

FOSSILISTIC LOVE.

A pre-Adamite Apostle and a very docile Fossil. Had a quarrel on a Læs.

Then they wrestled on a trestle—on a pre-historic trestle—

With a rustic and a hustle and a creek in every muscle.

Then the very docile Fossil calmly said: "Now he'll be docile."

Came a missile with a whistle and attacked him in his gristle.

'Twas a thistle and some mistletoe the Lass threw, thinking, "This'll just suggest to him a kiss'll do no harm."

"Let us resolutely nestle far below this treacherous trestle.

While I your lips to press I'll gladly dare!"

Cooled the very docile Fossil, Science with a brush of color away.

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WORLD'S GREATEST BEAUTIES.

Naturally the Austrian shows a dominance of the blonde elements.

As for the Austrians, they revel in the beautiful white skin of their northern sisters.

The American woman has not yet been appraised for beauty.

The Bushman is far from being plain or homely.

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CURIOUS MISPRINTS.

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UGLIEST AND HANDSOMEST PEOPLE.

Despite the wonderful diffusion of knowledge through the modern press, there are probably few people who could tell, or even know where to learn, which is the ugliest people on earth and which the handsomest.

Yet, writes Edmund Buckley in the Chicago "Sunday Magazine," these extremes of appearance are quite ascertainable, and moreover demonstrable: for no one can deny the extreme ugliness to the Bushman, while the consensus of artistic opinion yields the palm for beauty to the Italians, with the Austrians a close second.

The Bushman is far from being plain or homely; he is positively hateful in his repulsive hideousness. One cannot very well pity him, for his frightfulness is in his very nature, and one out of sight, he must tend to go out of mind. Any help here is hopeless: for he does not have a single redeeming feature.

THE MOST REPulsive PEOPLE. The average height of six grown Bushmen was found to be four feet nine inches, and their women have the same stature, not a lower one as usual. The build is slim, and the limbs are lean to the point of emaciation. The amount of fat under the skin is extremely small in both sexes, and this causes the skin itself to be as dry as leather, not unlike morocco, and to fall in heavy folds over the body and at the joints.

Moreover, weak development of hair corresponds to this lack of fat. The hair is thin, and forms little tufts, and is mostly black, imparting a knobby, many appearance to the head. On the lean limbs the cords of muscle often project under the slack skin like those of mummies.

As for the face, it is broad, flat, and slightly prominent of the cheek bones, and lateral broadening of the lower jaw, give it a marked rectangular outline. The eyes are often placed rather obliquely, and the nose is depressed at the root, but turned up at the tip. The mouth is wide, the lips moderately everted, the whole region of the jaws projects, and the chin is sloping: so that the lower part of the face is often taken quite the shape of a muzzle. The look is shifty and savage.

The Bushmen are steadily making themselves scarce and are doomed soon to vanish from the earth, being ground to pieces between Bantam on the north, Kaffirs on the east, and the whites on the south. This process has been going on for centuries, and accounts in part for their ugliness. Their strongest and bravest men have been killed in war, and the least ugly of the women driven to slavery, while the masses have been reduced to less and less desirable lands, whose shortage of food and other privations awaited them. They live by the chase, and have developed an astonishing fleetness of foot and keenness of vision in tracking down their game.

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Even Africa game new growth scarcer every year before advancing agriculture, and the Bushman must soon vanish with that bush from which appropriately he took his name.

Almost as ugly as these African mountaineers are the Yeddahs in the mountainous interior of Ceylon, and the Australians. A glance at the map will show that each of these people occupy a pocket of land, the greatest continuities, whether they have been pushed, and where they have been isolated from healthful admixture and intercourse with other races.

The superiority of the European race to all others in point of bodily and facial beauty is as marked as demonstrable as is that of its mental capacity and of its achievements. Of course everyone has heard from the modern wiseman, who claims with assurance that because Chinese like themselves, and Redskins like themselves, therefore each of these people have as good a claim to beauty as Europeans, who also, of course, like themselves. This sounds liberal, and seems to accord with the objective viewpoint of science; but, none the less, it happens to be wrong.

People very naturally suppose that what is unknown to them does not exist, and therefore assume that there is no absolute standard for human beauty. But this ignorance springs from a notorious lack in our education, which neglects art, in both its science and history, in favour of literature and music, both of which would readily be conceded to have standard binding on all peoples. And why not art, then?

ALL PREFER THE EUROPEANS. Moreover, the actual fact is that races other than the European really prefer that race, as shown by their readiness to marry into it. This is notably true of the Africans resident in the United States, and is just as

DIAMONDS BY THE TON.

Like all precious metals and stones the unit of weight usually employed in regard to diamonds is the carat, of which 151 1/2 go to make up a single ounce. To think of sacks of diamonds by the ton staggers the imagination; indeed, the average annual output of the Kimberley mines is not more than half a ton all told.

These diamonds have been utilized recently at Cape Town giving the output for several years past of the Kimberley mines and the river diggings. These yielded in the three years 1903-5 nearly 7,250,000 carats, say a ton and a half, and the value of these diamonds was £14,450,000. Since the first diamond was discovered by the banks of the Vaal in 1867 down to the end of 1906, it is estimated that the total weight of diamonds extracted from the Griqualand West mines is over 13 1/2 tons, of market value of fully £95,000,000. If statistics of this sort can be trusted—and in the case of the South African yield they closely approximate to the facts—only 37 tons of diamonds have been mined since the world to the end of 1907. With the same relative output since that year from Brazil, and India, the world's output of diamonds is now something over 20 tons. The figure seems small, considering the ages of diamonds which have been worked in India and elsewhere in the East, and must be largely guesswork with respect to the output in antiquity. It is, however, certain that more diamonds have been placed on the market since the last 40 than in the previous 1000 years.—"Pall Mall Gazette."

Polite Stranger (in a railway station, to deaf old gentleman) who has accidentally kicked: "I beg your pardon, sir."

Deaf Old Gentleman: "Eh?"

"I beg your pardon, sir," the polite stranger repeats, slightly embarrassed, and in a more elevated tone of voice.

Deaf Old Gentleman, (raising his hand to his ear): "I don't quite understand you."

"I beg your pardon," roars the polite stranger, very much confused, in deaf old gentleman's ear: "I kicked you."

Deaf Old Gentleman (very much surprised): "What for?"

"An accident," roars the polite stranger.

An accident? Bless me—where?"

But the polite stranger thought it better to leave before he lost his reason.

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THE FELLOW UP THERE IS CRAZY.

Immediately after he left the vehicle and made off.

Meanwhile the would-be assassin had flung himself upon his intended victim, and attempted to drag him down the window.

The assailant turned out to be an unemployed labourer, 18 years of age. He had already been out in one of the suburbs and called at three houses, where, however, he had failed to find anyone at home.

His companion appears to have been a casual acquaintance, whom he had picked up en route.

George was caught napping. A pair of soft little hands covered his eyes, and a sweet voice commanded: "Guess who it is."

George had two sweethearts, and the life of him he couldn't decide whose voice it was, which made it a very embarrassing situation for him. A wrong guess would lead to complications awful to think of. But a happy thought inspired George and he announced:

"It's the dearest sweetest little girl in all the world."

"Oh, you lovely boy!" gurg

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Packets may be sent through the post without anything adhesive, such as gum, postage stamp, sealing-wax, etc.; in a cover entirely open at one end or side (if the cover be slit, the opening must be of the full extent of the end or side, and the contents must be easy of withdrawal).

