping the revolver with which he had shot himself, and a large patch of fresh bright blood on the carpet of the bed too surely told the fatal truth. Mr. Bexfield stepped to the bedside and gently touched the right wrist of his old acquaintance.

"Dead enough! Good heavens!" he exclaimed, stepping back with a frightened air. "Glancing nervously round the room his eyes fell upon a letter set up on its edge on the dressing table, evidently meant to be seen by the first person who entered the room. Mr. Bexfield walked to the table and took up the letter. It was addressed to him. Hastily tearing the envelope open he took from it a single sheet of paper. Unfolding the sheet he read—

"Dear Bexfield,—Forgive me for this rash act in your house. I cannot help it; the strain is too much. I am putting an end to it all. Do forgive me. See to my poor child. Leave her everything, and wait until you see an executor with her. Do see to her for pity's sake. It is my last request.

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Mr. Bexfield pointed to the body of Dudley Merriman on the bed. "Shot himself! What has caused this?" asked the doctor as he approached the bed.

"Tension. Through speculating," Hugh Bexfield answered as he held the letter towards Dr. Thomas. A brief examination convinced the doctor that his services could be of no avail. The muzzle of the revolver had been pointed to the heart, and the bullet had lodged in that mysterious centre of life and energy. The pulsation kept up with faithful continuity and precision for forty-nine years had stopped for ever. Dudley Merriman was dead.

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"Something in the letter must have started a train of thought or he would never have sat there as he did for fully half-an-hour, hardly moving a muscle. At last there came a change. The least trace of a smile, half triumphant, half contemptuous, played about his lips, but still he gazed at the letter.

"I leave her everything, and want you to be executor with her," he read in a whisper that sounded clearly in the stillness of the room.

"Well, Merriman always was a child," he said, thinking aloud as he folded the letter. "That girl has now a hundred thousand pounds if she has a penny. He asks me to see to her. I'll take care of her. I will trade her at her full value to some fool about town. I am entitled to something handsome for this night's disturbance. Here's to you Dudley. A long and pleasant sleep, old boy! I hug Bexfield rose from his chair as he gave expression to his thoughts. Taking up a glass part full of Bouvillon which stood on the table he drank the wine and draught set down the glass, and then walked to the door. Touching the electric light switch, the room was instantly in darkness. As the hall clock chimed the first quarter after three, Mr. Bexfield walked noiselessly upstairs on his way to bed.

Though his old acquaintance, Dudley Merriman was lying dead under his roof, Hugh Bexfield, the unscrupulous speculator, has determined that if he could not appropriate the money which would come to Wylva Merriman, he would take care to dispose of her by marriage in such a way that he would gain a large sum by the transaction. With the knowledge of the city and of men who had money, he had no doubt that he could bring about a marriage between Wylva and some one who would be greatly to his own advantage. What he would do he had done as a matter of mere business. No one knew better than he that men and women made fortunes and lost fortunes every day in the buying and selling of stocks and shares. In his mind at that moment he was simply devising a scheme of play for Miss Merriman's money and in obedience to the prompting of a nature that was selfish and sordid he drew from his pocket a note for five hundred pounds which he would use to his own advantage. What he would do he had done as a matter of mere business. No one knew better than he that men and women made fortunes and lost fortunes every day in the buying and selling of stocks and shares. In his mind at that moment he was simply devising a scheme of play for Miss Merriman's money and in obedience to the prompting of a nature that was selfish and sordid he drew from his pocket a note for five hundred pounds which he would use to his own advantage.

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There was a faint knock at the door, and a moment later Danvers entered the room.

"Is there anything else, sir," asked the butler in a tone which told that he had not recovered from the shock of Mr. Merriman's death in the house.

"No; lock up and go to bed. You cannot do anything more. Have the people gone to bed?"

"Yes, sir; all of them."

successu, very, in some of his speculations. For a time he was greatly worried over them, but they turned out better than he expected.

"You mean in a kind of glad frenzy?"

"I think so, Doris. There was the anxiety; he had sleepless nights for weeks. Then the news came that he had made a great deal of money. It must have overthrown his mind. I cannot explain it in any other way, dear."

"Oh, well Wylva, you must not let the thought of it keep you unhappy. Somebody will want you some day to make you very happy you know."

Doris shook her head. Her eyes sparkled, and a smile hovered about her lips. She gave Wylva's hand a sharp, impulsive squeeze.

"No, dear."

Wylva's eyes turned to the ground as the words came from her lips in significant tones.

"Oh, you silly child!" laughed Doris. "Your guardian will see that you make a very good match, some day."

"No. Poor papa's mistake was in making me his executor. I don't want his money, or his house, or his business. I would never have done it. Oh, Doris I detest that man. He is a bad man. A wily scheming man, and already wants me to marry to suit his own purpose."

"Oh, Wylva."

"It is true, Doris. He is a bad, scheming man."

"Surely you are mistaken, dear. Are you not doing him an injustice?"

"No. I knew he was bad before papa died. When I found that papa had made him an executor with me, really my guardian, I can hardly tell you how unhappy it made me. He cheated papa more than once and he will wrong it if he can."

Doris sat silent, thinking.

The strains of the valve came over the trees in sweet, seductive measures. The two girls knew it well. The music started fresh thoughts in Doris's mind.

"Wylva," she said, with an impulse, "do you know that you made me a promise in Berlin that you never kept."

"Yes, really dear. You told me once that there was a great secret about your family and some day you would tell me what it was."

"You did, dear. You promised to tell me what it was and you have never done so."

"I can not tell you now, Doris; now that papa is dead."

A CONTINENTAL TOURIST VOUCHER FOR THIS.

Proficiency in a foreign tongue (says a correspondent of the "Queen") is hardly to be obtained without first making your quota of ludicrous mistakes. These are to be expected when you launch yourself upon the unknown sea of foreign conversation, and one must treat these as amusing incidents of travel.

An elderly English lady seldom allowed by her accomplished daughters to air her German, broke from their affectionate custody one day, sauntered into a shop at Bonn, and boldly asked the astonished shopman for "a little devil for a boys' school."

The man replied, deprecatingly, that he did not stock the article in question.

It appeared that what she required was a slate-label, not the other thing, though.

Look, young man, one way to make yourself comprehended is, as everybody knows to talk your own language to the natives in a very loud and masterful manner. Apropos of this method which has its drawbacks, a girl was going upstairs to her room at a French hotel when she heard another asking the chambermaid for soap.

"Some soap, please. Soap, my voice rising higher and higher. "Bring-me-some-soap!" very distinctly. "So-a-p!" spelling it as a final effort, at the top of her voice.

A German girl who was learning English was a constant source of amusement. She translated the sentence, "No man can serve two masters," by "No one can oblige two gentlemen," and wrote in a letter that she washed her corpse every day in cold water and did not try to skate because she had two weak uncles!

"Unpack your trunk" became with her "pack out your chest," while she calmly announced that her sister had gone to "landed to get thin and had lost 18lb. of meat."

Upon one occasion her teacher gave her a dictation in English, the subject of which was, rather oddly, the making of apple jelly. The girl read aloud what she had written, and presently arrived at the lemon—now add the Jews (juice) and bowl together."

English as translated for the use of hotels, restaurants, and shops abroad is frequently quaint and worthy of notice. For example, "silly advertisements" is "in this hotel the ladies leave the traveller nothing to hope for," "highly recommended breakfasts," "14 wainscotted rooms and 42 beds, light included (sic), and dinner at every o'clock of the day," "good plain second-rate hotel, best entertainment, best kept."

At Milan we saw a notice in a draper's shop of "Man and lady Hosiery," while a further advertisement, "Hosiery, confection, gentlemen's, ladies', Royal tights, bears, ice bears, etc." Visitors were also invited to view the battle of Westenberg, as being a "Colossal round panorama, curiosity of first-rate."

HOW DEEP DOES A WHALE DIVE?

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CATCHING A SEA-ELEPHANT.

Two women and a man had a startling experience, and a desperate fight of three hours' duration, with a monstrous sunfish, about a mile from shore, near Los Angeles, California.

The story they told about the remarkable battle was almost incredible. The sunfish was certainly a monster, for it weighed about 1,200 pounds, and closely resembled a man-sized elephant, without the trunk.

It was coarse, big, and rough, had an eye like a saucer, an ear almost as big as a man's hat, and with no expression. Its black, wrinkled body and slimy hide was a most unpleasant-looking object.

The capture of this elephant was one of the most remarkable events in the fishing history of the locality, although the place abounds in many strange and startling captures in big fish.

The scene of the capture was off the Catalina Island, an ideal holiday resort, with cool breezes, fish bathing, and a wireless telegraph system from the mainland, which furnishes the world's daily news to one of the few wireless newspapers published in the United States.

Hundreds of tourists who have visited Southern California in the winter time know well the many attractions of Catalina Island, which is twenty-seven miles from the mainland and forty-seven miles from Los Angeles. Many tourists go there simply to indulge in the tuna fishing and a sight of the flying fish, which makes the best bait for these 400-pound monsters.

Big things in the fishing line are the rule and not the exception in such a fisherman's paradise, but even the professional boatmen, who make their living by piloting the fishermen to the haunts of the tuna and yellow-tails were astonished at the capture of the giant sunfish.

There had been vague rumours that some time in the past a sunfish that might weigh 800 pounds, if one could catch it, had been seen at various times sleeping on the surface of the sea, but none had ever been caught.

Two ladies assisted by skipper George Farnsworth, were the fortunate ones who landed the big fish. While gazing over the calm surface of the sea, about a mile from the shore, the ladies who happened to be looking behind them, saw a great black mass on the surface of the sea, away off in the distance, about half a mile astern. Its appearance resembled a whale, and the boatman put his launch about to investigate the seeming devil.

As the boat drew near it was seen that it was a monster sunfish, loling about on the surface. From its size the party knew that a fight, and possibly, a wreck of the boat, might result if they ventured too near. After a consultation the ladies decided to take the chances, and to capture the fish if possible. Accordingly the skipper selected his heaviest gaff-hook, turned on full steam, and made for the fish.

When close enough the skipper swung the gaff with all his might, and the hook went down deep into the quivering flesh of the sleeping monster. When the fish felt the sharp pain, it lashed out in every direction in an effort to free itself. The hook, however, had taken a firm hold and could not be pulled out, and realising this, the monster renewed its efforts to escape.

It threw its great form about in the water, beat the waves with fin and tail, and squirmed and lunged and twisted and dashed showers of salt water over the occupants of the boat. Foam that was churned up covered the surface of the water, and the frail boat pitched and tossed and nearly turned over. Still the skipper braced himself, and held on to the fighting mass, and the ladies assisted him. The fight continued for over an hour, when another boat, the occupant of which had seen the fight from a distance, came to the rescue. He also sunk his big gaff-hook into the struggling fish. The two men, by taking turns, held it secure, until it was completely exhausted, the struggle going on for an hour and forty-five minutes after the second boatman arrived, and three hours from the first attack on the fish.

It took another half hour to bring the body to the beach, and it was hoisted by both launches. A dozen men exhausted themselves in dragging it up on the beach. It was about twelve feet long, and five feet in diameter. Old fishermen estimated that it would weigh over 1,800 lbs. and, so far as known, easily beats all fish records on the Pacific coast.

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500 TONS OF WATER A MINUTE.

To lovers of unusual or remarkable figures the following particulars will be interesting, and will incidentally answer some questions that many have asked, and few can answer, namely, how much water flows over the Niagara Falls in a given time, and what is the power it represents?

It has been estimated that the flow at average seasons amounts to 275,000 cubic feet per second, or 500 tons per minute, which, allowing the total fall to be considered as beginning at the upper rapids, and ending at the foot of the cascade, 216ft., would place the theoretical available horsepower at about 6,000,000 of which one-sixth is at present utilized.

The reason why lightning never strikes twice in the same place is not so obvious, because the place is not the same. The lightning makes its second call.

KOREA'S CAPITAL.

Although months ago (writes Mr. George Lynch, in the "Daily Chronicle"), it seems only yesterday that whenever I had half an hour to spare in Seoul I used to sit in a shop and watch the crowd of passers by.

It was situated in the main street, just inside the gate. A few small purchases had brought me the eternal friendship of the proprietor, who always had a large pipe ready for me, longer than my arm, so that he always had to light it.

The people as seen in everyday life interest me more in a strange country than palaces or show places. If I had to choose, I would prefer to see a slum to a Baedeker "sight" in a city that was new to me.

My friend was a vendor of brass pots of all sizes, but of only three shapes, that shone like burnished gold on the shelves around, and were arranged outside the open front.

There was no fuss or bustle about his business, or importuning for custom; he would sit calmly with his legs tucked under him on the platform, about two feet off the ground, smoking innumerable pipes, and his voluminous white garments, the wrinkling of his other suit, or suits appear to have been perpetually in progress, as could be heard by the wheek-whack of the sticks beating on a roller, which came constantly from the back of the premises, telling that his wife was at work at the Korean method of ironing, by which the indispensable satin-like gloss is given to the surface.

One great peculiarity of the streets of Seoul is that during the daytime practically no women are to be seen about. One occasionally sees a woman of the lower orders, dressed very much as the men, but wearing her cloak over her head, holding it with her hands, so as to conceal the lower part of her face.

About eight o'clock in the evening the great bell of Seoul tolls, which is the signal for men to retire off the streets, and gives permission to the women to emerge from their seclusion. This extraordinary regulation is strictly enforced, except as regards going with prescriptions for the sick.

Korean men are frequently found going about with sticks; pretending to be blind; but such is the rigid seclusion that the majority of the ladies of Seoul have never seen the streets of their city by daylight.

From eight o'clock until twelve the streets are alive with women, most of them attended by servants carrying lanterns. During this time they go visiting their friends. At twelve o'clock the great bell tolls again, from which time they have to be indoors, and the men are again at liberty to go out if they like.

One frequently sees coolies carrying enormous loads, and under different conditions of life and a proper government they would probably develop into an industrious, thrifty, and prosperous people.

I have seen the result of the experiment recently tried of importing Koreans to work in the sugar plantations of the Hawaiian Islands, which has been completely successful; but at home in Korea, all the incentives towards exertion and persevering industry are absent, because of the exactions of the host of corrupt officials who take all security from the labourer of enjoying the results of his toil.

Korea, just slightly smaller than Great Britain, with a population of about 13,000,000, enjoys one of the finest and healthiest climates in the world, with an average rainfall of 36 inches, which is very evenly distributed, so that except for rice, no irrigation is required. The mountains in the northern and eastern provinces are covered with vast virgin forests. Its mineral resources have been slightly explored, but copper is fairly plentiful, and the country has proved to be rich in iron and coal, the latter of most excellent quality. Gold and silver is also found in payable quantities.

But with all these advantages the condition of the people is most miserable. This arises from the system of government which is as rotten and corrupt as it is to be found on earth. Korea seems absolutely incapable of reforming herself from within. She must be taken in hand by some other Power. The world is becoming too crowded for a tract so fertile and so large to remain lying fallow in corruption.

HOW RADIUM IS EXTRACTED.

The cost of extracting radium is almost prohibitive. I visited the works of Irvy (says a writer in the "London Sun") and found myself outside the walls of Paris near the Irvy cemetery, where some unpretentious sheds serve for this important business of radium extraction. One of the head men met me and explained step by step how they obtained this strange and elusive metal.

"First he showed me a lumpy, reddish powder, stacks of it, brought from Bohemia, and constituting the raw material from which Radium is extracted. The powder is the refuse from the mines at Jachymov, that is, what remains of the original granite ore, pitche-blende, after the uranium has been removed.

For years this refuse was regarded as worthless, and was left to accumulate in heaps, tons of it, quite at the disposal of whoever chose to cart it away. Now that it is known to contain the rarest and most precious substance in the world, it goes without saying that the owners have begun to put a price upon it.

When boiling green vegetables, add a piece of sugar to the water, it is quite harmless, and preserves the colour as well as soda would.

THE GLAMOUR OF HIGH ALTITUDES.

The real glamour of high altitudes (writes the "Spectator"), is found, not in the means of attaining them, but in their intrinsic character. There we have Nature pure and primeval, a sphere in which worldly ambitions and human effort have no part, a remnant of the world as first created.

Every healthy man has in him a love of the wilds and the savage elements, a feeling which is not at war with the pleasure in home scenes, but complementary in human nature. It is a relic in civilised man of the primitive creature who first tried to adopt the earth to human needs, or, it may be, some trace of that infinite within us which cannot content itself with the work of our hands, and hungers every now and again for the bare simplicity of Nature.

High mountains give us Nature in its most elemental form—Snow, rock, wind, and sky, an austere world in which man counts for little; and in the realisation of his insignificance there is a much refreshment for the human soul. They have always been the chosen haunts of people who were not quite satisfied with life, not only estranged hermit souls like the author of "Obermann," but sane men who wished to get rid of the incubus of mundane cares and arrive at a clearer perspective.

But the mountains have not only loneliness, they have height. The world is stretched out beneath them, with its rivers shrunk to brooks, and its towns little patches of smoke and colour. In a mountain view the ordinary world of men is brought close to the mind, but seems small and inconsiderable, compared to the august spaces around. It is an illusion, hardly a priceless one, for by it a normal, healthy man can attain what the optimum-eater gains from his disease, and look down from the immense height upon his fellows and their works, and achieve a supreme moment of detachment.

In every man, as the saying goes, a poet died young; and not only a poet, but kings, prophets, and conquerors.

To the sane man there is value in that exaltation of the spirit which high altitudes give, when, so to speak, Nature lifts a corner of the curtain, and shows us a cosmos in which our life plays but a little part.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Kaiser has made, on the average, two public speeches in a week during the last ten years.

It takes about three seconds for a message to go from one end of the Atlantic cable to the other. This is about 700 miles per second.

Malta is the most thickly populated island in the world. It has 1,360 people to the square mile. Barbados has 1,054 people per mile.

Pineapples grow so plentifully in Gatal at certain seasons that it is not worth while carting them to market, and they are often given to the pigs.

The West Indian migratory crab is the only creature which is born at sea, matures in fresh water, and passes the remainder of its days on land.

The German nation is increasing at the astounding rate of 900,000 a year. Every twelve months more than 2,000,000 Germans are born within the Empire. During the same period a little over 1,000,000 die.

In Heiligoland Sabbath begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, when the church bell is rung, and on Sunday at the same hour. Formerly no vessel could leave the port, between those hours.

In Turkestan, every wedding engagement begins with the payment of a substantial consideration to the girl's parents. If the girl jilts her lover, the engagement gift has to be returned, unless the parents have another daughter to give as a substitute.

Kava, the national beverage of Samoa, is a wholesome and refreshing drink, though not agreeable to a palate unaccustomed to it. A really good old Kava-bowl is a curiosity difficult to obtain. The frequent brewings coat the inside with a beautiful opalescent enamel which greatly enhances the value of the bowl.

The most extensive wine cellar in the world is owned by the Roumanian Government. A railway tunnel 2,600 feet long between Galatz and Barbochi could not be used for railway purposes because of interior construction. It was leased to a wine dealer, who has turned it into an immense wine cellar.

There is in the American Museum of Natural History a butterfly that cost its owner between £1,000 and £2,000. This rare insect, a female, exists only in the Sierra Leone, and the collector in question had to fit up an expedition and maintain it for over two years with no other object than to add the insect to his collection.

Middle Creek State B. Concert.

On Wednesday evening last the school held their annual concert at the Middle Creek Public Hall. The programme was very good, the hall beautifully decorated, and the occasion was a grand success.

Every healthy man has in him a love of the wilds and the savage elements, a feeling which is not at war with the pleasure in home scenes, but complementary in human nature. It is a relic in civilised man of the primitive creature who first tried to adopt the earth to human needs, or, it may be, some trace of that infinite within us which cannot content itself with the work of our hands, and hungers every now and again for the bare simplicity of Nature.

High mountains give us Nature in its most elemental form—Snow, rock, wind, and sky, an austere world in which man counts for little; and in the realisation of his insignificance there is a much refreshment for the human soul. They have always been the chosen haunts of people who were not quite satisfied with life, not only estranged hermit souls like the author of "Obermann," but sane men who wished to get rid of the incubus of mundane cares and arrive at a clearer perspective.

But the mountains have not only loneliness, they have height. The world is stretched out beneath them, with its rivers shrunk to brooks, and its towns little patches of smoke and colour. In a mountain view the ordinary world of men is brought close to the mind, but seems small and inconsiderable, compared to the august spaces around. It is an illusion, hardly a priceless one, for by it a normal, healthy man can attain what the optimum-eater gains from his disease, and look down from the immense height upon his fellows and their works, and achieve a supreme moment of detachment.

In every man, as the saying goes, a poet died young; and not only a poet, but kings, prophets, and conquerors.

To the sane man there is value in that exaltation of the spirit which high altitudes give, when, so to speak, Nature lifts a corner of the curtain, and shows us a cosmos in which our life plays but a little part.

Mining News.

Thompson's Fancy, a co-operative prospecting near the above grounds, has started work on Thursday, and obtains good prospects of fine gold.

The Daughters of Freedom, at Middle Creek, held their annual meeting on Sunday night, and the bad luck which has attended the fall down the shaft, and caused a damage.

A meeting of shareholders in the Pinedale Victoria G.M. Co. was held in the Mechanics' Institute, Beautiful Wednesday evening, the object being to inaugurate the company, elect directors and manager, and transact general business. Mr. J. R. Witherspoon was voted president, and



Middle Creek State School Concert.

On Wednesday evening last the above school held their annual concert in the Middle Creek Public Hall. The attendance was very good, the hall being well filled. The stage was nicely decorated for the occasion with flowers and evergreens, the occasion being a most successful one.

Mining News.

Thompson's Fancy, a co-operative party working near the show grounds, Beaufort, struck wash on Thursday, and obtained good prospects of fine gold.

Settling the People on the Land.

GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE IN BUYING FARMS. SUGGESTION BY MR SKENE, M.H.R. WHAT THE FEDERAL PARLIAMENT CAN DO.

DRUIDS' GALL.

The last days for sale of Art Union Tickets for the Druids 1903 Annual Bazaar are announced. The demonstration is to commence in the Exhibition Building, Wellington, on April 2nd and to continue till April 11th.

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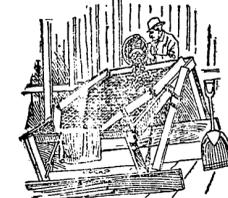
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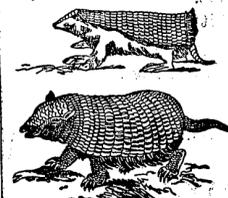
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all who have seen it, the latter will eat and get fat—very fat—on anything from grass roots to decaying fish or cattle, from an ant to a poisonous serpent, from strawberries to rats and mice.

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Lawn Tennis.

A match was played on Saturday between the Waterloo and Ballarat North Clubs at the courts of the North, which resulted, after a very close contest, in a win for the home team.

Messrs Baldwin and Hodgkinson (B.N.) beat Messrs Flynn and Robinson (W.), 6-0, 6-3; Messrs Cowles and Owen (B.N.) beat Messrs Flynn and Robinson (W.), 6-5, 6-3; Messrs Frusher and Cochrane (W.) beat Messrs Baldwin and Hodgkinson (B.N.), 6-3, 6-1, 3-6; Messrs Frusher and Cochrane (W.) beat Messrs Cowles and Owen (B.N.), 6-2, 6-3; Misses Cochrane and Flynn (W.) beat Misses Lovitt and Sheldon (B.N.), 6-1, 6-3; Misses Lambert and Myrie Todd (B.N.) beat Misses Cochrane and Flynn (W.), 6-4, 6-2. Totals—Ballarat North—3 rubbers, 7 sets, 55 games. Waterloo—3 rubbers, 6 sets, 56 games.

Skipton News.

The Sunday school hall was well filled by the children, parents, and supporters of the Sunday school on the occasion of the annual distribution of prizes.

A meeting of the Gargham Turf Club was held in the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday evening; Mr F. J. O'Sullivan in the chair.

A narrow escape from injury was experienced by Alexander Falconer whilst driving from Ballarat last Saturday.

Rev. J. S. Drummond, who has had charge of the Presbyterian Church for the last 20 years, intends visiting his own country, Scotland, at an early date.

Messrs Sibly and Co., who were the successful tenderers for the removal of the old telegraph poles and erections of new lines between Snake Valley and Glen- tworth, have commenced their work during the week, and expect to complete the contract in two months' time.

Another change is about to be made in the personnel of the staff of the Ararat State school. Mr C. Baker, who for the past two years has filled the position of an assistant teacher at the school, has been notified of his transfer to Bunyip, and will leave at an early date for his new post.

The funeral of the late Mrs William Knight, an old resident of Snake Valley, took place on Saturday in the Linton cemetery. The coffin-bearers were Messrs E. Kelly, T. Kelly, T. Trevelyan, and W. W. Knight, and the pall-bearers were Messrs W. J. Thomson, H. Francis, E. Williams, J. Reid, L. Lewis, and A. Burgess, and H. O'Neill.

The Director of Agriculture (Mr S. W. Wallace) has been furnished with a report, showing that the total quantity of butter shipped from Australia to the United Kingdom for the season commencing 1st July amounts to 17,947 tons. The largest shipment for any previous season was 17,050 tons, that from an Australian standpoint, the record for this season has been secured for 14,855 tons.

Nervous Prostration.

TOO NERVOUS TO SLEEP. THE PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Case of Mrs. C. JOHNSON. (By a Local Reporter.)

The work of the reporter is to gather facts and incidents from as many sources as possible, so that reference of considerable value may be afforded to all who seek for information on various matters.

"What was the main object of your experiments, Mrs. Johnson?" "Why, to get something that would cure my terrible nervous disease, of course. I am the only one out of a family who is afflicted with it."

"I have been covered with a cold, clammy sweat, the whole of my body has been in horrible thoughts which took possession of my mind, yet no matter how hard I strove to banish those ideas from my head, they would not go."

"What was the result of this?" "A maddening attack of neuritis, which appeared in the form of a severe neuralgia of the face, and then the tortures spread all over my head."

The following are the police magistrate's permanent engagements in the Ballarat district, with the necessary proviso, added by Mr Dickson, "unless otherwise engaged."

Important to Applicants for Mining Leases. Applicants for leases within the district covered by The Riponshire Advocate are invited to peruse the following facts:

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Railway Time-Table.

The following is the new railway timetable, which took effect on Thursday, 2nd July, 1903.—A mixed train leaves Ballarat at 11.20 a.m., Travalla at 12.7 p.m., reaching Beaufort at 12.22, and taking its departure at 12.30, for the Adelaide, Adelaide Creek at 12.54, and Bunyong at 1.4. The Adelaide express still leaves Melbourne at 4.40 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays excepted), Ballarat at 7.50, and Beaufort at 8.44 (arriving here at 8.59). On the return journey to Melbourne (Sundays and Mondays excepted) the express leaves Beaufort at 6.25 a.m. (arriving here at 6.20). The afternoon mixed train from Stawell to Ballarat runs every week day. It departs from Bunyong at 4.45 p.m., Middle Creek at 4.55, Beaufort at 5.30 (arriving here at 5.20), Travalla at 5.54, and Burraumbet at 6.9. A mixed train will also leave Ballarat and intervening stations to Stawell on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 5.15 p.m., Burraumbet at 6.9, Travalla at 6.35, Beaufort at 7 (arriving here at 6.50), Middle Creek at 7.30, and Bunyong at 7.42. The morning mixed train from Stawell to Ballarat has been put on again, and is timed to leave the district stations every week day as follows—Bunyong, 7.48; Middle Creek, 8; Beaufort, 8.37 (arriving here at 8.27); Travalla, 8.60; Burraumbet, 9.16.

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Question—Who won the principal prize in the Eight Hours' Art Union of 1903? Answer—Mr. W. J. HILL, value £1,000.—Mr. C. R. Harbour, "Waverley," Alvern Grove, Canfield, Victoria.

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CHAPTER II. Continued.

"Stay with me; do not leave me," Wylla said, as she hugged Doris's arm tightly. "Well, you are a pair of unscrupulous girls to desert everybody in this way," drawled Lord Kilkerran in an injured tone.

"We came to rest. It is very pleasant here," answered Wylla. "I think you are both very unscrupulous to bury yourselves here when everybody would be delighted to have you among them."