The cover may bear the sender's name and address, and the words "packet," "sample" or "pattern," etc., as the case may be.

Packets may be tied with string, but officers of the department may cut the string to examine the contents, and tie the packet up again. Samples of seeds, drugs, etc., which cannot be sent in open packets, may be enclosed in bags or boxes, fastened so as to be easily undone and re-fastened. If addressed to places in the United Kingdom only, they may be sent in closed, transparent bags.

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Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
That his little voice may be hid;
My trade of late is getting bad,
I'll try another ten-oh ad.

If such there be, go mark him well,
For him no bank account shall swell;
No angel watch the golden stair
To welcome homeward millionaires.

For such a man the noisy din
Of radio may not come in;
For such a man the trumpet blast
Nor the great drum is heard to pass.

And on some barony gets a scowl,
No people who have cash at all;
Do practice around to read the fence,
The man who never says for trade

By local line or ad displayed.
Cares more for rest than worldly gain
And patronage but gives him pain;
Tread lightly, friends, let no rude sound
Disturb his solitude profound.

Here he sits in a calm repose,
Untroubled except by men he owes,
And when he dies, go plant him deep
That naught may break his dreamless sleep.

Where no rude clamor may dispel
The quiet that he loved so well,
And that the world may know its loss
Place on his grave a wreath of moss

And on the stone above, "Here lies
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—Mortimer Crane Brown.

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If your hair is turning grey or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," for it will positively restore in every case the hair to its original color, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere. Sole depot, 33, FARRINGTON ROAD, LONDON, ENGLAND.

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SCIENTIFIC ITEMS.

A GREAT SUNSPOT.

A tremendous disturbance is taking place upon the surface of the sun, place upon the surface of the sun, place upon the surface of the sun...

THE OLDEST ROCK.

Granite is the bedrock of the world. It is the lowest rock in the earth's crust, and shows no signs of animal life.

THE SILVER-TONGUED PREMIER.

Ten years ago one of the world's greatest men was elected. That man was Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Premier of Canada, and the man with the silver tongue.

SOLD AGAIN.

The newly appointed master at one of our public schools thought he knew all about "cribbing," and such little dodges as little boys indulge in.

126-FOOT TELEPHONE POLE.

One of the tallest telephone poles in the world is the wire of the Pacific States Telephone Company near Aberdeen, Wash.

ENDED IN SMOKE.

"A little over four years ago," remarked Jones, "I made up my mind to give up smoking."

THE TUATARA LIZARD.

The Tuatara lizard, of New Zealand is said to be one of the most ancient forms of animal life now existing.

CALCIUM STEEL.

A curious product mentioned in a Consular report from Paris is called calcium steel, although it contains no steel or iron in any form.

AS SEEN BY A FISH.

The Professor of Physics at Johns Hopkins (Baltimore) University, Dr. R. W. Wood, has shown how photographing the world as it appears to a fish may be done.

A GIGANTIC TELESCOPE.

The form that American wealth has selected for more than one occasion, when anxious to advance astronomical science, has been, says "Engineering," to provide its professors with huge telescopes.

THE GREATER THE THICKNESS.

The more the light absorbed. Consequently, there must come a time when the extra amount of light collected by the extra thickness is lost by further absorption.

WILL WEIGH 44 TONS.

To cast and annual such a mass of glass to give it the necessary homogeneity, is the first difficulty to be overcome.

JAPANESE LAW COURTS.

As Japan has borrowed its naval training from Britain and its military system from Germany, so it has introduced its judicial system from France.

THE COURT.

consists always of several judges sitting on a bench. There is also in each court a public prosecutor who represents the Crown in criminal cases and watches the public interest.

THE WHOLE ORGANISATION.

from the secret chambers of preliminary judicial investigation, where the accused is tried by jury, to the glacial hospital wards of the prison, where the consumptive criminal is given every luxury except fresh air, struck me as over-elaborated in faithful imitation of not always perfect European models.

BLIND AS A BAT.

"If you blind a bat," said a biologist, "the creature somehow will see. If you do that, consult Levy. Levy, the great authority, once removed the eyes of several bats and covered the vacant sockets with leather patches. In this condition the bats flew about the room, avoiding the walls and corners, and when a door was opened they flew out of it without touching the jamb or frame."

SIDELIGHTS ON BALLET-DANCING.

There are very few professions concerning which the general public knows so little as it does of ballet dancing.

HOW WILL THE LAST MAN DIE?

Astronomers say that the day must come when this earth will, like the moon, wheel through the heavens a dead and barren ball of matter—airless, waterless, lifeless.

But long, long before that time man will be extinct, will have disappeared so utterly that not so much as the blackened skeleton of a human being will be visible on all the millions of square miles of the surface of the planet.

Unless by some huge and universal cataclysm the whole race is swept at once into eternity, it is but reasonable to suppose that man, like any other race of animals, will disappear slowly, and eventually there will be a single human being left—some old man, grey-haired and bearded, and left to wander alone in a solitude that may be imagined but not described.

How will he die, the last relic of the teeming millions that once traversed the face of the globe and were the great masters of every other living thing?

There are many fates that may befall him. He may go mad with horror of loneliness, and himself end his own miserable existence. He may be eaten by the vast reptiles or giant insects which will then probably infest the solitudes.

But his fate may be far weirder and more dreadful. Scientists say that as we burn the coal and timber we are so richly supplied with, we let loose into the atmosphere an ever increasing volume of carbonic dioxide. Much of this is taken up by plants, but not all.

It must increase and eventually poison the breathable air, filling the valleys and mountains slowly to the hills-tops, where the last remnants of animal life are striving for existence.

The last man will climb higher and higher, but eventually the suffocating invisible flood will reach and drown him.

Again, it is said that the earth, as it gets older, is cracking like dry mud. These cracks will increase until they at last will let the waters of the ocean and rivers sink into the warmer and the drier beneath. Then will occur an explosion so terrible as may startle the inhabitants of neighbouring worlds.

Supposing these earth cracks develop more slowly, they may suck away the water without devastating explosions. Then the last man's fate will be the worst describable.

He will die of thirst. The scene of his death will probably be the great valley in the bed of the Atlantic Ocean, off the Brazilian coast, halfway between Rio Janeiro and the Cape, where now six miles of green water lie between the steamer's keel and the abyssal plain beneath.

There, hopelessly digging in the ever drying mud, he must perish, and leave his bones to parch on a waterless planet.

The Antarctic polar icecap has been growing thicker and heavier for untold ages. The distance from the South Pole to the edge of this icecap is 1,400 miles. The ice rises steadily from the edge to the centre. At the centre it cannot be less than twelve miles in thickness—twice as thick as Mount Everest is high.

Higher latitudes are growing warmer, and this icecap is known to be cracking. Suppose it splits. Imagine the gigantic mass of water and ice that will come sweeping up north over the ocean and continents of the earth!

Where, then, will the last man breed his final gasp?

Higher up in the snows of some great range he will perish miserably of cold and starvation, looking down on a huge, shallow sea, beneath whose tossing waters will lie the whole of the races of the world.—"Smith's Weekly."

POULTRY.

Always shield the drinking water from the rays of the sun.

Make fowls stretch for every grain they eat, and they will be healthy.

AS IT WORKED OUT.

When Freddy was five years old, a friend of the family interested in his welfare said to him:—

"What are you going to be when you grow up?" replied Freddy, "I'll be a policeman."

Freddy was a little chap who had reached the age of ten when the other saw him again.

"My young friend," inquired the latter, "does your ambition still lead towards the police force?"

"No sir," replied the youngster, "I'm going to be an artist and paint pictures. An artist gets a lot of money."

At the age of twenty Fred was the stalwart youth, just home from the college.

"Fred," asked the old friend, "what road have you chosen for life's journey?"

"I have selected the road to literary fame," he replied. "I shall write poems and essays, and the world shall palpitate with eagerness to read my productions. I shall become rich and famous."

"Years passed," the friend of the family, now an old man, was one day walking along the road when a motor car stopped and the occupant called to him.

"Why, bless my soul," exclaimed the old gentleman, "if it isn't Frederick!"

"Yes," cried a portly man of about 40 years, "I'm just trying my new machine. Get in and take a ride."

"No, thank you, Frederick," was the reply. "By-the-way, you look exceedingly prosperous as an author."

"Oh!" exclaimed Frederick, laughing heartily. "I gave up all those youthful fancies and set out to make money. Haven't you heard? Why, I'm a plumber!"

FORGETTING THE TUNNEL.

A story of the early days of the Belgian railways has recently been told. It describes how the Belgian politician did when they came home from England with sheaves of sketches, plans, specifications, and particulars about "the new English travelling road," to build one like it in the Low Country.

They made the first railway across the flats between Brussels and Liege, and when it was finished, on almost the very day before it was to be opened with pomp and circumstance, the chief engineer, looking at his English plans and comparing them with his own substantial achievement, suddenly struck his forehead with a tragic gesture, and cried, "Mon Dieu, we've forgotten the tunnel!"

A railway without a tunnel could not be a railway, they thought; so they contrived to cover in the deepest cutting they could find.

HIS NEXT QUESTION.

On one occasion, when an Eastern potentate was the guest of English Royalty, he was taken to Epsom to see the Derby.

The dusky ruler noted the enthusiasm with which the English gentlemen, who were invited to accompany him, were devoted to the horse race, and he asked, "Why are the people making all the noise?" he asked.

"Why, don't you see that—has won the Derby?" answered one of his English companions.

LIVING IN PINE TREES TO CURE CONSUMPTION.

Living in a tree top in mid-winter is the way Mr. Charles Battersby is regaining health and vigour after a struggle with consumption.

Three years ago the spectre of the white Death laid its finger upon him. He was then working in a jewelry shop, and his physician advised him to go to a dry, bracing mountain region.

But Battersby had little money, and felt that he could not afford such a trip. He decided to make a fight for life by living in the open air at home.

His parents have a farm in an isolated spot. It is a hilly country, and has plenty of fine trees, particularly pine trees, that give a balsamic odour to the air.

He began the fight against his illness in a very simple way. During the day he did light work on the farm. At night he slept with the windows of his room wide open.

Milk and eggs were his chief diet, but he improved rapidly. But still he felt that he ought to get even more fresh air. Summer nights seemed stuffy and muggy in his low-ceiling bedroom in the farmhouse. He craved the sweetness of the out-door air, and especially the smell of the pine trees.

Meanwhile he had changed his occupation from farm work to helping a neighbouring carpenter. The idea occurred to him that he would build a house up in the tops of two pine trees on a little knoll about a hundred and fifty feet north of the farmhouse.

This accomplished, he began to live among the tree tops. He informs us that he never knew what the real joy and exhilaration of life were till he slept among those pine boughs, breathing in that fragrant air. No air that can be admitted to a house through open windows, he declares, can compare with that which filters through pine tree tops.

Charles Battersby now looks like a perfectly healthy young man. He is six feet in height and weighs 160 pounds, all firm and hard. His cheeks glow with a ruddy hue, and his eye is clear and bright. He believes that he has completely overcome the disease that once threatened his life. But he is taking no chances. He is going to continue to live on his out-door life. He says that on some of the very coldest nights he may sleep indoors at night, but for the most part he will stick to his tree house.

It is strange, he tells us, how little chill there is in out-door air, even in winter, when a person lives out of doors all the time. It is the damp chill of closed rooms in a house and artificial heat which enervates the system, he believes, that make people sensitive to cold and subject to consumption and throat troubles. He would have enjoyed the luxury of travel and removal to a dry climate, but, not being able to do that, he thinks he has accomplished just as much by staying at home and taking the fresh air cure on the home farm.

He says he is going to continue to live in the tree indefinitely, that he never got so much pleasure out of life nor knew what real health was before, and he believes if others would try it they would become as enthusiastic over it and derive as much benefit from it as he has.—"Stence Siftings."

SINGING M.P.'S.

An Irish member of Parliament once suggested that a few comic songs be sung in the House of Commons. He would considerably enliven the debates. If that course were adopted many of the honourable members would be able to indulge in their pet hobbies.

The late Mr. Gladstone, for instance, not only delighted in instrumental music, but, it is said, occasionally sang comic songs. One bigger minstrel ditty—"Doo-dah, Doo-dah-dey"—in particular had a peculiar fascination for him.

Present Minister of War, Mr. Haldane is also devoted to music. But, unlike the G.O.M., his bent lies in the direction of classical operas and oratorios.

Dr. Macnamara is another devotee to classical music. Mr. Balfour, on the other side, favours the strains of the red nose and the waltz of the much persecuted married man. When listening to a dull debate, Sir Henry C-B. whistles away the dreary hours in humming old Scottish hymns. Where Mr. John Morley to devote his talents to musical criticism no doubt, ere now, his fame would be equal to that of his histories and biographies. The House of Commons lost one of its best "comics" in the person of the Lord Chief Justice, who is, unquestionably, one of the best comedians of the day.

They had been married that same morning, and it was with contented nation that Algernon remarked that his dear little bride did not seem as happy as he could wish. Her blue eyes were not as bright as his, and she went, and some unpleasant thought seemed to be preying on her mind.

Pressing her close to him he besought her to confide in him, and at last she consented. "I have kept a secret from you," she sobbed, "I have kept a secret from you."

"Go on," he muttered hoarsely. "I cannot cook!" she moaned, and looked fearfully up at him.

But a serene smile spread over his countenance, and once more he embraced her tenderly.

POOR POLLY!

As they walked down the dim city street on their way to the station after their day's work, they were a living contrast. One was sad and walked with a languid step, as though life no longer had any allurements for him, and the other, who carried a cage containing a parrot in his hand, wore a look of the greatest exhilaration.

"At last," he said to his sad-faced friend, "I have been able to gratify the long cherished wish of my dear little wife. She has always wanted a parrot, and I have bought one for her."

"The other man sighed deeply. "I hope," he said gloomily, "that I'll have better luck than the one I gave my wife some years ago."

"The possessor of the cage looked interested. "Why, what happened to it?" he asked.

"The other man sighed once more, deeper still. "You don't know my wife, do you now?" he said; and his friend replied in the negative.

"Ned did the parrot," went on the gloomy one, "and it wanted to talk during the daytime, but couldn't get a chance while she was about. So it stayed awake all night to do its talking, and the poor creature died of insomnia in two weeks!"

A story is told by an explorer of a large and fierce South American spider which chases men if they come too near its lurking places. On one occasion he was pursued by one.