"I would much rather talk with Miss Merriman and yourself," he said, convincingly. "You flatter us, Lord Kilkerran," Doris said shyly. The colour had deepened on the cheeks of both girls.

"No, by Jove! I was glad to come away from them all. You—I mean no flattery—I will tell the truth—I had to come. His words were meant for Wylla, but he could not be so rude as to say fair and complimentary things to her alone. He had to speak, as it were, to both of them.

"I am afraid we are not appreciative, Lord Kilkerran. It is a pity that so much admiration should be wasted. Can you not find some more appreciative girls?" asked Wylla. She felt that the duty of answering him lay upon her, for she knew that he had come in the hope of being able to talk with her alone.

"I am not going to look for any," he said, decisively. "To tell you the truth, I have come to ask if you will let me take you for a drive? Mrs. Chambers is agreeable and will go with us. The party is nearly over. May I have the pleasure? My brougham is at the gate now. Come along for an hour and bring your friend."

"Thank you, Lord Kilkerran, we really can not," answered Wylla. "Just for an hour," he urged. "I can not, thank you, Lord Kilkerran." "Well, see. My yacht is off the pier. There is the least breeze in the world. Will you both come for a sail? I am sure Mrs. Chambers will come. You will enjoy it."

Wylla Merriman. As the result of these inquiries, he obtained an introduction to Mr. Hugh Bexfield, and had a conversation with him in the city. At the close of this interview, Mr. Bexfield received a pressing invitation to visit Barkley Court, Lord Kilkerran's seat in Gloucestershire, an invitation which for private reasons, Mr. Bexfield promptly and gladly accepted.

At three o'clock on the afternoon of the Wednesday following, Mr. Bexfield was driven up to the main entrance of Barkley Court in Lord Kilkerran's own brougham. As the vehicle, drawn by a pair of handsome and richly-trapped bays, was whirled quickly along the drive of the park-like demesne of Barkley, and on like one whose greatness was a ripening. There, before him, lay Barkley Court, a quaint rectangular house, with the steep roofs, tall chimneys, and waving courses of the flamboyant style.

After dinner, Mr. Bexfield found himself seated with Lord Kilkerran in the coolest smoking room he had ever entered. A dozen brands of the choicest cigars were carefully stored in a rosewood revolving cabinet which stood on the centre table. A bottle of port stood near Lord Kilkerran's hand, and one of St. Julien at Mr. Bexfield's hand. He could never be induced to touch anything stronger than claret when on business, and whatever Lord Kilkerran might think, Hugh Bexfield knew that he had come to Barkley Court on business, and very important business too.

"Well, Mr. Bexfield, you know what I wanted to confer with you about in particular," said Lord Kilkerran after they had exchanged a few pleasant-tries over a cigar and a glass of wine. "About Miss Merriman, I assume," replied Hugh Bexfield, looking up, with a half-repressed smile.

"You are quite right. I shall not beat about the bush over that. It is two years since my wife died, and it is quite time I had someone to follow her here. I feel that Miss Merriman would do well for me, and I would like to have her." "Certainly." "And you are willing to marry her?" "Yes."

Hugh Bexfield moved his chair a little closer to Lord Kilkerran. "You have spoken out plainly, Lord Kilkerran, and I will do the same. I assume we are speaking confidentially?" "Oh, quite, quite." "Very well. Then I must say this. Wylla Merriman will have a fortune of fully a hundred thousand pounds directly. She is twenty, and will have the money in her own right as soon as she is twenty-one. She will marry whom I bid her marry, and no one else. Legally, of course, the money will be her own, but he will be a poor fool who gets her, if her hundred thousand pounds is not as good as a hundred thousand pounds to him. Do you follow me?"

"Quite. Proceed. Her money does not interest me at all." "Very well. Now, I am not a wealthy lord, unfortunately. I am a business man with a business man's risks and losses. Just now I am concerned with a scheme over which I want some financial help. The thing is as safe as a bank, but it wants financing and developing."

"What is it?" "An floating the Eastern Main Reef Development Company, with a capital of two hundred thousand pounds. The property is one of the best in the Transvaal. It is worth more. If I arrange for you to marry you, are you willing to help me with the company?" "What help do you want?"

though Lord Kilkerran felt that his new acquaintance from the city had driven a hard bargain, he did not care in the least, provided he got Wylla Merriman, upon whom he had set his mind. He had no doubt of Mr. Bexfield's ability to do what he had undertaken, so he rejoiced in anticipation of the young and pretty girl wife who was soon to be his.

CHAPTER IV. The charm of the English autumn was over the eastern counties, and woods and fields lay in the soft, reposeful beauty of the year's eventide. A cool but languorous wind played over the stubbles, and scarcely rippled the surface of the Stour as it lightly kissed the face of the river and passed on in idle abandon. Where the stream was shallow the water bubbled over the stones making pleasant music and contributing its part to the rich diapason of Nature's evensong. It was an afternoon that might have tempted anyone to the seclusion of the woods or to the fresh though softened charm of the path by the river.

By the side of a broken stile which barred the pathway near one of the most picturesque bends in the river, three girls stood. They were watching the water as it came round the bend striking the bend at the farther side in a curve which had been scooped out by the onward rush of the stream through the inlet and outlet. One girl of the three was dressed in a well-fitting costume of dark serge, and wore a dainty sailor hat, and it was Doris Unsworth. In her left hand she carried a camera and in her right hand a light walking stick. The tallest girl of the three wore a costume of dark grey cloth, and a white straw hat which showed her pretty and well-moulded face to perfection. She was Wylla Merriman.

The third girl who was a little younger than Wylla was dressed in a neat cycling costume of brown, and wore a low touque trimmed to match, the whole harmonising well with her dark and interesting face and a pair of lustrous eyes of soft hazel brown. This was Winnifred Carstairs, the eldest daughter of Major Carstairs of Fydeale Hill, and one of Doris Unsworth's bosom friends.

Wylla and Winnifred had been invited to spend a few days with Doris at Grey Towers, Clestow, Colonel Unsworth's home. Both had eagerly accepted the invitation and had now spent four days with Doris full to overflowing of girlish pleasures and fun. This afternoon the girls had sauntered along by the river side, whiling away the time with vivacious pleasantries. Doris now and again taking a snap-shot with her camera at some object of more than usual interest.

"Well, if you have looked long enough at that bare bank I propose that we move on," laughed Winnifred. "Oh, you impatient creature! Have you no eye for natural beauty? See what a majestic sweep the stream makes," said Doris with simulated reproach. "I would rather admire a spinning wheel of the new style, or its rider if he were handsome," replied Miss Carstairs with a mischievous twinkle of her eye.

"I do believe you would, Win. I must really introduce you to George Greenleaf and to Willie Norman. They both cycle beautifully, and I do not think either of them is engaged," responded Doris with a bantering laugh. "Could you not spare me one of them, Doris? It would be too bad to find Winnifred two gentlemen and leave me without any," said Wylla playfully. "Oh, you little sly puss. Where is that locket? Wylla wears a locket right down over her heart. Win. It has the portrait of a gentleman in her sweetest's."

"Doris! For shame! I never said anything of the kind. She is making it all up. Winnifred, do not believe it," interrupted Wylla with crimsoning cheeks. "Now I am not. It is all true, Win. She has a gold chain. He gave it to her. There is a locket at the end of it and his picture is in it. Just show it to Win, there's a sweet child. He is so handsome; Win; you will fall in love with him yourself if you have the chance. Do you show it to Wylla please."

"Oh, yes, do; there's a dear," chimed in Winnifred. "It is not my sweetest heart at all," protested Wylla. "You are cruel, Doris." "Then who is it? Do you think a girl would wear a locket with a gentleman's photo in it if he were not her sweetest? No indeed." "Do let me see, Wylla. Do, there's a dear creature," pleaded Winnifred. "You torment me. I will never forgive you," said Wylla as her right hand stole to her throat. In a moment she drew the glittering chain from her breast, slowly and tenderly, and then laid the locket on the palm of her gloved hand. "Show me the picture," cried Winnifred impatiently. Wylla pressed the spring and the locket flew open.

A NEW PROCESS OF MAKING ARTIFICIAL STONE.

There has always been a prejudice against building on sand, and the prejudice against the use of sand as a building material is of almost as long standing. But this latter prejudice (says the "Magazine of Commerce") has been weakened at various times by the production of a more or less satisfactory building material of which sand was the principal ingredient, and the latest achievement in this direction is calculated to entirely remove any lingering prejudice which still exists. Mr. L. P. Ford of Burton Tower, Gresford has perfected a process for making siliceous lime stone from sand and fat lime, which certainly bids fair to cause a revolution in the building trade.

The process of manufacture is charmingly simple. The first operation consists of drying the sand by means of pans, the second in regulating the quantities of sand and lime according to the hardness of the sand used. In this connection we may mention that Mr. Ford has invented a most ingenious device for regulating the exact proportion of lime to stone which is admitted into the "mixer." After the thorough mixing well mixed it is rammed into a specially constructed steel cylinder, where its conversion into stone takes place. This "packing" plays a very important part in the proceedings, and this is accomplished by the use of a machine, specially constructed for the purpose, which has a rotary movement and acts in a somewhat similar manner to the "miser" of the spinning construction of the cylinder consists of its being made of steel of the very finest quality and of great thickness, and in the fact that it is perforated all over at regular intervals. The "packing" being completed, the cylinder is placed in a chamber from which the air is pumped until almost a perfect vacuum is obtained, when a tap, connecting the chamber with a hot-water boiler by means of a pipe is turned on and boiling water is admitted. Owing to the vacuum, this boiling water rushes into the compartment under great pressure, and percolating through the holes in the cylinder, slakes the lime mixed with sand. In its effort to expand a tremendous force is generated (so great that it would burst any cylinder not specially made to stand the strain) and it is this force, which, unable to escape, reacts upon the sand and lime (then dry) full to overflowing of girlish pleasures and fun. This afternoon the girls had sauntered along by the river side, whiling away the time with vivacious pleasantries. Doris now and again taking a snap-shot with her camera at some object of more than usual interest.

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A little girl only three years old who had had no experience in the matter of broken limbs beyond that afforded by the casualties in her family of dolls had the misfortune to fall and break her arm. As soon as she had discovered what had happened to her she cried out: "Oh, mamma, will it drop off?" "No, darling," the mother answered: "I will hold it, so that it will not hurt you, till the doctor comes and he will fix it all right."

"Well, mamma," the little one said, pressing her lips together, and trying to be brave, "do hold on tight so as the sawdust won't run out." Out of one pound of cotton, 4,770 miles of thread have been spun.

THE GREAT SIBERIAN RAILWAY.

Simple figures convey to one's mind the best picture of this immense railroad. The total length of the Great Siberian Railway, including the Manchurian and other branches, is 5,542 miles. The railway took more than ten years to make, and the total cost of construction was \$78,000,000.

In truth, this wonderful country of Siberia was worth the outlay, for it is a land of plenty, of vast agricultural possibilities, and rich in coal and precious metals. In Siberia land is practically free, there are no game laws to harass and distress the settler; the earth conceals great quantities of coal, which is to be had for the getting; the rivers indicate the existence of valuable deposits of iron ore; and above all the hills are RICH IN GOLD AND SILVER.

In a word, Siberia—which for years was considered to be an inhospitable and hopeless country—has become a veritable promised land. It has been associated in the popular; and even the educated mind with ice and snow, and suffering and oppression. It has been pre-eminently the land of the hopeless captive. But all this has changed.

Siberia has become known as the region of boundless resources, and great numbers of emigrants from various parts of Russia have flocked to it in search of betterment and fortune. Siberia is the Great East of Asia, and is to the continent, what the Great West is to the United States. The Siberian Railway provides a direct overland communication between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans, through the heart of Europe and Asia. That route has an entire length of 7,500 miles, of which 4,000 miles fall to the Siberian main line, 2,300 to European Russia, 700 to Germany, 300 to France, and 100 to Belgium.

In the Far East the railway completely leaves Russian territory, and after cutting down through Manchuria, which is Chinese, comes out again in the narrow coast strip adjoining Korea, which belongs to Russia. Here, at Vladivostok and Port Arthur, the railway ends. The fares for passengers is £22, first class from London or Paris to Shanghai, and the time occupied in travelling is 16 days by the best trains, compared with £90 and 35 days by the sea route.

But on the other hand it must be remembered that the traveler has to find himself on board the train, while the goods train does not exceed 14 miles an hour. In other words the respective speeds are approximately those of first-class ocean steamers and first-class ocean tramps. This gives us A VALUABLE COMPARISON

In considering the Great Siberian Railway as a military undertaking, for, roughly speaking, the distance to be covered in getting Russian troops overland, and the distance covered by our own transports during the South African War, are practically the same. Our swiftest transports made the voyage from England to the Cape in the time that would be needed to convey ordinary passengers from centres like Moscow and St. Petersburg to the Pacific, and the numerous tramps made as good passages, and round month—as was achieved by the troop-trains of the Siberian Railway.

Now in South Africa, at the end of the war, with fine railways, admirably-equipped staffs, disciplined and intelligent men, and splendid locomotives, it took five days for trains to cover a distance of 1,500 miles. What then are the odds against Russia safely landing great bodies of troops, in fighting condition, at so great a distance from the Pacific? Very great, because the railway is such that it must break down under the strain, being badly constructed, and only a single line. The signalling system lends itself to the greatest possibilities of treachery and mischief; and in the Far East, at any rate, it is impossible to guard the line efficiently, so that the enemy would have many opportunities of wrecking parts of it.

ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT OF "PARADISE LOST."

Bought in at £5,000. The original manuscript of the first book of Milton's "Paradise Lost" was recently offered at auction for sale. The greatest interest was manifested, the rooms being packed before the time of the sale. Bidding began at £500, and was confined to two elderly gentlemen until the sum reached £4,600. Then someone increased the amount to £4,750; but still the auctioneer was not satisfied.

"We'll say £5,000," he ventured. "Will anyone give that figure? Its worth double the money." No one spoke, and the auctioneer bought it in at that figure. £5,000 is the reserved price, and little enough in my opinion," said he, as the people filed out into the street.

For some time past some Greek divers have been searching under the eye of the Turkish Government for treasure known to have been lost in the Russian admiral's ship which was sunk off Tcherman in the naval battle of 1775. They have lately struck oil—rather, gold. The Turks, true to their reputation have of course, grabbed the larger part of the treasure trove, but still the divers have got enough to make themselves rich men.

The Russian vessel, which sank in a depth of 30 fathoms, abounds in pieces of gold and silver. At first the divers paid attention to the former only, of which they found full sacks. These pieces were mostly single, double, and quadruple ducats. Of the first shipment to Constantinople, the divers have obtained about 276,000 francs for their share. A franc is about 10d. So far the amount obtained each day has varied from 5,000 to 10,000 pieces of gold.

The bottom of the sea is strewn with silver pieces, which have the dimensions and weight of French crowns of five francs. Besides this money, the divers have drawn up various other precious objects, gold and silver crosses, jewels, images, swords, canes, and especially an evangel, of which the binding of gold is ornamented with precious stones of great value.

A boat, manned by Turkish officers and a Government inspector, is stationed above the sunken vessel, and as each sack of money is drawn out of the water it is counted and registered, and a receipt given to the divers for the amount. Divers frequently attempt to recover treasures in this way, but they are not always so successful as those above mentioned. In 1799 an English vessel with £6,000,000 on board, founded off the coast of Holland. This was mostly in ingots of gold and silver, and so far only a small portion of it has been recovered.

A French sailing vessel had on board a ton and a half of gold plates and five tons of silver intended for the cathedral of St. Jean de Malte, and also a quantity of precious stones. The vessel sank off Trafalgar, and not an ounce of the cargo has as yet been brought to light.

World's Supply of Shellac. Comes Entirely from British India. All the shellac produced in the world comes from British India, and is shipped from Calcutta. It is the product of the excretions of resin and the excretions of an insect known as the lac louse. Formerly its only use was in dyeing and in the manufacture of varnish, but latterly it has entered into much wider use as the "binder" in a composition which has for many purposes entirely taken the place of hard rubber.

NEW COTTON FIELDS.

THE BREAKING OF UNCLE SAM'S MONOPOLY. For a long time past the United States has controlled the cotton markets of the world, supplying of them, as she does, with three-fourths, and sometimes four-fifths of the total amount. For some years now, the danger of allowing America to have control of the cotton market has been evident, and England, France, Germany, Russia and some other smaller European States are zealously experimenting in their different colonies with cotton culture, and the time is not far distant when America will no longer be able to maintain her monopoly.

When the Civil War was raging in America, the cotton commerce was thereby disturbed, and the problem of the world's cotton was very much to the fore. During this period a student of cotton culture worked out the following list of countries that are capable of producing that very valuable plant: The coast of British, Dutch, and French Guiana, the islands of Jamaica, and the Bahamas. The coast of the Mediterranean along the Gulf of Comacchio, Egypt, Asia Minor, near Tersoos, and the other parts of the Ottoman Empire. The east coast of Ceylon, India, Australia and the north Island of New Zealand.

The cotton industry has been associated with India from ancient times, and the charka, the Indian cotton gin, is of unknown antiquity. Until the invention of machinery for use in the manufacture of cotton, INDIA LED THE WORLD. In the growth and manufacture of cotton. When the modern cotton mill was introduced into India it was sent out from England fully improved, and there was no gradual change from old to new methods; but the cotton culture has largely been left in the hands of the poorest classes, not directed by capitalists and able men, as in Egypt and also in America, and as a result, the quality of the Indian cotton has deteriorated.

Experimental farms are now being worked in India to ascertain what conditions are most suitable to the plant in that country. Egyptian cotton is grown under irrigation, and the brown Egyptian variety is very highly prized, because of its silky lustre and fine, smooth finish. Other places also might be mentioned where cotton is grown more or less successfully; Tonkin, Laos, and Madagascar—all French—Germany grows a little in South West Africa, and in New Guinea, but not much, and Russia is responsible for a good bit in the most southern parts of the Empire.

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In spite of British rule, India is still, virtually a soapless country. Throughout the villages of Hindustan soap is, indeed, regarded as a natural curiosity, and it is rarely, if ever, kept in stock by the native storekeepers. One of the most curious facts regarding snakes is that their eyes never close. Sleeping or waking, alive or dead, they are always wide open. This is because they have no eyelids. The eye is protected only by a strong scale, which is cast off every time the reptile changes its skin. A curious industry which is carried on in China is the manufacture of mock-money, for offering to the dead. The pieces are only half the size of the real coins, but the dead are not supposed to know the difference. The dummy coins are made out of tin, hammered to the thickness of paper, and stamped out to the size required.

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The Fremantle Sensation.

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Among the forces at Fremantle the dismissed man is not only regarded as a "white" man, but it is recognized that in all branches of work he has proved himself to be possessed of marked ability. No one for a moment suspected or even thought that he would receive anything but a mild censure for his share in the occurrence, which was clearly the fault of another officer. The general opinion here has felt it their duty to sacrifice somebody, and Hornby has unfortunately been the victim.

That the other two officers concerned in the occurrence should be so lightly dealt with is felt by the public to be a grave injustice. Detective Condon, who as officer-in-charge, should have seen that no mistake was possible, has been merely transferred, while Hunter has received the mild punishment of being reduced to the uniform police. The punishment visited upon these two officers is regarded as ridiculous, and the almost unanimous opinion is that justice has not been done.

The police force at Fremantle are naturally very reticent about the matter, but it can be easily seen that the verdict of the Commissioner is extremely antagonistic to the views of the force, who, it is to be presumed, know the salient points of the case. Hornby was charged with "having unlawfully shot, at and injured one Albert" and was found guilty, but it is hard to understand why, seeing that he had his orders to allow no one to escape and he obeyed them. It would seem to the most superficial observer that under the peculiar circumstances Hornby could have acted in no other manner than he has done. He did not know that Albert was not Dugan (in fact he had every reason to believe so), and had he not fired and Albert had happened to have been Dugan, then the chances are that he would have been adjudged guilty of a grave mistake in not shooting.—Fremantle "Times." [Detective Hornby is the son of Mrs. Robt. Hornby, of Buangor.]

Middle Creek.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

Thrashing operations are now completed in this district. Mr. F. Porter's thrashing plant finished at the last place on Tuesday. Since starting this machine has thrashed over 60,000 bushels. The yields have proved satisfactory, the average yield for oats being about 19 bags per acre, although in a few instances as high as 20 and 21 bushels per acre have been got. The wheat yield was from 5 to 7 bags per acre. Large deliveries of grain are now being received at the local railway station, the deliveries for last month being between \$400 and 7,000 bags. The local S.M. and his assistant are kept very busy, but no blocks have yet occurred, which reflects credit on the management.

State Revenue Returns.

A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE.

The State Treasury officials have furnished the returns of the revenue of Victoria for the nine months beginning the first of July and ending 31st March. The figures made available show that the total receipts were £5,367,389, as against £5,059,502 for the corresponding period last year, being an increase of £307,887. The details show that the receipts from excise were £264,236, as against £204,443, being an increase of £159,793; from territorial revenue £281,299, as against £254,567, being an increase of £26,732; railway revenue, £2,502,929, as against £2,354,012, being an increase of £148,917; fees, £203,426, as against £201,420, being an increase of £2,006. There was a decrease in the returns from the Commonwealth, due to the cessation of folder duties. The last quarter has been a most prosperous one, the revenue having gone up £265,880 over the estimate for it. The total estimate for the year was £6,958,191, so that only £1,590,802 is to be received during the concluding quarter of the financial year to meet it. This is sure to be largely exceeded, especially as the bulk of the income tax has yet to be paid, and the railway revenue is in a most buoyant condition.

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A general meeting of the Beaufort Jockey Club was held in the Mechanics' Institute on Thursday evening; Mr R. A. D. Sinclair (president) in the chair, and six members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Some formal correspondence was received. The secretary submitted a statement of receipts and expenditure for the year, showing the former to have amounted to £135 6s 10d, and the latter to £99 11s 8d, thus leaving a credit balance of £35 15s 10d. Mr John Humphreys certified to having examined the books and accounts, and found them correct in every particular. The secretary stated that as cheques amounting to £6 6s were outstanding, the actual balance was £29 10s 10d. The loss for the year amounted to £8 1s 3d. The balance-sheet and auditor's report having been received, on the motion of Messrs Loft and Prince, the chairman moved the adoption of same. He was very sorry to see that they had come out on the wrong side of the ledger. They had had no control over this so far as the officers were concerned, the secretary especially having worked very hard; but they could see the impossibility of running a race meeting successfully on an off-day. They would have to hold their meeting on a holiday to see if they could not make a financial success of it, but if they could not do this they would have to take into serious consideration the advisability of winding up the club up, because if there was not sufficient revenue to support the club, it was no use trying to keep it up. An effort should be made to get a racecourse nearer the town, for as the course was now situated the races were of no use to the town. Generally sports meetings were held for the benefit of the town, but, as he said before, the races were of no use to the town. At some future meeting these matters should be considered. He did not know whether the members agreed with him, but they must go back to a holiday, and see if they could not get a racecourse nearer the town and get the Government to make them some allowance for the present racecourse reserve. He felt that if the races were to go on as they were that he would have to sever his connection with them, because it was only through the loyal support of a few people that they had been able to carry on. He hoped to see a big profit next year instead of a deficit. The motion was seconded by Mr Hancock, and carried. Mr Loft remarked that with one or two others he was going to make a big effort to try and get a course nearer the town, so that the townspeople would be able to walk to the course. The secretary agreed that the races must be held on a public holiday to make a success of them, but said that while it was all very fine to talk about getting another course, where to make the necessary improvements? It was, however, no use discussing the question now, as that could be done at the special meeting. The auditor's fee of 10s was passed for payment, on motion of Messrs Hellyer and Hancock. The chairman moved that the same bonus as last year, viz., £25 0s, be voted to the secretary, stating that the financial failure was not his fault. Seconded by Mr Maher, and carried. Mr Parker returned thanks. Mr Loft moved that the secretary be instructed to call a meeting early in October to decide on a day on which to hold the races, and also to take into consideration the advisability of changing the site of the racecourse. Seconded by Mr Hellyer, and carried. A vote of thanks to the chair terminated the meeting.

Old Age Pensions.

Mr W. Dickson, P.M., sat as a commissioner under the Old Age Pensions Act, at the Beaufort Court-House on Thursday.

John McDougall was summoned for arrears in his contributions towards his father's pension. This case had been adjourned from December last. He said he could not pay £2 a week, and was told he would do if he paid monthly. The clerk of courts said that McDougall was a long way behind, and Senior-constable Nicholson complained that McDougall was continually spending his money on drink, or sponging for it, and did not try to pay his pension arrears. McDougall said he had not any money to spend on drink, and if he had done so as was said, it was wonder he had not been locked up. Mr Dickson thought it was, perhaps, because the police had been lenient to him. McDougall said he had a contract for cutting wood on Mawalk station, and expected to make £2 a week for 2 or 3 weeks. In reply to Senior-constable Nicholson, McDougall said he had been working with Wm. Norman and Geo. Baker, but had not got a good bit of gold recently. He had not averaged 8s a week for the last 3 months—10s at the outside. The case was adjourned till 2nd June, Mr McDougall promising to pay what he could in the meantime.

Wm. H. Williams was summoned to show cause why he should not contribute towards his mother's pension, but as the pension had not yet been granted, it was decided to take his evidence. This showed that he was a blacksmith at the Central Sons of Freedom mine, earning 10s a week, and had no other income. He was not in a position to keep her, as he was under a doctor's care, and had two children depending on him. He was not in a lodge. It was costing him £3 a month for medical attendance. He was a little behind with his accounts (£25 or £20). He had a house on a registered acre, worth about £20 or £25. His wife, who earned nothing, was not in good health, and suffered from rheumatism. His life was not insured, and he had no money saved. He was losing his job in a few weeks, as the mine would be worked out. His mother had been boarding with him till the last 12 months. She had a house, and did not continue with him because she thought she would be better on her own. She got a week for looking after a child from the Industrial School, and was able to look after more than one. He was quite willing to give her her meals, but not the child. Her house was worth about £40. She had sold some property three years ago for something over £200. He was willing to contribute 2s a week towards her support if his two brothers did the same, and they had said they would. Mrs Bell said she was not willing to take her son's word, because they would only back out of it.

Mr Dickson—That is a very sad state of affairs. Well, they'll all be bound down. Mrs Bell in applying for a pension, said she had been a widow for eight years, and was 73 years old. She landed in Adelaide about 60 years ago, and had resided in Victoria about 47 years. She was unable to maintain herself, and had earned 10s a week for looking after a child from the Industrial School, and was able to look after more than one. He was quite willing to give her her meals, but not the child. Her house was worth about £40. She had sold some property three years ago for something over £200. He was willing to contribute 2s a week towards her support if his two brothers did the same, and they had said they would. Mrs Bell said she was not willing to take her son's word, because they would only back out of it.

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Mining News.

All shares in the Sons of Freedom Junction G.M. Co., Baglan, forfeited for non-payment of 10th call of 3d per share, will be sold by public auction at the Mining Exchange, Ballarat, on Tuesday next, 12th inst., at 12.30 p.m., unless previously redeemed. The 11th call of 3d per share in the Sons of Freedom Junction G.M. Co. has been made due and payable at the office of the company, Lydiard-street, Ballarat, on Wednesday next. All Nations Consols, Beaufort—D. F. Troy and party.—Fencing out the wash up No. 1 rise, with 100 ft. of drift, 37oz. 6dwt. Grant and party.—Driving north and south, in poor dirt. Yield, 1oz. 9dwt. Adamthwaite and party.—Blocking back south end, with payable results. Yield, 8oz. 5dwt. Full yield, 47oz. 2dwt. One day lost on wash. Sam Slick Co., Beaufort.—Jenssch and party (No. 1)—Driven No. 1 crosscut east of north to 50ft., both in payable wash. Yield, 11oz. 10dwt. No. 2 party.—Bottomed No. 1 bore at 100ft.; mullock wash.