"Riding at an easy trot over the dry grass," he writes, "I observed a spider pursuing me, leaping swiftly along and keeping up with my beast. I aimed a blow with my whip and the point of the stick struck the ground close to it, when it instantly leaped upon and ran up the lash, and was actually within three or four inches of my hand when I flung the whip from me."

Jenks—Childs, complains that his gas bill is very high. What can be the cause?

"O'Gann (his next-door neighbour)—That's easy. He is taking a course on "Furniture Easily Made at Home" and practises at night. He has been at it over two weeks, and has only made a footstool; he has all the boards off his fence, borrowed all my tools and nails, knocked the plaster off his kitchen ceiling, owes about 30s. for paint and things, has used up several good rugs trying to upholster the stool, and—But Jenks fled.

The men of a regiment bound for South Africa were boarding a transport. "The colonel was at his post watching the men. As one of them stepped on the gangway, his mother, an Irishwoman, clutched him and pulled him to her bosom.

With intense emotion she cried and croaked over him, and then she saw the colonel.

"Darby, me b'y," she exclaimed, "stick close to the colonel, an' ye'll never be hurted!"

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"I walked up to a man and cut his feet off."

"Why didn't you cut his head off?" "Sure and faith, yer honour, 'is 'ead was already off."

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Ballarat Live Stock Market.

Tuesday. Fat cattle.—A very light yarding, numbering only 138 head, was penned for today's sales, consisting principally of quality...

Does Advertising Pay?

OPINION OF A FIRM WHICH HAS SPENT £3,000,000. The chairman and managing director of a firm which spends as much in advertising as any other firm in the world, in reply to the query put to him...

Advertising paid, he added, when it was good advertising—when the article advertised was good, when the selected channels for advertising were good, and when the advertising matter was good.

Successful advertising dealt with the future. To-day's customers were safe—you had to win over those of tomorrow, and to get them the advertiser had to get in touch with the needs of tomorrow.

Skipton.

The Skipton Sheep-dog Club held the annual trial on Saturday. The weather was very unfavorable, and considering this, there was a satisfactory attendance.

Amateur Stake.—Mr W. W. Pierce's Sharp, 55 points, 1; Mr J. T. Stokie's Bounce, 18 points, 2; Mr W. W. Pierce's Clyde, 15 points, 3. Seven competitors.

Open Stake.—Mr W. Field's Lubra, 100 points, 1; Mr J. T. Stokie's Bounce, 81 points, 2; Mr W. Field's Ped, 70 points, 3. Twelve competitors.

Sing a song of Peppermint, The cure that's made by Woods, For one and sixpence worth of cost, A sovereign's worth of good.

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Write Us a Letter. And Pop it in the Post. We'll Send You Particulars of Anything You Require, Post Free and Freight Prepaid. J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., THE STORE THAT SERVES YOU WELL, BEAUFORT.

Mining News.

An extraordinary meeting of the Travalla Leads Company was held on Thursday at the office of the legal manager, Mr W. H. Pyvis, for the purpose of authorizing the directors to dispose of forfeited shares in the hands of the company, and to borrow money on mortgage on the plant.

New Yam Hole Dredging Co., Beaufort.—Stopped for two days to put up sluice boxes, new pressure tank, and clean boiler; start sluicing again, three shifts, this (Saturday) morning; prospects in face very promising; ground-sloping away fairly well.

Travalla Leads G.M. Co.—Leading S.W. 40ft. in advance of No. 2 shoot, wash unsettled; commenced panning in N.E. end in payable wash; yield, 14oz. 85dwt.

The following are the reported yields for the week ending Saturday, July 6th:—Janesch and party (stratigraphic), 21oz. 85dwt.; Donnell (stratigraphic), 23oz.; Last Chance, 4 s.; Carmichael and party, 3oz. 14dwt.; Whiting and party, 3oz. 17dwt.; Martin and party, 3oz. 14dwt. 14grs.; sundries, 10 s.

The weather at Beaufort continues bitterly cold. During the past few days 43 points of rain have been registered, and for the week 111 points.

The example of Brown secured from Mr F. G. Prince, butcher, Beaufort, and forwarded to Melbourne by the health-officer for analysis, has been found to be in perfect order.

For Bronchial Coughs take Woods' Great Peppermint Cure. 1s 6d. At a meeting of the Presbytery of Sydney last Tuesday night a call was received from the Ashfield congregation in favour of the Rev. Robert McGowan, of the Beaufort Church, Victoria. The presbytery decided to sustain the call.

LINUM CATHARTICUM PILLS: for Mountain Flux. An agreeable Aperient. Worth a trial.

The following are results of games played in the Beaufort Mechanics' Institute Billiard tournament:—Division 1, 200—173; E. Holdsworth (20) beat J. W. Harris (15 behind scratch), 204—170; Dr. Eadie (30) beat T. E. Sands (55), 202—172; A. Parker (40) beat Dr. Jackson (40), 204—177; B. Division.—J. G. Bee (60) beat W. A. Rindell (40), 151—85; R. A. D. Rindell (30) beat G. H. Congle (15), 152—100; S. Young (70) beat D. McDonald (40), 152—85; D. Cochrane (15) beat T. R. Reid (scraper), 150—138; D. P. Troy (30) beat J. McE. Carroll (20), 151—85; E. J. Minnis (20) beat J. Halpin (20), 150—127.

If you should contract a cold get rid of it as quickly as possible, for every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, and paves the way for more serious diseases. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is a preparation that can always be depended upon, and not only cures the cold but counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia. For sale by J. R. Wotherspoon & Co., Merchants, Beaufort.

'LINSSEED COMPOUND,' Trade Mark of Kay's Compound Essence of Linseed, for Coughs and Colds.

The Gaming Act has fallen heavily on the fat at Flemington, and on Saturday it was as quiet as a church on a Sunday. All the games, such as "Aunt Sally," "monkey and marbles," "duck in a tub," and a hundred other varied diversions were absent.

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AGENTS FOR BEAUFORT AND DISTRICT. J. R. WOTHERSPOON & CO., Agents for Beaufort and District.

These were shot at the Beaufort Police Camp on Tuesday. Messrs F. Beggs and J. R. Wotherspoon, J.P., were the magistrates in attendance.

AGOOD SIGN For Bedsteads. HAWKES BROS.

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Department of Public Works, Melbourne, 9th July, 1907. TENDERS will be received until Twelve o'clock on Thursday, the 25th July, for Repairs and Painting, State School, No. 205, Main Road, Deposit, £2.

REVISION COURT is appointed to be held at the COURT HOUSE, BEAUFORT, THURSDAY, the 1st August, 1907, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the Revision of the Supplementary List for the Beaufort Division of the Hampden Electoral District.

PLECTORAL DISTRICT OF HAMPDEN, BEAUFORT DIVISION, 1907. LIST OF NAMES OBJECTED TO UPON THE SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF ELECTORS. 283045, Clarke, Alfred W. B.; 283042, Williamson, Richard.

GRAZING LANDS. TENDERS will be received by the Board of Land and Works up to 3 o'clock p.m. on MONDAY, the 26th July, 1907, for the right to graze on the undermentioned land from the 1st August, 1907, to the 30th September, 1908.

WANTED—150 Tons of ST. WHITE GUM FIREWOOD, close to Beaufort. Apply T. A. ODDIE, Post Office Tower.

STOCKYARD HILL DISTRICT GOLFING CLUB. A SPECIAL MEETING of the above Club will be held at the STOCKYARD HILL HOTEL on THURSDAY, July 13th, 1907, at 7 p.m.