Sons of Freedom Central.—N.E. intermediate No. 6 rise—Prospecting in payable wash. Blocking No. 5 N.E. and No. 2 west rises in ground of average quality. Yield for five days, 97oz. 15dwt. Sons of Freedom Junction, Baglan.—Shaft sunk 19ft. for five days; total, 193ft. The 4th call of the summing hole at the mine. Contractors taking out for the foundation of the boilers and bob. The following are the reported local yields for the week ending Saturday last:—Sons of Freedom Central, 107oz. 6dwt.; All Nations Consols—Troy and party's No. 1 tribute, 27oz. 7dwt. 12gr.; Adamthwaite and party's No. 3 tribute, 13oz. 13dwt.; Last Chance Company, 8oz. 3dwt.; Daughters of Freedom, 8oz. 3dwt.; Brothers' Company, 4oz. 1dwt. 12gr.; Sam Slick—Jenssch and party's No. 1 tribute, 10oz. 12dwt. 12gr.; sundries, 12oz. 6dwt.

SAM SLICK COMPANY, No. Liability. Beaufort.—The Half-yearly General Meeting of Shareholders in the above-named company will be held on Friday, 15th April, 1904, at 12.15 p.m., at the company's office, Business-General. W. D. THOMPSON, Manager. Exchange, Ballarat.

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The Outlaws of Gracie Mountain.

A Story of Van Dieman's Land.

FOUNDED ON FACT.

BY CAPTAIN LACIE, (James J. Wright).

Author of "The Gem Finders," "In the Wake of Fortune," "Narratives of the Bushrangers' Reins," "The Huts of Ellisville," &c., &c.

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PART VI.

At the regular inquest there was a big crowd of legal talent from the capital, to prosecute, and as the accused did not bother with counsel at that stage of the process...

"We caught him making a search of the body, as if looking for valuables, your worship," he said in the course of the evidence...

"Well, come on lad and let's get to our new home, and as soon as the hue and cry is over, we'll both go at it with a will," answered Brady.

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at a dinner recently given in honor of a celebrated comedy-writer, a waiter brought in a tray with a very good ham, and says to the host...

Beaufort Rifle Club.

The half-yearly meeting of the above club was held at the Mechanics' Institute on Wednesday evening...

The resignation of J. A. Harris as an allied member was accepted, and H. Dawson was transferred to the honorary list...

Secretary's Report.—It is with much pleasure, in again presenting to you my balance-sheet for half-year ended, that I congratulate the club on the financial position...

Official Russian accounts of the destruction of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk state that seeing the Japanese fleet approaching...

It is anticipated that Rear-Admiral Raitman, commander of the Baltic fleet, will succeed the late Admiral Mikailoff as Russian commander at Port Arthur...

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The Farmers, Property-Owners & Producers' Association.

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Official Russian accounts of the destruction of the Russian battleship Petropavlovsk state that seeing the Japanese fleet approaching...

It is anticipated that Rear-Admiral Raitman, commander of the Baltic fleet, will succeed the late Admiral Mikailoff as Russian commander at Port Arthur...

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Mr. SAMUEL YOUNG, Barrister and Solicitor, Proctor and Conveyancer, BEAUFORT.

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There was a fair yarding of cattle at Beaufort on Thursday, and every hoof was disposed of at satisfactory prices.

It is announced in our advertising columns that Messrs Stevenson Bros. have disposed of their business as undertakers to Mr. A. E. Sands...

A mishap occurred at the band stands on Monday afternoon. The weights attached to the town clock became disconnected...

The usual fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Lodge, U.A.O.D., was held in the lodge room (Society's Hall) on Tuesday, April 20th...

The Beaufort Presbyterian Church's harvest thanksgiving services were held on Sunday, and attracted large congregations...

A very quiet wedding (says the Ararat Advertiser) was solemnized at St. Peter's, Beaufort, on Monday last...

The marriage of Miss Kate Simpson, second daughter of Mrs. N. Simpson, of Middle Creek, and Mr. G. Collins...

The Federal Government was defeated in the House of Representatives on Thursday night by 40 votes to 31.

Monday next is to be observed as a bank and public holiday in lieu of "Eight Hours Day" which was observed on Friday last...

From C. C. Baker, head teacher Beaufort, we learn that repairs to the building of the school are being effected.

Resolved that the trustee officer's recommendation for prosecution of ten parents whose children had not attended the required number of days be adopted.

The Hampden Election. A PROGRESSIVE LIBERAL LEAGUE FORMED AT BEAUFORT. MR. D. S. OMAN, M.L.A. RECEIVES ASSURANCES OF SOLID SUPPORT.

Despite the fact that the weather was very inclement, the meeting convened by Mr. E. H. Welsh for Monday night at the Mechanics' Institute, Beaufort...

Mr. H. M. Stuart was voted to the chair, and in thanking the meeting for the honor conferred upon him, expressed his pleasure at seeing so many electors present...

Every man present should do all in his power to secure Mr. Oman's return, because he had done all that he had said he would do on the public platform...

Mr. Oman had a good man who should attend to every way possible by their influence and votes to elect a candidate who told them that if Mr. Irvine said the man who was getting £1 a week should get an income tax on £200 a year...

Mr. Oman, who was cordially received, said the electors of Beaufort had thought fit to approach him to see if some organization could be formed to carry on the Hampden contest successfully.

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CHAPTER V Continued.

Wylva made no answer. Her eyes were half-closed. She was thinking...

"Oh, child, surely you can make the gentleman that promise. Truth, if I were in your place I would only be too glad..."

"Will you promise? Do," he said, grasping her hand with his left hand tightly in both of his..."

"I think I may," Wylva answered still half-doubting whether it were wise to promise...

"You promise to let me know if ever you are in want of a friend?" "Thank you—yes."

"Now tell me where you live and I will go?" "My home is with Mrs. Chambers, Oak Lodge, Clevedon," answered Wylva.

"Then once more, Miss Merriman, let me thank you for saving my life." He raised the hand which he still held to his lips and kissed it. Then he released it, and turned to speak to Mrs. Ferguson.

He offered to pay her liberally for the inconvenience she had been put to through the coming of himself and Miss Merriman to her house, but she would not hear of it.

"Thinking of the girl he was leaving behind him to whom he felt that he owed his life, and wondering what the untold part of her story could be, Malcolm Cameron left the house, and again made his way towards the river. He had not yet learned the fate of his companion who had gone down the stream helpless, in his boat.

A carriage from Grey Towers had been waiting at Mrs. Ferguson's for nearly half an hour. When Malcolm had gone the three girls thanked Mrs. Ferguson warmly for her kindness and bade her adieu. Entering the carriage they were driven rapidly to Grey Towers.

Here, Wylva was regarded as a heroine of quite unheard-of courage, and was idolised in a way which caused her no little embarrassment.

The remaining days of her short stay at Grey Towers were of the happiest kind, and when at last she had to leave she felt that she was under a promise that she would pay them another visit before the close of the year.

CHAPTER VI.

A fortnight after returning to Oak Lodge from Grey Towers, Wylva received an urgent message from Mr. Bexfield requesting her to come to Westleigh House to confer with him about matters affecting her money.

On the following day, accordingly, she proceeded to Westleigh House. Shortly after dinner Mr. Bexfield led her to the room where he usually did his correspondence when at home.

"Sit down for a few minutes, Wylva," Mr. Bexfield said pleasantly as he closed the door and motioned her to be seated. She sat down as he desired. She had had several audiences of Mr. Bexfield, in this room since her father's death.

"I sent for you, Wylva, to talk to you about an important matter," he said, when he had seated himself at his desk. "She was all attention and all alert he could see."

"I have been thinking about you a great deal," he went on, his brow knitting as upon a sense of responsibility. "Your father left you in my care and with your fortune the charge was a responsible one. I am glad to inform you that I shall soon be relieved of the charge in a way which I believe will be the pleasantest of all ways to you; by seeing you happily married."

"If an electric shock had been suddenly administered to her, Wylva could not have been more startled. "Married!" she exclaimed, almost in a gasp. "She had hardly thought of such a thing. She had often talked with Doris Unsworth and other girls about love and marriage in a purely girlish and irresponsible way, but when brought face to face with the reality, with the prospect of her own marriage, she was breathless."

"But how could she? She had met but few gentlemen and liked none of them as she imagined a girl should like the one she meant to marry."

"Yes, it is true," Wylva answered, and had a frown of her own. "There is no reason why you should be married at all. It is a good thing for you to be single, and now you have a splendid opportunity."

"I can not marry, Mr. Bexfield," said Wylva turning crimson under the embarrassment which the suggestion caused her. "Why not?"

"I don't know any gentleman well enough," she answered, with girlish hesitancy. "You only want to know one

the right one. I have found him for you and saved you a world of trouble. Mr. Bexfield spoke in an authoritative way.

"Who is he, sir?" "Lord Kilkernie of Barkley Court. The chance is one of a million. You may consider yourself a lucky girl. It will be a splendid marriage for you—splendid. You will become Lady Kilkernie. Think of that—the title and the position and the money. You must marry him as soon as ever we can arrange matters to make sure of him."

Wylva stood silent. She was thinking. Was this the way love-making of which she had heard and read so much began? She had known girls to fall in love, as it was called, and become engaged and married, but it was not like this. They had been introduced to young men whom she did not like, and who was old enough to be her father.

"I cannot marry him, sir," she said in a low but firm voice. "Cannot I what do you mean?" "I do not like Lord Kilkernie, sir," she said, crimsoning afresh.

"You will like him when you know him better. Thousands of girls would give anything to have your chance, the chance of becoming a titled lady. You must see him and make yourself agreeable to him. Just fancy—you a titled lady, the mistress of Barkley Court, Lord Kilkernie's wife. Your father would have given anything to see it."

He seemed to be envying her of her good fortune. "You must arrange to go with me on Wednesday week," he said in a most masterly way. "Of course I need not tell you to make yourself attractive as possible. Go to Madame Delaine tomorrow and get her to provide whatever will suit you best. Dress as stylishly as possible, so as to make a good impression on Lord Kilkernie. There must be no hesitation on your part, Wylva, in carrying the matter through. That is all I have to say."

He moved his chair round as if to begin to write. "I am very sorry, sir, to oppose your wishes, but I will not marry Lord Kilkernie, and as I do not wish to meet him I prefer not to go to Barkley Court. Please excuse me for not pursuing this matter further," said Wylva firmly.

Before Mr. Bexfield had recovered from the surprise which her words had caused him, she had left the room. What he had said to her seemed to have changed the whole trend and power of her life. A few minutes before she was a lonely girl, not poor, it is true, but living as if removed as the poles from that which Mr. Bexfield had pictured to her. A titled lady; the wife of a great and wealthy lord; the mistress of the best society and amid all the dazzling splendour and gaiety of such a life. That was what Mr. Bexfield meant. And he seemed so sure of it; as if she had only to be willing on her part to marry Lord Kilkernie, to enter into all the pleasures and excitement of a life like that.

Involuntarily there rose up before her mind a figure. It was the commanding form of Lord Kilkernie, as she saw it last at Lady Belmont's. He was handsome, truly, yet old enough to be her father. The impression retained—the outlines clear and definite. The face was large and well moulded, and there was the heavy grey moustache and the hair, rather thin, of a man of sixty.

Wylva felt a shivering as she gazed at this visionary face. It was the shrinking of a girl's fresh and sensitive nature, from the thought of being linked with one whose life was as bleak and sunless as December, compared with the delicious May of her own life. Yet she could not help looking at the face.

She started. Another face had come up unbidden and eclipsed the first face. It was a young boyish face, full of glad hope and the merry sparkle of youth.

Wylva pressed her bosom. She knew the second face well. It was the face of Malcolm Cameron, the young man she had saved when at Clevedon; who had been so grateful to her, and made her promise that if ever she were in trouble or in want of a friend she would let him know. This face stayed. Then the first face came back, and she seemed to be a power or charm about it which held her spellbound. A strange meeting, tender and inexpressible, the like of which she had never experienced before, came over her.

In an instant she gave a great convulsed start. Something whispered to her that this feeling was love; that she loved Malcolm Cameron and that she loved her, and that if she married anyone she must marry him. Hardly knowing what she did she went to the room in which Mrs. Bexfield was sitting to spend a little time with her before leaving for her home at Oak Lodge.

CHAPTER VII.

When Mr. Bexfield had recovered from the shock that Wylva's refusal to accept Lord Kilkernie had occasioned him he viewed the situation as regards his own project with all the coolness with which he usually approached business matters. He was mortified that Wylva should have dared to think for herself and to cross his wishes but that was a mere matter of sentiment. What concerned him most was that unless she could be brought about her marriage with Lord Kilkernie, his own scheme of the successful carrying out of which he had been counting, would be hopelessly wrecked.

The first decision, therefore, which he arrived at after re-considering the matter was that they should not do, not now.

this. That his schemes should be marred by a girl to whom he stood in the relation of guardian was a preposterous thought to him. Yes, he would adhere to his original plan. Wylva should at least go to Barkley Court, and Lord Kilkernie should have an opportunity of impressing her with his manner and his surroundings. If that did not bring a willing acquiescence on her part they would have to devise some other plan but so long as it was to his interest that she should marry Lord Kilkernie, marry him she should.

It was an easy matter, therefore, for Mr. Bexfield to induce Wylva to accompany him one morning to Cheltenham on the pretext of being present to sign a document relating to a certain property. She went without misgivings, viewing the matter as one which called for attention in the ordinary course of her business affairs.

Mr. Bexfield left her at the hotel at Cheltenham while he went, as he presented, to meet the other parties to the transaction he was engaged in carrying out. He would come for her, he said, when she was required.

He had been absent for nearly an hour when he returned, apparently in the most cheerful mood. "We shall not have to trouble you, Wylva. The whole thing is through and done with. I have a brougham at the door; come, we will take a drive round the place. You will enjoy it. I need not tell you the name of one who had just done a successful stroke of business. She accompanied him to the door of the hotel, and they took their seats in the brougham which was waiting. In another minute they were being driven rapidly through the country. When they had gone a short distance the driver turned and exchanged glances with Mr. Bexfield.

At the entrance to a drive which joined the road, a few yards in advance of them, stood a portly form. It was Lord Kilkernie. He raised his hat and the conveyance stopped opposite the drive.

"I thought it was you. What a pleasure!" said Lord Kilkernie as he saluted Wylva and approached the brougham.

"I am showing Miss Merriman the attractions of Cheltenham. It is really a charming place," Mr. Bexfield said, with an air of pleasure at meeting Lord Kilkernie.

"Ah! I wish you would allow me to show you the beauties of the country. Miss Merriman has not time to meet him I prefer not to go to Barkley Court yet. Come over and dine with me."

"You had better join us. Do, Lord Kilkernie," said Mr. Bexfield, with real animation.

"Really, I should be delighted to, but I fear."

"Oh, do. Come with us. I am sure Miss Merriman will be pleased if you accompany us," Mr. Bexfield said, motioning to the footman to open the door of the brougham.

Well, this is an unexpected pleasure. Who would have thought of meeting you and Miss Merriman here? Really you must come to Barkley Court. It is charming. Miss Merriman will be delighted. Let the driver take us there."

Wylva sat with lips compressed and with heightened colour. She thought that this meeting had been planned flashed through her mind. She hardly knew what to do. She could not protest and openly show her displeasure, or maintain a frigid silence, and show her displeasure in that way. That she thought, would be the wiser course. The meeting might, after all, have been accidental yet she could hardly believe it.

Lord Kilkernie led instantly under the spell of Wylva's presence as she sat there before him. She wore a costume of dark blue, which he liked perfectly, and a neat toque of dark blue velvet which suited her admirably. The morning breeze had freshened the colour upon her cheeks and had added a lustre to her naturally bright and restless eyes. She looked the picture of health. As Lord Kilkernie scanned her from head to foot he thought her incomparably pretty.

The brougham was driven on, and Lord Kilkernie talked freely, and with graceful ease, now to Mr. Bexfield, and now to Wylva, not heeding supplied with patients, especially during periods of political excitement. If a man is killed in a feud, he does not usually get buried in a grave, because the unwritten law requires a life for a life and the Greeks adhere to the vendetta as the Corsicans and the people of Sicily. From "The Turk and his Lost Provinces."

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BALLARAT LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Cattle—289 head was the supply yarded for today's sale, only about one-fourth of which could be called as ranging from good to prime, balance principally middling to useful descriptions, with a few pens only inferior. There was an average attendance of the trade, and for all suitable trade lots competition was brisk, but week's best prices being fully maintained. Other descriptions, though not meeting with too keen a demand, show very little, if any, alteration in prices. Quotations:—Prime pens bullocks, £12 to £13; extra, £13 to £17; 63; good, £10 to £11; useful, £8 to £9; 10s; prime cows, £7 to £8; 10s; extra, £5 to £6; good, £4 to £5; calves to 29 forward, which sold very well; week's best prices, but, to 95s. Sheep—2344 came to hand for today's sale, consisting principally of muddling and useful descriptions, a small proportion being a good muster both of the trade and graziers, consequently a few extra trade lots were sold at fully last week's best values, whilst for other descriptions, though the demand was somewhat easier, very little alteration in prices can be noted. Quotations:—Prime crossbred wethers, 21 to 25s; extra, 20s to 24s; good, 18s to 20s; useful, 15s to 17s; prime ewes, 19s to 21s; extra, 17s to 18s; odd sheep, to 20s; good, 17s to 18s; prime merino wethers, 19s to 21s; 31; good, 17s to 18s; useful, 14s to 15s; 61; merino ewes to 17s; 61. Lambs—1313 to hand, a fair proportion being good to prime, balance chiefly useful. Though the demand was not equal to last week, all forward met with fair competition, prices ruling for all descriptions somewhat easier. Prime, 12s to 16s; extra, 10s to 12s; a few to 20s; 4s; good, 12s to 14s; useful, 11s to 12s; 6s.

BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, prime milling, 2s 11d to 3s. Oats, 1s 2d to 1s 3d; seed, 1s 6d to 1s 8d. Peas, 2s 8d. Barley, straw, 3s 6d; good, 3s 8d; Cape, 3s 9d. Potatoes, 2s 5d to 2s 7d; Hebrons and Reds, 30s to 37s 6d; fair about 30s; New Zealand Pink Eyes, 15s to 30s; fair sample, 15s to 20s. Hay, good green chaffing, 15s to 17s; prime, 30s; medium, 15s to 20s; manger, 30s to 35s. Straw, 15s to 20s. Bran, 7d to 7 1/2d. Pollard, 7d to 8d. Flour, roller, 17 1/2d to 17 3/4d. 6d. Dairy butter, 7s; factory prints, 10d; lard, 9d to 9 1/2d; separator, 8d to 9d. Eggs, 1s 3d to 1s 4d. Honey, 3s 1d to 3s 1/2d. Bacon sides, 19s. Cheese, 4d to 6s.

MELBOURNE PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 2s 10d to 3s. Oats—Prime milling, 1s 10d; seed, 1s 10d to 1s 11d. Hay—Manger, 2s 1d to 2s 1/2d; good, 2s 2d; Cape, 2s 3d. Potatoes, 2s 5d to 2s 7d; Hebrons and Reds, 30s to 37s 6d; fair about 30s; New Zealand Pink Eyes, 15s to 30s; fair sample, 15s to 20s. Hay, good green chaffing, 15s to 17s; prime, 30s; medium, 15s to 20s; manger, 30s to 35s. Straw, 15s to 20s. Bran, 7d to 7 1/2d. Pollard, 7d to 8d. Flour, roller, 17 1/2d to 17 3/4d. 6d. Dairy butter, 7s; factory prints, 10d; lard, 9d to 9 1/2d; separator, 8d to 9d. Eggs, 1s 3d to 1s 4d. Honey, 3s 1d to 3s 1/2d. Bacon sides, 19s. Cheese, 4d to 6s.

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THE next FORTNIGHTLY MEETING will be held in the LODGE ROOM SOCIETY'S HALL, on TUESDAY Evening next, at 8 o'clock sharp.

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MICROBES, the medical scientists tell us, are waging an external warfare against mankind, like the raging lion seeking whom he may devour. But with the "king of hearts" there is sometimes a chance of escape; not so, however, from the deadly insistent microbes, who peck millions of himself into infinitesimal space and lurk in wait for the unfortunate victim. A while back the world was momentarily startled to be told that the agent of leprosy, which seems to have originated about the time of Adam and Eve, was only carried out with an exchange of microbes fearful to contemplate. It took the scientists hundreds of years to find this out. That is nothing; in the end success crowned their efforts, and they were enabled to tell the people of the risks that had been incurred since the days of our early parents. The news, however, was received as a nine days' wonder, and the practice went on just the same; and though we have heard of anti-kissing clubs being formed, we never hear how long they remain in actual being. It would be thought that there was no harm in exchanging a hand-shake with a friend or acquaintance, but we are told that even in this the fatal microbes outrides his unwelcome presence, and while two people are exchanging grips, they are also exchanging microbes at the rate of 80,000 to every half-inch of shaking surface. With this in view, we feel compelled to ask ourselves if the English farm laborer who spat on his hand and rubbed it on his smock before shaking hands with a scion of the Royal house knew anything of the present-day discovery, and was anxious to prevent any of the common or garden variety of microbes reaching the Royal personage, though of course he would be unable to avoid carrying away a few millions of the "crobes" from he of the blue blood. How they would fare when transferred to the plebeian opens up another large field for discussion and touches on points which we do not feel equal to dealing with at the present juncture. It is a Brussels medical man who has published a pamphlet about this latest means for the communication of microbes, and only recently a British medical journal issued a warning to an unsuspecting public to beware of the germs hiding themselves in and about our current coins, particularly those with milled edges. We are earnestly assured by the Brussels gentleman that the most dangerous people to shake hands with are doctors, surgeons, nurses, hairdressers, butchers, sausage makers, tripe merchants, tanners and leather dressers, while the least dangerous person seems to be a worker in metal, because the metal sets up an oxidation, which acts as an antiseptic. It is feasible enough to follow the argument on regarding some of the professions mentioned, but why this renewed attack on the manufacturing of the excellent though ever mysterious cartridge of metal? Is it not enough that he should be made the but of his inimitable and unripe gifts, without being subjected to a literary castigation at the hands of science? Every day brings forth fresh evidence that the microbes and germs we exchange, gather and diffuse are really far too numerous to mention, and it is doubtful that even if we shunned kissing and eschewed hand-shaking, we would in any way escape. We meet a person it would be at least necessary to bow, and it is possible that this act might send a current of germs laden atmosphere towards the person being greeted, with results every whit as bad as those given birth to by oscillation or hand-shaking. There is no way of escaping them apparently, so we had better make the best of the situation, cultivate the acquaintance of the harmless species, and set them to war on the breeds having ulterior designs on mankind at large.

Two engines collided in the Beaufort railway yard on Monday evening, but the damage done was very slight indeed, and consisted of Beaufort, on Tuesday, at 8 p.m. The "Camperdown Herald," Mr. F. A. Loftus, choir master, was presented with a handsome music cabinet by the members of the choir.

A meeting was held in the Mechanics Institute Beaufort, on Tuesday, to form a junior football club, about 30 lads being present. H. H. Pimblett was voted to the chair. It was decided to form a club, and the following officers were elected:—President, L. Bravo; secretary, H. H. Pimblett; treasurer, G. Outherson; captain, R. Walsh; vice-captain, J. Hill; match committee: captain, secretary, H. Tromp, H. Buchanan, and J. Day. The president then attended to the choir. It was decided to get 50 members of the choir. The price of tickets was fixed at 2s. A vote of thanks to the choir terminated the meeting. The committee afterwards met and decided to ask the Ararat club to play a match on the 25th May at Beaufort.

The annual meeting of the Beaufort Football Club was held on Friday evening, 22nd inst., at the Mechanics Institute. Mr. Y. H. Pimblett was in the chair. The secretary, Mr. C. W. Jones, produced a balance-sheet, showing a debit balance of £11 1s 3d. The credit balance at the commencement of the year was £30 11s, the receipts being—Donations, £5 6s; gate money, £23 4s; sale tickets, £3 10s; making a total of £33 10s. The debit items of expenditure were—delegates' expenses, £2 2s 6d; bonus to secretary, £2; refreshments for players, £2 17s; umpires, £2 17s 9d; advertising and printing, £2 17s 9d; football, £2 17s 9d. The balance-sheet was received and adopted. The election of officers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Eadie; vice-presidents, Messrs W. J. Hill and C. W. Jones; captain, Mr. S. Young; vice-captain, Mr. S. Young; secretary, Mr. A. Walsh; match committee, Mr. S. Young; committee (to act with captain and secretary), Messrs V. Hardy, T. Schlicht, and M. Tyrrell. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the retiring secretary (Mr. C. W. Jones), who, in responding thereto, said he had pleasure in presenting a trophy, valued at £2 10s, to the retiring president, Mr. S. Young, for his services during the season. The gift was received with thanks. It was reported that negotiations were being entered into for matches in the near future on the local ground with Beaufort, and with M. Ararat, and Mr. Pleasant club. A vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting.

The fortnightly meeting of the Beaufort Society, held in the hall of the local room, Society's Hall, on Tuesday evening, Mr. E. J. Muntz (president) presiding, and about 20 members present, besides a fair number of ladies and visitors. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Correspondence.—From the secretary, Mr. S. Young, forwarded a long list of subscribers and amounts due by them, and asking the branch to collect same.—Left in hand of secretary. One new member was elected and welcomed by the president. Sick pay amounting to £2 10s 6d was passed for payment. The secretary, Mr. S. Young, reported the progress of the evening amounting to £3 6s. Mr. Brown moved that the president, vice-president, and secretary be appointed a committee to carry out on syllabus for next meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sande, and carried. The president having introduced the subject of the "What three doctors gave to humanity, and the debt humanity owes them." The papers were about small-pox and chloroform, and the lecturer had gone to a lot of trouble in preparing them. Owing to the late hour, it was decided to hear the third paper on another evening on the Doctor's consent. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. Jackson for his valuable papers, on the motion of Messrs Carroll and Menzies, which was duly acknowledged.

Prior to the last amendments made in the Local Government Act, the enforcement of the charge for interest on overdrafts was optional with municipal councils, and it was rarely imposed. The amendments, however, raised the question as to whether Councils were not compelled to charge interest on overdrafts. The Municipal Councils were obtained by the Municipal Association. This is to the effect that interest is a sum payable in respect of the rate, and must be paid to entitle a person to be enrolled. If a Council refused to collect interest a mandamus would be granted to compel it to do so. A Council which did not charge and collect interest would be liable to a penalty for neglect of a duty imposed by the Act. If amounts owing for interest are not shown by the books an asset the auditors would refuse to pass the accounts.

The following is the text of the Minyip petition, asking Mr. T. Skene, M.H.R., for the Grampians, to resign his seat:—"Thomas Skene, Esq., M.H.R., member for the Grampians electorate. Dear Sir,—We, the undersigned electors of the Grampians electorate, desire to enter our emphatic protest against your action in voting against the resolution recently passed by the House of Representatives protesting against the introduction of Chinese labor to the Transvaal, and as we regard such action unwarrantable and a scandal upon the electorate you represent, we consider you should resign your seat. We therefore ask you to do so." The petition is being taken round the Beaufort district for signatures.

THE monthly meeting of the Riponshire Council takes place on Monday, 9th May. Penders are invited in our advertising columns for five contracts, also applications for the work of rolling in the North riding.

On and after 2nd May the Adelaide express will be run on Saturdays. The 5.10 a.m. Ballarat to Stawell train will be run only on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and 5.15 p.m. Ballarat to Stawell train will run only on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The 6.15 a.m. Stawell to Ballarat train will leave at 6.15 and the 8 p.m. Stawell to Ballarat train will be cancelled.

Persons having claims against the estate of the late Mr. Neil McIntosh are requested to send particulars of same to Mr. S. Young, solicitor, Beaufort, on or before 10th prox.

A very successful concert was given by the Beaufort State school children, assisted by Jackson's orchestra and choir, last night, in the Societies' Hall. The programme consisted of 29 items—selection, songs, recitations, dialogues, violin solos, and duets (vocal and instrumental)—and the efficient manner in which the children acquitted themselves reflected very great credit on Mr. C. J. O. Baker (his head teacher) and his staff, as also on Mr. John Jackson, whose juvenile choir was heard to much advantage. There was a large and appreciative audience. Each item was cordially received, and the entertainment throughout was of a most enjoyable nature. A fuller report will appear in our next issue.

Beaufort Warden's Court. (Before Mr. Warden Dickson.) (Before Messrs W. Dickson, P.M., and Theo. E. Gage, J.P.)