FIREWOOD! J. B. COCHRAN is now prepared to supply firewood and fuel in any quantity at reasonable prices, delivered or arranged for at the Mill, Raglan Road, Beaufort.

THE RATEPAYERS OF THE WEST RIDING. Ladies and Gentlemen, As my seat in the Riponshire Council becomes vacant by expiration of time in August next, I beg to announce that I will again be a Candidate for the seat, and trust that my actions in the past will justify you in again returning me as one of your Representatives.

GEELONG WOOL SALES. SEASON 1907-1908. GEORGE HAGUE & Co. Will hold Weekly Wool Sales as usual during the Coming Season. They would call special attention to their EXTENSIVE WAREHOUSES, built expressly for the Storage of Wool.

SHOW ROOMS splendidly lighted, and unequalled in the Colony for the proper display of Wool. Railway and Shipping right at the doors.

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For the information of our Readers we Herewith Publish the New Rates.

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Letters—Half ounce or under . . . 0 1 For every ounce . . . 0 2

Urgent Letters—For each letter in addition to ordinary postage 0 1

Late fee 0 1

Packets—Commercial and printed papers, maximum weight 5 lb., dimensions 14 in. length, 11 in. depth or width, for every 2oz. or fraction thereof 0 1

Patterns and samples, packets of merchandise, maximum weight 1 lb., dimensions not to exceed 2ft. in length, 1ft. in depth or width; rate of postage for every 2oz. or fraction thereof 0 1

Books—For every 4oz. or under . . . 0 1

Newspapers—For each newspaper 0 0 1/2

Newspapers, magazines and publications published in the Commonwealth 0 0 1/2

Post Cards—each 0 1

Reply Post Cards—each 0 2

Registration fee 0 2 1/2

Letter Card—2 for 0 2 1/2

Parcel, 1 lb. or under 0 6

Parcel, each extra lb. or under 0 8

PACKETS, ETC.

Preparation for Post.

Packets may be sent through the post without a cover (but not fastened with anything adhesive, such as gum, postage stamp, sealing-wax, etc.) in a cover entirely open at one end or side (if the cover be slit, the opening must be the full extent of the end or side, and the contents must be easily withdrawable).

The cover may bear the sender's name and address, and the words "packet," "samples" or "patterns" as the case may be, "only." Packets may be tied with string, but officers of the department may cut the string to examine the contents, and tie the packet up again. Samples of seeds, drugs, etc., which cannot be sent as open packets, may be enclosed in bags or boxes, fastened so as to be easily unopened and re-fastened. If addressed to places in the United Kingdom only, they may be sent in closed, transparent bags.

Note.—If the above conditions be not complied with, packets are regarded as insufficiently paid letters, and charged accordingly.

TO ALL THE AUSTRALIAN STATES.

Letters—For every 4oz. or under . . . 0 1

Post Cards—each 0 1

Letter Cards to New South Wales, South Australia, Tasmania, Queensland, West Australia, New Zealand and Fiji 0 0 1/2

Post Cards, Reply Post Cards, Packets, Books, Newspapers, Registration Fee same as for places within Victoria.

Parcel Post—For every parcel of 1 lb. or under 0 6

Each additional lb. or under (up to 11 lb.) 0 8

RATES TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Letters to United Kingdom—For every 4oz. or under . . . 0 2

Letters to Foreign Countries—For every 4oz. or under . . . 0 2 1/2

Post Cards—each 0 1

Reply Post Cards—each 0 2

Newspapers—4oz. each 0 1

Each additional 2oz. 0 1/2

Commercial Papers—3d. 4oz., 3/4d., 6oz., 4d., 10oz., 5d., then every 4oz. to 5lb. 1d.

Printed Papers (other than newspapers) For every 2oz. under up to 5 lb. 1 1

Patterns and samples—For every 2oz. or under up to 4oz. 0 1

Acknowledgment of delivery of a registered article 0 2 1/2

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PARCELS POST WITHIN VICTORIA.

Limit weight 11 lb. Limit of size, 3ft. 6 in. in length, or 6ft. in girth and length combined. Postage to be prepaid by stamps. The stamp to be affixed to an adhesive label to be obtainable at any post-office, which label will be attached to the parcel by the postal receiving officer after he has ascertained the weight of the parcel will be accepted unless fully prepaid.

RATES OF COMMISSION.

Money Orders Payable in Victoria. Any sum not over £5, 6d. over £5, but not over £10, 1s. over £10, but not over £15, 1s. 6d. over £15, but not over £20, 2s.

Orders payable in New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Western Australia—Not over £10, 1s. 6d.; not over £15, 2s. 3d.; not over £20, 3s.

Orders payable in New Zealand—Not over £2, 6d.; not over £5, 1s. 6d.; not over £10, 2s. 6d.; not over £15, 3s. 6d.; not over £20, 4s.

Money Orders by Telegraph.—To New South Wales, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, and Perth (West) in addition to charge for a message and other British Possessions and Foreign Countries—6d. for each £1 or fraction of £1.

POSTAL NOTES.

Postal Notes may be obtained at any Post Office in Victoria. Hours of payment, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The following is the denomination charged for them:—1s. 3d.; 1s. 6d.; 2s.; 2s. 6d.; 3s.; 3s. 6d.; 4s.; 4s. 6d.; 5s.; 5s. 6d.; 6s.; 6s. 6d.; 7s.; 7s. 6d.; 8s.; 8s. 6d.; 9s.; 9s. 6d.; 10s.; 10s. 6d.; 11s.; 11s. 6d.; 12s.; 12s. 6d.; 13s.; 13s. 6d.; 14s.; 14s. 6d.; 15s.; 15s. 6d.; 16s.; 16s. 6d.; 17s.; 17s. 6d.; 18s.; 18s. 6d.; 19s.; 19s. 6d.; 20s.; 20s. 6d.

ORDINARY TELEGRAMS.

Town and suburban, within prescribed limits, or within fifteen miles from the sending station, including address and signature (not exceeding sixteen words), 6d. Each additional word, 1d.

Other places within the prescribed limits, including address and signature (not exceeding sixteen words), 9d. Each additional word, 1d.

Inter-State, i.e., from any one State to any other State, including address and signature (not exceeding sixteen words), 1s. Each additional word, 1d.

By telegram to send from Tasmania to other States, 10s. 6d. (This is mentioned above, with cable charges added, which at the present time is 1s. per word. Double the foregoing rates to be charged for the transmission of telegrams on Sunday, Christmas Day, and Good Friday, and for "urgent" telegrams.

The foregoing rates are exclusive of postage charges.

The Man Who Doesn't Advertise.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead That to himself he hath not said, 'Tis my own fault that I am poor, 'Til I try another fan-fact ad?

If such there be, go mark him well, For him no bank account shall swell—No angel watch the golden stair To welcome home a millionaire.

To such a man the noisy din Of trade may not enter in, For bargain hunters by the score Shall pass nor heed his dingy door For tho' his sign is on the wall And on some barnyard gate a scrawl, No people who have cash and sense, Go prancing around to read the fence.

The man who never asks for trade By local line or ad displayed, Care more for rest than worldly gain And patronage gives him pain; 'Tis right, his friends, let no rude sound Disturb his solitude profound. Here let him live in calm repose Unmolested except by men he owes.