The marriage of Miss Rose E. Stuart (eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. M. Stuart, of Beaufort) and Mr Samuel G. Mr and Mrs S. Angove, of Raglan Street, Daylesford, was celebrated in St. John's Church of England, Beaufort, on Wednesday last, the officiating clergyman being the Rev. J. Butler Johnston. The bride (who was given away by her father) looked charming in a pretty gown of soft white silk trimmed with rich purple insertion and silk lace, together with the customary bridal veil and wreath. She also carried a white encased prayer book. Her maids were her two sisters, Misses Jessie and Nellie Stuart, who wore, respectively, costumes of flaked and plain zibelines, with trimmings of new silk velvet and insertions. Messrs W. C. and S. H. Stuart (brothers of the bride) acted as best man and groomsmen respectively. After the ceremony the wedding party partook of a sumptuous breakfast at "Fernside," the residence of the bride's parents, which had been tastefully decorated for the occasion with roses and chrysanthemums, a beautiful wedding ball (constructed by friends of the bride) being a central adornment. The usual toasts were duly honored. The happy couple left by the evening train on their honeymoon, en route for Melbourne and Daylesford, preparatory to taking up their residence at Picola.

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The postponed vaccination case against Mathew Kelly was withdrawn, as his child had been successfully vaccinated.

Geo. Wootton, of Waterloo, was summoned for not having had his child vaccinated. He said he did not intend to get it done, as he did not believe in it.

The P.M., in imposing a fine of 40s, with 2s costs, supposed defendant did not know anything about it, but that someone had told him something.

Senior-constable Nicholson stated that an aboriginal named Dicky Paterson wanted a railway ticket to get back to the Purmin aboriginal station, near Warrnambool. It appeared that Dicky had walked here, as he "wanted to look round his own country before he died."

He did not know how old he was, having "lost count before the white man came here." The P.M., who had seen him with a swag on the road near Scarsdale, asked the Senior-constable, as the railway ticket had to be written for in Melbourne, to do what he could for the old aboriginal and keep him out of trouble if possible. Subsequently Dicky was assisted from the poor box.

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The Hampden Election

A meeting of Mr Oman's friends and supporters was held at the Waterloo Mechanics Institute on Wednesday night. The gathering was very representative, and about 40 voters were present. Cr. M. Flynn was voted to be the chair, and explained that the object of the meeting was to form a committee and endeavor to secure Mr Oman's return. That gentleman represented the constituency for four years, and during that time had, he (Cr. Flynn) believed, given entire satisfaction. Mr Oman was a politician who always went straight. His word was his bond, and he (the chairman) was sure that he would compare favorably with any other who might be put forward in his place for this seat. There was no dissent; only one was to be re-elected with, but as sure as a Labour candidate came out, another would be in the field. That was the danger. So far as was concerned, he did not want to see the constituency represented by socialists or anarchists. They should stick to the man who had been tried and proved a success. He urged those present to form themselves into a committee, with power to add to the number, and please themselves in their power to secure his return. A motion to that effect was moved by Mr J. B. Wood, seconded by Walter Newey, and carried unanimously. Not one head being raised against it, a vote of thanks to the chair concluded the meeting.

Mr D. S. Oman, M.L.A., has arranged to meet the electors of his own at the Snake Valley Mechanics' Institute on Saturday.

Mr Oman will meet his friends and supporters in the Raglan Public Hall on Monday evening next, at 8 p.m.

Mr T. R. Ashworth, M.L.A., is addressing the electors at Maroons and Ross bridge on Tuesday evening, and up to the 6th May is holding meetings in the Wickliffe division of Hampden.

The Terang correspondent of the "Camperdown Herald" states:—"The meeting convened by Mr J. R. McDougall for Wednesday last to form a branch of the Progressive Liberal Association was miserably attended, but a branch was formed. As soon as it was known that the association was an offshoot of the Reform League, electors were not enthusiastic about it, and the association will probably die out gradually, as did the other Conservatory organisations."

On Monday evening last (says the "Camperdown Herald"), Mr D. S. Oman, M.L.A., visited Terang, where he addressed the electors and replied to statements made by a good attendance of voters. He was accompanied by Mr J. A. Barber. Mr Oman referred to the allegation made against him by Mr Morris, "that he had told the electors at Ashworth that he was Mr J. R. McDougall's branch of the P.L.A. supporter of his." He stated that although Mr McDougall had supported him right through the last seven years, yet during the whole of the present year he had been a candidate in the 2nd district, to reconsider his decision, and the statements Mr McDougall made in the hall a few evenings ago were absolutely correct. Referring to the vote in Parliament, which Mr Morris had challenged, Mr Oman claimed that the list from which Mr Morris had quoted did not give the actual divisions which were taken in Parliament, and that only specially picked voters; votes which Mr Oman had made under particular circumstances. He read quotations from "Herald" which showed the circumstances under which the votes were given, and dealt with in detail.

The selection of a candidate to contest the Hampden electorate in the Labour interests will be settled (says the "Camperdown Chronicle") on Tuesday next. The matter was considered on Tuesday evening, when Mr Lawson, an applicant for the post, but no decision was arrived at.

Mr T. R. Ashworth, who (says the "Camperdown Chronicle") intends contesting Hampden in the Government interest, has made a complete tour of the electorate for the purpose of arranging for the delivery of his delivery address in this district. The date of his meeting in Camperdown will be announced next week.

Wickliffe Road Land Resumption Association.

The usual meeting of the above association was held in the Public Hall, Wickliffe Road, on Saturday evening last. There was a large attendance of members, and the chair was taken by Mr W. Plain.

It was decided to increase the number of the executive from five to seven, and Messrs Mietzke and Swartz were nominated to fill the new places.

As every political party has its own brand of Compulsory Land Resumption just now, the secretary was directed to communicate with Mr (Mrs) W. A. Barber, that gentleman to give the Association explicit information concerning the scheme he advocates.

The Association decided to hold its meetings regularly until after the election. The democrats heretofore intend to make their own voters' meeting, and to vote in favor of Oman, or the likely Labour candidate. The Jess of Kyabram is not the pet Jess down here just now.

If the Political Labor Council runs a candidate he will have the advantage of offering the voters a program of definite in the matter of Land Resumption. A plank of the Labor party is the nationalisation of monopolies, and what would tend to heal the social sickness is the nationalisation of the large estates. Parliament must burn up the large estates or let the people go.

The tenant farmers are experiencing a very bad time on the estates heretofore, and the compulsory resumption of Elicly and Mr. William would give a gleam of hope to many who are at present dragging their feet to bring notice to the mill of the landlord.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday fortnight (evening), "Ararat Chronicle," of 27th inst.

As some doubt existed regarding the last seven days' notices, certifying persons to vote at the ensuing State election, could be issued by the court, Mr. Christie, electoral registrar, communicated with the matter of Mr (Mrs) W. A. Barber, stating that the voters' certificates can be granted until the day before the dissolution of Parliament, which will probably be about the 15th of May. It must be borne in mind that order to bring notice to the mill of the hold of an elector's right of his intention to apply to the Court of Petty Sessions for a voter's certificate. Forms for the purpose can be obtained from the registrar.—"Ballarat Star."

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By J. Hanmer Quail,
Author of "The Cup Winners," "His Madeline," "Fenton Friars," &c. &c.

CHAPTER VII Continued.

"Yes, Miss Merriman. Some curious things are related about the house. I suppose you have never heard of the Good Spirit of Barkley?"

"No, Lord Kilkerne I have not."
"It is said that whenever any good fortune is coming to a Kilkerne a white figure walks from what we call the 'grey room' to the door of the room in which the member of the family sleeps or used to sleep. The figure gives three knocks on the door and then walks back to the grey room and disappears."

"That is a very agreeable kind of ghost. I hope it comes often enough," said Mr. Bexfield with a laugh.

"Not very often; usually before a marriage or before an heir is born to some branch of the family."

"How very interesting. Is the ghost a true prophet?" Mr. Bexfield asked, looking of curiosity.

"I thank you Lord Kilkerne, but I cannot do what you ask," she said in a low tone.
"Why not?"
"I must not. I cannot."
"Why not? Are you not free to marry?"

"I do not feel free just now."
"Oh; you are a silly girl. There is no ground to your objections. You are whimsical. Just dismiss all those foolish notions and accept the love and position which I offer you. Give me your promise."
He laid his hand gently on her shoulder. She made no answer, but shook her head in a slow decided way.

"Promise; do."
"I cannot, Lord Kilkerne."
"You are very unkind. I offer you home and love; wealth and position; a title even; everything a girl can wish for. Do accept my offer."

"No."
The word was scarcely audible but there was a firmness about it which irritated Lord Kilkerne. He restrained himself and tried once again.

"You are positively cruel. I want someone to share my life, my wealth, and my home. I have told you that I love you. I say again that I love you dearly. Marry me and I will do all in my power to make you happy."

She shook her head in the same decisive way. She was immovable.

"Thousands of girls would have jumped at my offer, but you are the one I love, and I have made the offer to you. You will marry me yet, we shall see."

He stroked her hand with his right hand in an affectionate way, and passed into the library.

Mr. Bexfield stood by one of the

He lay thinking of Wylva Merriman and Mr. Bexfield. He loved Wylva and would make any sacrifice to win her. Money would have been no consideration in winning her, for his wealth was far in excess of anything he was likely to require. He had become a director of the Eastern Main Reef Development Company, and had taken fifty thousand pounds' worth of shares in the company and handed Mr. Bexfield a cheque for twenty-five thousand pounds, according to the agreement they had made. The liability he had taken with respect to the company did not worry him in the least, but Wylva's attitude towards him mortified him. She had rejected him, and though he loved her still he was unable to find a semblance of a reason for hoping that she would change towards him from her bearing of the night before. She had simply been inflexible and had robbed him of every vestige of hope.

He had lain sleepless, tossing uneasily and thinking of all this, it seemed for hours. He had listened to the turret bells chime and struck until their sounds, sweet and musical at any other time, became a brazen jangle to him, and he failed to discern what they told him of the fleeting quarters.

He started. He had been dozing, and something had disturbed him. The pale ethereal blue of dawn stealing in by the sides of the blinds made the objects in the room faintly visible.

A low indefinite sound came from the corridor which ran through the west wing of Barkley Court. Lord Kilkerne heard it and knew that it had sounded before, and that it had disturbed him. He listened.

He distinctly heard three successive creaks with a pause between, as if someone were walking slowly and

TEA DRUNKENNESS.

It has been frequently asked whether tea and coffee are things that should figure in an ordinary day's diet. The 'Medical Press' has lately gone extensively into the question. First of all it is frankly admitted that medical practitioners are not sufficiently imbued with the importance of the subject and are consequently not on their guard to recognise the symptoms and warn their patients against the dangers associated with repeated and habitual indulgence in such powerfully stimulating beverages as tea and coffee.

Both of them when taken to excess determine a well-marked deterioration of the functions, especially the digestive and the nervous systems. Although their and caffeine are stated to be chemically identical, the effects of the two beverages are by no means the same. This may be explained by the presence, in tea of a higher percentage of tannin, and in coffee of certain substances known collectively as caffeine. The action of these alkaloids is to stimulate the cerebral cells, inducing wakefulness and an ephemeral increase of mental activity, the spinal reflexes being at the same time enhanced, showing greater excitability of the spinal cord.

The heart's action is at first strengthened, then rendered rapid and irregular, an effect which is thought to be due to their action on the medulla. There is said to cause a reduction of temperature, while caffeine raises it, and their moreover possess local anæsthetic properties from which caffeine is free. The tannin exerts its recognised astringent

THE "GOLDEN DRAYMAN."

REMARKABLE STORY OF A MYSTIC MILLION.

Frank Wood, an elderly drayman in the employ of a firm of brewers, at home, was given to understand that he was entitled to an Australian estate worth £1,500,000, which had been left to him by his grandfather. But he was subsequently sorely disappointed. His informant, says Wood, represented himself as a solicitor, and invited him to his hotel, when he bought him new clothes, and at his request, Wood signed certain documents, which his person retained.

The "solicitor" advanced him £7, said the drayman could draw up to £6,000, and arranged that they were to meet at Plymouth, whence they were to sail for Australia.

The appointment was not kept, and after spending some time at the western seaport, Wood had to trudge back to London, where he arrived footsore and penniless. The magistrate could only refer Wood to the police.

NEW CLAIMANT APPEARS.

The latest concerning the mystic £1,500,000 is the appearance of a second claimant; Mrs. Worthy.

Mrs. Worthy, who is convinced that the money is hers, says her son, who was living in Adelaide, has gone over to Melbourne to make all necessary inquiries.

"The only thing now is to find out where the village is, about 150 miles from Melbourne, and that my son is now doing," she said to a reporter. Continuing she said:

"You know that this 'solicitor'

A SONG OF REAL DIFFICULTY.

I know how Warner's team will
What weather Lent will bring
The way of worms beneath the
Of cinders on the wing:
But one "hiatus" in my lore
I cannot yet make good:
"What kind of wood would a wood-
chuck chuck,
If a woodchuck could chuck wood."

I know the mystery of tides,
The height of Captain Kidd,
Why Janius wore an Iron Mask,
Where each medallion's hid:
But one strange problem hitherto
My onslaught has withstood:
"What kind of wood would a wood-
chuck chuck,
If a woodchuck could chuck wood."
—London "Punch."

PRISON BREAKER'S FEAT.

ASTOUNDING ESCAPE FROM A STRAIT JACKET.

Harry Houdini, the mysterious man whom no prison cell can hold and no handcuffs secure, added another to his many sensational feats. He created a tremendous sensation in Sheffield, awhile since, by escaping from the prison cell there.

He was stripped, and triple locked in the cell, while his clothes were triple locked in another cell. In five minutes he had escaped from the one entered the other, dressed himself, made his way through an iron gate, fastened by a seven-lever lock, and presented himself before the astonished chief constable.

As he had already escaped from a Siberian transportation cell in which

OTHER LANDS.

In Norway, the length of life is longer than in any other country on the globe. This is attributed to the fact that the temperature is constant and uniform throughout the year.

A new illuminating material has been discovered by Herr Blau, the Bavarian chemist. It is made from oil gas. By a process of rectification the methane and hydrogen contained in it are separated from the gas, and, by a pressure of 40 atmospheres, are reduced to the liquid form, in steel receivers. This new compound can be used in the place of petroleum, alcohol and acetylene, and it is said to give a light of a beautiful colour, preferable to that of the electric light.