And when he dies, go plant him deep That woe may not break his dreamless sleep. Where no rude clamor may dispel The quiet that he loved so well, And that the world may know its loss Place on his grave a wreath of moss And on the stone above, "Here lies A chump who would not advertise."

—Mortimer Crane Brown.

VALERIAN DRESSING FOR THE HAIR.—If your hair is turning grey or falling off, use "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," for it will positively restore in every case Gray or White hair to its original color, without leaving the disagreeable smell of most "Restorers." It makes the hair charmingly beautiful, as well as promoting the growth of the hair on bald spots, where the glands are not decayed. Ask your Chemist for "THE MEXICAN HAIR RESTORER," sold by Chemists and Perfumers everywhere. Wholesale depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly harmless and pleasant to taste. It produces natural, quiet sleep by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes "as bright as a button." It soothes the inflamed gum, allays all nervousness, and regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery, and diarrhea, whether arising from teething or otherwise. Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by all Chemists and Druggists. Give your orders for J.P. PRINTING to the newspaper in your district, because it prints thousands of reports, and notifications for which it receives no payment whatever. It is always spending its time and money to benefit and improve the prospects of the place through which it circulates. It gives you value in return for your printing order.

THERAPY AFFECTIONS AND ROADSNESS.—All suffering from irritation of the throat and hoarseness will be greatly relieved by the use of the almost immediate relief afforded by the use of "Brown's Bronchial Troches." These famous "lozenges" are now sold by most respectable chemists in the country. People troubled with coughs, colds, and hoarseness, or with bronchial affections, cannot try them too soon, as similar troubles, if allowed to become chronic, will result in serious pulmonary and Asthmatic Affections. See that the signature of JOHN L. BROWN & SONS is on every wrapper. Prepared by JOHN L. BROWN & SONS, Boston, U.S.A., European Depot, 33, Farringdon Road, London, England.

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Tanks, Baths, Troughs, Acetylene Gas Moulds, Made to Order. Windmills Erected. Electric Bells and Telephone Fitted. Estimates Given. Satisfaction Guaranteed.

Address—NILL STREET, BEAUFORT. Orders left at Mr. J. R. COCHRAN's will be promptly attended to.

J. R. COCHRAN, N.W.A.S.M.F. BOOKSELLER and STATIONER, begs to announce to the inhabitants of BEAUFORT and district that he is Sole Agent for the Argus, Age Herald, Star, Courier, Melbourne Herald, Sydney Bulletin, Riponshire Advocate, Leader, Weekly Times, Australasian, Australian Journal, Sportsman, and all other newspapers. All School Requisites kept in stock. Advertisements received for all the above-named papers. While thanking his numerous patrons for past favors, he trusts, strict attention to the delivery of all papers, merits a fair share of their support. Advertisements received for all Melbourne and district papers. By sending through local agents, a most desirable position is secured. Next door to Wetherpoon & Co.

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From the Blue Pacific to the Indian Ocean, right across the length and breadth of our Island Continent, the name and fame of WUNDERLICH METAL CEILING.

There is hardly a township, from Sydney to Perth, or from Port Phillip to Melbourne, that does not boast and show with pride at least one Ceiling of this kind.

The new Railway Carriages attached to the Sydney and Adelaide Express, the new WUNDERLICH CEILING, the last building of this kind in Australia, were erected by our Ceiling.

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We ask that our efforts for the district's good shall be recognized. An increased circulation means still greater usefulness on our part. When a neighbour or friend asks for the loan of the local paper, tell him or her that for the small sum of 3s per Quarter it is obtainable direct from the office regularly.

In addition to complete and impartial reports of all local meetings, an interesting 14-Column Supplement is presented to Regular Subscribers.

ORDERS FOR Plain and Ornamental JOB PRINTING Executed with Neatness and Dispatch.

Bear in mind that ALWAYS PAYS.

Business men should note that as the Local Paper is extensively read in the district, it therefore affords a splendid advertising medium.

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The local J.P. have arranged to attend the Beaufort Courts of Petty Sessions as under:—Second Tuesday, Messrs F. Beggs, J. R. Wetherpoon, and Rear-Admiral Bridges. Fourth Tuesday, Messrs M. Flynn, G. Topper, and T. Begg.

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You want to see the local paper a successful institution. Talk about it wherever you go. Mention it to the tradespeople with whom you do business. If they don't advertise in it, try and induce them to do so. If you are induced to buy anything from what you have read in its advertising columns mention the fact to the tradesman. Don't lend your paper to any person who is not likely to become a subscriber. It is a support local enter-

P. J. O'SULLIVAN, SADDLER AND HARNESS MAKER, SNAKE VALLEY.

A large Assortment of Saddlery and Harness Requisites kept in stock. All kinds of Harness bought, sold, repaired. Repairs neatly and promptly executed. Also Cash Buyer of Hides, Horse-hair, Beeswax, Furred Skins, &c., &c.

MOTHER'S FRIEND. THE BEST REMEDY FOR THE HEAD. It cures all kinds of Headache, Neuralgia, Migraine, Dizziness, Vertigo, and all other ailments of the head. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and is sold by all Chemists and Druggists.

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STEVENSON BROS., BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS, HAVELOCK STREET, BEAUFORT.

Estimates submitted for all work in building line.

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MONEY.—Trust and other Monies to Lend on Mortgages at lowest rates, and first-class Investments. In connection with the Local Secretaries National Mutual Life Association, Shipping Agents for the Canadian Australian Steamship Company, in connection with Canadian Pacific Railway, Great Toronto, Route of the World, Niagara Falls en route, Paris to London, 15s to 16s.

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Horses and other requisites supplied in town or country.

Funerals of all classes furnished at the lowest possible charges.

Post, Telegraph, and Telephone Messages promptly attended to.

A well-assorted stock of Softwood Timber, Picture Framing, Panels, Oils, and Window Glass kept on hand.

A Warranted Cure for Gonorrhoea. Discharge from the Urinary Organs. This is a safe and reliable remedy, and is sold by all Chemists and Druggists.

CLARKE'S B.L. PILLS.

Downy Cotton.—Relief can be obtained immediately. Use CLARKE'S COUGH LOZENS.—Well known as the utterly unrivalled Cough Remedy. Strongly recommended by many eminent physicians. They at once check the cough and remove the cause—without any after effect. The most delicate can therefore take them. One Lozenge alone gives ease—two or three insure permanent rest. Sold every where.

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The immense number of orders for FROOTOIDS sent by post direct to the Proprietor is convincing proof that the Public appreciate their marvellous curing power. They cure quickly, are elegant in appearance, and pleasant to take. Leading Chemists and Storekeepers are now stocking them. Retail price, 1/6. Ask for them locally, and so encourage business in your own district. If not obtainable, send direct to the Proprietor, W. G. HEARNE, Chemist, Geelong, Victoria.

A Safe Remedy for all Skin and Blood Diseases.

If you suffer from any disease due to an impure state of the blood, from whatever cause arising, you should test the value of Clarke's Blood Mixture, the world-famed Blood Purifier and Blood-Builder. "The Fragrant Flaxoline," being composed in parts of Honey and sweet herbs, is delicious to the taste, and the greatest discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale Depot, 53 Farringdon Road, London, England.

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It is warranted to cleanse the blood from all impurities, from whatever cause arising. For RHEUMATISM, BRUISES, SPOTS, ECZEMA, BLOOD POISON, ULCERS, SCALD HEAD, DISEASES OF ALL KINDS.

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It is the only real specific for Gout and Rheumatic Pain, for it removes the cause from the blood and bones.

NOTE.—This mixture is pleasant to the taste and warranted free from any injurious to the most delicate constitution of either sex, from infancy to old age, and the Proprietors solicit sufferers to give it a trial to test its value. "Blood" is a wonderful cure have been effected by it.

THIRD MANY THINGS WITHOUT BENEFIT: UNTIL I TOOK CLARKE'S BLOOD MIXTURE.

Mr. F. R. Lewis, 48 Bridge Street, Row, Chester, writes:—"Just a line in favour of Clarke's Blood Mixture. I had been for seven months, and tried many things without benefit. I was told to try Clarke's Blood Mixture, and I was cured. I was cured of my skin disease, and I was cured of my blood disease. I was cured of my rheumatism, and I was cured of my gout. I was cured of my indigestion, and I was cured of my constipation. I was cured of my headache, and I was cured of my neuralgia. I was cured of my dizziness, and I was cured of my vertigo. I was cured of my migraines, and I was cured of my neuralgias. I was cured of my sciatic, and I was cured of my lumbago. I was cured of my rheumatism, and I was cured of my gout. I was cured of my indigestion, and I was cured of my constipation. I was cured of my headache, and I was cured of my neuralgia. I was cured of my dizziness, and I was cured of my vertigo. I was cured of my migraines, and I was cured of my neuralgias. 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In one of our most intimate and confidential talks, a dear and ardent friend told her (says a lady writer) what I thought the most desirable gift for a woman.

If you insist on my defining charm, I am afraid I shall disappoint you, for it is as difficult to analyze as a perfume. The better way, if I could manage it, would be to show you somebody who has it, as I would show you a painting on a wall or a flower in the garden.

Some Clerical Slips. A certain preacher, discussing upon Bunyan and his work, caused a titter among his hearers by exclaiming:—

A Tired Woman. Tired? Well, we all get tired; tired of so many things. For my own part I am tired of almost everything.

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MOBS AND THE TELEGRAMS.

Do you remember that concealing boy last month? Oh how hot it was! He hid the mercury in the tube as if he had been breaking the record.

On an equally real sense do we make our own social and moral weather. We carry within our own souls the weather conditions that affect the world we live in.

Exciting Literature. We occasionally see a young girl who is considered by her parents too delicate to attend school, and yet who is permitted indulgences at home which are far more harmful than a routine of school discipline.

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Beware of Imitations! The great success of HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE, has induced a number of unscrupulous persons to make imitations, each calling his medicine "Bronchitis Cure," with the object of deceiving the simple-minded, and so getting a sale for an imitation which has none of the beneficial effects that HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE has. Consequently it has become necessary to draw your attention to this fact, and to request you in your own interests to be particular to ask for HEARNE'S and to see that you get it.

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Beaufort Rainfall. We are indebted to Mr. J. M. Keel for the following interesting information as to the rainfall at Beaufort since 1899.

Table with columns for Year, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Jun, Jul, Aug, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Total. Data for years 1899 to 1906.

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Why it cures disorders so seemingly different in character as Rheumatism, Indigestion, Gravel, Gout, Neuralgia, Asthma, Stone, Backache, Blood Disorders, Bladder Troubles, Biliousness, General Debility, Scalding, Jaundice, Sick Headache.

This is a fairly long list of disorders, but every one of them is caused by defective action of the KIDNEYS AND LIVER.

When the kidneys and liver are working properly, it is impossible for anyone to suffer from any of the disorders named. In order that this important fact may be realized, the following description of the work performed by these vital organs is given:

The kidneys filter out of the blood about three pints of urine every day. This quantity of urine is dissolved about an ounce of urea, ten to twelve grains of sugar, and a little of other matters, and is then excreted through a third of an ounce to nearly an ounce. When the kidneys are in health, all this solid matter is in solution and is invisible. Directly the kidneys, through either weakness or disease, become unable to do their duty properly, a proportion of the solid matter remains in the blood, becomes solidly poisonous, and causes us to suffer from various disorders, such as Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgia, Lumbago, Sciatica, Scalding, Gravel, Stone, Bladder Troubles, and Bright's Disease.

The health of the liver and of the kidneys is so closely connected that it is almost impossible for the kidneys to be affected and the liver to remain healthy, or vice versa.

It is nearly thirty years since scientific research, directed especially to diseases of the kidneys and liver, was rewarded by the discovery of the medicine now known throughout the world as WARNER'S SAFE CURE. It was realized, at the outset of the investigation, that it was necessary to find a curative agent which would act equally upon the kidneys and upon the liver, these organs being so immediately associated in the work of dealing with the body's waste material, and after many disappointments, the medicine which possessed the required action in the fullest degree was at length discovered.

A treatise containing full particulars, and accounts of many remarkable cures effected, even when hope of recovery was despair of, will be sent post free, by B. H. Warner and Co., Limited, Australian Branch, Melbourne.

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RAILWAY TIME-TABLE.

The following is the local railway timetable:—A mixed train leaves Ballarat at 11.23 a.m., Traralgon at 12.10 p.m., reaching Beaufort at 12.27, and taking its departure at 12.30. It leaves Middle Creek at 12.49, and Beaufort at 12.53. The Adelaide express leaves Melbourne at 4.40 p.m. (Sundays excepted), Ballarat at 7.50, and Beaufort at 8.45 (arriving here at 8.40). On the return journey to Melbourne (Monday 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 Beaufort at 4.45 p.m., Middle Creek at 4.55, Traralgon at 5.30 (arriving here at 5.20), Traralgon at 5.54, and Burraumbet at 6.9. A mixed train will also leave Ballarat and intervening stations to Stawell on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 5.10 a.m. (arriving here at 5.50 a.m., and leaving at 6.55 a.m.), and on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 5.15 p.m., Burraumbet at 6.9, Traralgon at 6.35, Beaufort at 7 (arriving here at 6.50), Middle Creek at 7.30, and Beaufort at 7.42. The Adelaide express leaves Stawell to Ballarat leaves Stawell at 6 a.m. instead of 6.15 a.m., and is timed to leave the district stations every week day as follows:—Beaufort, 7.54; Middle Creek, 8.4; Traralgon, 8.37 (arriving here at 8.27); Beaufort, 8.30 p.m. The afternoon mixed train from Stawell to Ballarat, arrives at Beaufort at 11.10 p.m.

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It would be difficult to find anything more suitable for winter wear—especially wool sweaters—than those made by us during your spare time and which we spot during your spare time and which we spot during your spare time.

We can thoroughly recommend the wool sweaters we have this season for "TIP-TOP VALUE AND LOW PRICES." It's VALUE AND LOW PRICES. It's VALUE AND LOW PRICES.

Here are some of the prices:—In White, Navy, Heather, and Grey, 4s. 11d. and 5s. 6d. Do., with both roll and duplex collars, 6s. 6d. and 7s. 6d.

Exceptionally fine value in Fancy All-wool Heather Mixtures, 7s. 6d. Patent Ventilated Fleece in Heather, Navy, and Green, 7s. 6d.

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THE PLUCKY CAPTURE OF TWO NOTED BUSHRANGERS.

By the Rev. W. A. Smyley, in the "Weekly Telegraph."