A Leicestershire squire had a valuable and handsome horse which he christened Ajax. Recently he came across an excellent match for it, and purchased it promptly, and then the question arose as to its name. There was some delay in finding a satisfactory one. But, on going to the stable, a few days later, the squire found his groom had solved the difficulty. Over the stall of the old favourite was printed "Ajax" and over that of the new comer the groom had chalked in large letters "Bjax."

In Germany eggs are kept fresh for any length of time by simply immersing them in a 10 per cent. solution of silicate of soda, commonly called "liquid glass." This produces the formation of a coating which renders the eggs perfectly airtight. The eggs so treated retain their fresh taste for months.

mpden Election.
Mr. Ouse's friends and held at the Waterloo rate on Wednesday night, as a very representative 0 electors were present. voted to the chair, and the object of the meeting was to return. That gentleman the constituency for during that time had, heaved, given entire satisfaction was a politician who light. His word was his chairman) was sure that so favourably with any to Parliament. It was Labour candidate would There was no danger if reckoned with, but as candidate came out, in the field. That was as he was concerned, to see the constituency socialists or anarchists. S to the man who had proved a success. He went to form themselves with power to add to the ge themselves to use all sains in their power to A motion to that effect Jas. Bow, seconded by ey, and carried unani- e hand being raised e of thanks to the chair ting.
M.L.A., has arranged ers of Hampden at the Mechanics' Institute on
ent his friends and sup- an Public Hall on Monday p.m.
orth, M.L.A., is address- at Maroons and Ross

OUTCAST OF MILAN

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was much indignation among them when he was banished. However, his crime was so flagrant that they could not excuse him. At this juncture, some of the officers who had charge of preparing for the approaching tournament made their appearance, and Ludovico withdrew.

am not dreaming, then my young master's spirit inhabits that knightly armor." "What is it you say?" asked a smith, who stood next. "Nothing—nothing," returned Michael. "Ha!—Look! Down goes the iron knight! Now I know that lofty carriage. O, God grant I be not deceived! And yet—how

Hugh de Castro is not steady in his seat. He has not recovered from the shock. His left arm is weak, and the shield trembles. He dashes on, however, but not to conquest. When the meeting comes, he is thrown backward from his saddle, and lies helpless upon the ground. Does Hugh de Castro claim further trial?

ward upon the ground, with his gorget pewn away, and in a moment more the victor's sword was at his bare throat. "Speak!" said the knights of Modena. "I yield!" came in a gasping tone from the lips of the prince. Loud and long were the shouts that went up from the multitude; and Manfred was

his wife. One was a gentle, brown-haired woman, with a timid manner and delicate features. My fears vanished; I felt as in the presence of a shy child, and, sitting down by her, tried to talk with her. But in a moment she slipped from the room. My host had found a congenial spirit in my husband, and both were deep in the books which filled

FORTUNES GOING BEGGING.

Strange as it may appear it is nevertheless a fact that many thousands of pounds—to be exact, £135,000 on a yearly average—are left by deceased persons to nobody. It is in the cases where the deceased persons

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ITS PLATFORM EXPUNDED BY MRS. CHAWFORD MCDOWELL.

There was a fair attendance at the Society's Hall, Beaufort, on Monday evening, especially ladies, to hear Mrs. Chawford McDowell (better known as Sister Ruth, of the Central Methodist Mission, Melbourne) expound the platform of the Victorian Alliance for forward movement. The chair was occupied by Mr. J. R. Hughes. After two hymns had been sung, a prayer offered up by the chairman, a recitation, "Murdered by drink," given by Bro. G. Pringle, the lecturer was briefly introduced by the chairman.

Beaufort United Common.

The managers of the above Common met at the secretary's office on 26th inst. Present—Messrs Humphreys, Flynn, and Brown (secretary). The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Snake Valley.

Mr. J. W. Wright, when out walking with his son, had a snake which was about 12 inches long, and which was very fat. It was a pair of trousers, and before the snake could effect its purpose his son dislodged it quickly despatched, and was found to be a black species, and measured 4 feet 6 inches.

"Send-off" to Constable Batty, at Buangor.

A number of residents of Buangor and district (writes our Middle Creek correspondent) assembled at Jones's Railway Hotel, by invitation of Mr and Mrs Jones, to spend a few pleasant hours and to say good-bye to Constable Batty before taking his departure from Buangor. Mr Batty has proved himself a very courteous and obliging officer, and although he has lived at Buangor scarcely 12 months, he has made many friends among all classes of the community, and they will be sorry to hear of his departure. The tables were tastefully laid for the occasion. The chair was occupied by Cr. W. G. Pickford, the guest of the evening being on his right. The chairman, on behalf of Mr and Mrs Jones, extended a hearty welcome to all present, and said they had met to say good-bye to a man who had been a respected resident. After the inner man was satisfied, there was a short toast-list. Mr Menzies, M.L.A. for Stawell, was amongst those present. The chairman, in proposing the health of Mr and Mrs Batty, said he was only expressing the sentiments of all present when he said they all regretted Mr Batty's departure. As an officer, he was well fitted for the position. As a private citizen, there was none better, Mr Batty being a man of practical experience. He was also a first-class sportsman, and had helped to uphold the honor and dignity of the place. The chairman also made a few flattering remarks about Mrs Batty. Messrs E. McLeod, J. Tate and G. Ellington supported the remarks of the chairman. The toast was drunk with musical honors.

The Linton to Lake Bolac Line.

AN UNFAVORABLE REPLY. A deputation from the residents of the district between Linton and Lake Bolac waited on the Premier on Wednesday to ask that the proposal for the construction of a line between Linton and Lake Bolac should be referred to the Railway Standing Committee.

Beaufort United Common.

From the herdsman, reporting that 1,200 sheep and 66 head of cattle passed through the common since last meeting; also reporting that on the 23rd inst. he bought a young bull in the pound sale for £1 19s to replace the brindle bull which he had been instructed to sell. The young bull will stop on the common, where he has been for some time. The herdsman further reported that he had branded all the stock running on the common except a few at Chute, which will be attended to in a few days' time.

Beaufort United Common.

From the herdsman, reporting financially as follows:—Balance bank, £40 15s 8d; cash in hand, nil; fees received to date for current half-year, £10 6s; unpaid fees due on stock registered for that period, £13 11s; making the total assessment to date, £23 17s. The arrears for the half-year ended 31st July last now stand at £0 2s, making total arrears £19 13s. I have received the £1 10s arrears from H. Wood. I received a notice from a rabbit inspector, naming a date fixed for simultaneous action to destroy the pest. I forwarded the note to the herdsman. Amount due herdsman on fees collected, £5 8s 6d.

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The Premier—I believe in buying the land, and then putting the railways into the Government a speculator. The Premier—"I don't care what you call it; you should give us some of the unearned increment. With the Government in the past it has been a case of borrow, borrow, and we are not going to build railways unless we have something fair to show for the outlay. I don't expect you to pay the money down, and it could be spread over a number of years.

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VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Alteration of Trains. On and after 2nd May the 4.40 p.m. express Melbourne to Adelaide, will be run on Saturdays. The Saturday's express to and from Adelaide will reach their destinations on Sundays. The 5.10 a.m. Ballarat to Stawell will be run only on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and the 5.16 p.m. Ballarat to Stawell will run only on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The 6.15 a.m. Stawell to Ballarat will leave at 6 a.m., and the 8 p.m. Stawell to Ballarat will be cancelled.

L. BRAVO, Hairdresser and Tobacconist.

NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT. Begs to notify the public of Beaufort and district that he has commenced Business, and hopes by strict attention to business to receive a fair share of public patronage.

HAWKES BROS., BEAUFORT.

Beg to draw attention to their magnificent show of LAMP-WARE. Entirely new lines in best American manufacture. Bedroom Lamps, Duplex Table Lamps, Metal-stand Parlor Lamps, Hanging Library Lamps, Hanging Hall Lamps. Splendid Assortment. Values very Low.

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Take advantage of the bountiful crop of fruits this season, and use our IMPORTED PRESERVING JARS—Mason's Patent, Chicago Patent Banner Jellies, with Tin Lids. A SPECIAL LINE OF MASON'S JARS, WITHOUT LIDS, for Jam, at following Low Prices:—

One Pint, 2s. 6d. doz.; One Quart, 3s. doz.; Two Quarts, 4s. doz.

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The IRONMONGERS, BEAUFORT.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

RE NEIL MCINTOSH, deceased, pursuant to the provisions of the Trusts Act 1889, notice is hereby given that all persons having any CLAIM against the Estate of NEIL MCINTOSH, late of Beaufort, in the State of Victoria, farmer, deceased, who died on the thirtieth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and three, intestate, and letters of administration of whose estate were granted to MARGARET ANN MCINTOSH, of Beaufort, aforesaid, the widow of the said deceased, are hereby required to send in PATRICIUS in writing of such Claims to the undersigned, SAMUEL YOUNG, the proctor for the said Margaret Ann McIntosh, on or before the tenth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and four, and notice is hereby given that after that day the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Neil McIntosh, deceased, which shall have come to his hands or possession amongst the persons entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which the said administrator shall have had notice, and the said administrator will not be liable for the assets or any part thereof so distributed to any person of whose claims he shall not then have had notice.

TO LEASE BY Tender.

For term of 3 or 5 years (or Sell), PADDOCK of 23 acres, situated close to the town, on the Main Road road. The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted. A. H. CUNNINGTON.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. cash deposit (minimum deposit £1, in cash or marked cheque) will be received up till 11 a.m. on Monday, 9th May, 1904, for the following works:—

WANTED, a good general SERVANT.

Apply to MRS. HILL, Camp Hotel, Beaufort.

WANTED, a good general SERVANT.

MUST BE EXPERIENCED. Apply, MRS. EASTWOOD, "Homestead," Beaufort.

MISS KILBEG has resumed Tuition in

Pianoforte Teaching at Burke Street, Beaufort.

POST, on Waterloo Road, driving from

Linton to Beaufort, on Sunday, 24th inst. Ladies UMBRELLA, 10s. 6d. L.B. 1901, on top of handle. Reward. Apply, H. McKINNON, Hawkes Bros., Beaufort.

Hampton Election.

MR. D. S. OMAN, M.L.A., will meet his friends and supporters in the BAGLAN PUBLIC HALL on MONDAY Evening next, 2nd inst., at 8 o'clock.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.

DIXON BROS., Stock Station, Grain and Commission Agents, Valuers, and Export Produce Merchants, WISH to notify the farmers of the surrounding district that they have leased the premises lately occupied by Mr. J. Outhbertson as Steam Chaff Mills, OPPOSITE CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT.

MONTHLY STOCK SALES.

WILL BE CONDUCTED BY THEIR AUCTIONEER, MR. W. H. HALPIN, EVERY THIRD THURSDAY, FIFTH SALE, THURSDAY, MAY 10th, 1904.

Good yarding advised. Sales Conducted in any part of the State. Entries received by Mr. R. G. KIRKPATRICK, Local Agent, or Mr. Hill, Camp Hotel. For PRIVATE SALE, Single-seated ABBOTT BUGGY, two WAGGONETTES, and a second-hand DOUBLE and TREBLE FURROW PLOUGH. Several FARMS in GEELONG district for SALE or LEASE.

Horse Rugs, Tarpaulins, Water Bags, and Coach Buggy Rugs a speciality. Agents for Mitchell's Agricultural Implements, Wood's New Century Binder, also agents for the famous Barger Dice. DIXON BROS., Lawrence Street, BEAUFORT.

Skipper. Mrs Greaves, now of Geelong, but who for many years was most popular resident of this district, paid us a visit...

THE HOUSEHOLD. A general belief in the divine character and healing powers of the sacred serpent is to be met with all over Egypt...

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The Case of Mr. G. EDMONDS. (By our Reporter.) Telegrams indicating the duration and extent of the falls of rain which have recently come to the relief of the patient...

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CAMP HOTEL, BEAUFORT. THE PROPRIETOR of the above well-known Hotel, in thanking residents of Beaufort and district for the very liberal patronage bestowed on the house during the past two years...

WILLIAM J. HILL, Proprietor. F. G. PRINCE. Best Brands of Wines, Spirits and Ales will be retailed, as heretofore, with every civility.

T. E. SANDS, Cash Grocer. Begs to inform the public of Beaufort and district that he has removed his business to the corner of NEILL and LAWRENCE STREETS, BEAUFORT.

WM. C. PEDDER, Wheelwright and Blacksmith. Regs to thank the people of Beaufort and surrounding district for their patronage during the last 10 years...

Australian Loans. MR. G. SWINBURNE'S OPINION. Mr G. Swinburne, the Victorian Minister of Railways, arrived from England at Perth on Tuesday week...

RHEUMATISM is a stubborn disease to fight, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm has cured it many times, and will do so whenever opportunity offers.

THE LATEST FROM AMERICA.—Anybody who shakes hands with Henry Longman, of Sumnerville, Pennsylvania, U.S.A., gets an electric shock of confounding power.

WIT AND HUMOUR. A slightly ironical toast was that drunk at a recent celebration: "Woman! she requires no eulogy—she speaks for herself."

Coming over from the east side the other day, I was in the dining room of the motor and conditions of passengers conspicuous among them being some jolly university students.

An Italian inventor proposes a novel method for duplicating copies of writing. The mechanism for this purpose is provided with two pens, supported by a framework in such a manner that their points are always in the same horizontal plane.

Two ink wells are provided at the base of the stand, and the dipping of the pen in one well causes the pen to dip in the opposite well; and when the two sheets of paper to be written on are lined parallel to each other and separated by the remainder of the work as simple as ordinary writing.

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George Edwards. Declared at Melbourne, in the State of Victoria, the second day of May, one thousand nine hundred and one, before me, EDWARD MCCARTHY, J.P., a Justice of the Peace in and for the Central District of the State of Victoria.

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Stationery and Printing. The following is the new railway time-table, which took effect on Thursday, 2nd July, 1903.—A mixed train leaves Ballarat at 11.30 a.m., 7 days a week, reaching Beaufort at 12.22, and taking its departure at 12.30. It leaves Middle Creek at 12.54, and Ballarat at 1.4. The Adelaide express still leaves Melbourne at 4.40 p.m. (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) Ballarat at 7.50, and Beaufort at 8.44 (arriving here at 8.39).

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