It was many years previous to the bushranging exploits of the far-famed and ill-famed Kelly gang that a brace of lawless villains named Connor and Bradley made their names a veritable household name to the travelling public...

Substantial rewards were offered for information of the whereabouts of these lawless ruffians—and besides this the Government offered a handsome reward for their capture alive or dead.

Two or more men were sent out from day to day patrolling certain districts suspected of harboring these desperadoes, and these patrols systematically and thoroughly scoured the whole country.

It so happened, however, that a couple of our brother cadets named respectively Nicholson and Thompson, who happened that day to be patrolling the district round Kilmore and the forest in the neighbourhood of the more successful than we or any other searchers for these men.

Thompson pluckily opened the door, and springing within, cried: "Connor and Bradley, I arrest you in the Queen's name!" covering the former with a bullet from his revolver.

Connor and Bradley, a small active man, ducking suddenly with a rapid snake-like movement, dived under the outstretched pistol arm of young Thompson, at the same time tripping the cadet up, who, as he staggered across the doorway, received full in the breast a bullet from Connor's pistol, fired point blank in close quarters.

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It was now merely a question of the speed of the horses of the pursuers and pursued. Nicholson was mounted upon a very fine animal, but the trooper's mount was scarcely up to the weight.

It was a desperate chase over fallen logs, through tangled undergrowth without slackening rein.

Without a thought of the odds against him Nicholson pressed on near the formidable bushranger with every start of his gallant horse. Single-handed he must deal with two desperate men, well armed, and fighting for life and liberty.

The cadet's bullet once more failed to make a hit. The bushranger was clearly much the better marksman. One bullet whizzed with a burning sensation through Nicholson's hair, cutting the cartilage of his right ear, but inflicting no further damage.

Nicholson was now within arm's length of the latter miscreant, so with a touch of the spur on the left flank of his horse he brought up knee to knee with the bushranger.

Thus temporarily rendered "hors de combat," the handcuuffs were speedily slipped off the villain's wrists and he was a prisoner.

The stalwart trooper on his part was not idle. Following Nicholson's directions he charged full upon Bradley a small, spare-built man, and no match at close quarters for his powerful antagonist.

Thus was achieved one of the noblest captures of noted criminals ever accomplished by members of the Victorian Mounted Police, and the colony was well rid of a pair of scoundrels whose depredations, and cold-blooded deeds of violence, had for months been a terror to the country.

There is little more to add than that poor young Thompson—a mere lad of twenty summers, possessed of more pluck than good judgement in his daring attempt single-handed to arrest two such well armed and desperate men, such whose names were at that time feared on all banners.

Asked when he quitted his patient's room whether there was any hope of the poor lad recovering from the wound, the surgeon shook his head.

Nicholson, as might be expected, obtained rapid promotion in the force, and well he deserved it for his skill and courage. We were all proud of our comrade, so modest and quiet a man that none of us up to the time of the exploit I have here recorded would have credited him with such heroic qualities.

A medical man, Dr. Blunt by name, is well-known in the profession for his habit of saying exactly what he thinks, and in a manner all his own.

The donkey is the longest lived amongst our domestic animals.

MARRIAGE CEREMONIES IN INDIA.

There are many picturesque and pretty rites, and feasting for days on end is the order of the day. But the chief incident of the better-class Hindu marriage ceremony consists in what is called the bhyanak—the sevenfold circuit of a tree or post, or the seven steps taken in union.

The Hindu ideal—a relic from the times when the Hindu race was full of ideals—does not recognise even that refined or romantic form of selfishness which extends its circle of self-absorption and self-deception to two instead of one. It holds more to Mrs. Browning's ideal.

Lead her from the festive board, Point her to the starry skies; Guard her from your truth and love, From courtship's idle flatteries.

Not that the children know anything of these symbols for those who can understand them, but they are not unnumbered, and they undoubtedly exercise a vague, dreamy influence. The Hindu is bound to invite his whole cast or community, within a reasonable distance, to his wedding festivities; the Mohammedan only his select friends.

MOHAMMEDAN CEREMONY.

The Mohammedan ecclesiastical ceremony is of the simplest description—as simple as that amongst the Society of Friends. Prolonged feasts and ceremonies, with music or noise (which you prefer to call it) and martial music, are quite common.

Fireworks play a very important part in the rejoicings incident to an Indian marriage. Most of the first work makers drive a rotating wheel scattered on the march, to be scrambled for by the boys and youths of the poorer classes.

TWO FAMILIAR PROVERBS.

It was the habit of the great Greek painter, Apelles, never to let a day pass, however busy he chanced to be, without practising his hand by tracing the outline of some object—a custom which has now passed into a proverb ("No day without a line").

HIGHLAND HOTEL KEEPER.

A traveller in the West Highlands, entering a hotel, asked the landlord if he could supply him with a suite of two rooms and a bathroom adjoining.

WANTED A CHANGE.

Bishop Doane, of Albany, when engaged in an earnest discussion of the causes of separation and family discord, related the following anecdote: "The motive of these people," he said, "his eyes twinkling, 'is like the motive of a Scot who was found weeping one day by his comfortable hearth.'"

Garnets are brought from Bohemia, Ceylon, Peru, and Brazil. The most common colour is a shade of red; but brown, yellow, green, and even black varieties are known.

SCIENTIFIC ITEMS.

WHY THE FLY CLEANS ITSELF.

In an article on the house fly in "London," Mr. Henry Hill says: "One thing about the fly that strikes us as its incessant habit of rubbing its legs together, and with them its wings, and it would seem to have an altogether exaggerated sense of the importance of cleanliness, if that, in deed, were possible."

THE TEMPERATURE OF MARS.

Hitherto the chief obstacle to the belief that Mars is habitable by any such beings as inhabit the earth has been the extremely low temperature probably obtaining on the Martian surface, but Prof. Lowell has now shown that the mean annual temperature of Mars, if the heat were retained as well there as here, would be about 72deg. F.

TESTING LOCOMOTIVES INDOORS.

The Pennsylvania Railroad has a plant at Altoona, Pa., for testing locomotives running at full speed indoors without travelling an inch, with apparatus for keeping an exact record of their pulling power, fuel consumption, and every other element of efficiency and economy.

VITALITY OF GERMS.

The ground is usually germ free at a depth of two yards, but the living bacteria brought to the notice of the French Academy by Dr. H. Roussin were derived from a depth of more than ten yards in earth that had been undisturbed for nearly 1800 years.

THE AURORA.

The aurora borealis is attributed to cathode rays by both Prof. Birkebeck and a Norwegian, and M. Villard, a French physicist. In some experiments by the former, the earth has been represented by a spherical electro magnet wrapped in copper foil spread with barium platino-cyanide.

IS THE EARTH PLUNGING THROUGH A DUST CLOUD.

Growing in favour seems to be the theory that a ring or ellipse of tiny fragments of solid matter extends outwards from near the sun in a plane nearly corresponding to that of the earth's orbit and reaching beyond the orbit of our planet.

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HOW THE BLIND AMUSE THEMSELVES.

People who think that sightless persons have no scope for enjoyment should pay a visit to one of the institutions for the blind. Here they will find that blind boys can play football, and play fairly well.

Indoor amusements there is no lack of variety. Blind boys can box, and that scientifically, though they manage without sight to hold the balance as long as he pleased.

THE LONLIEST ISLAND.

Which is the loneliest, most desolate, and most inaccessible island on the face of the globe? Many people would doubtless plump for one of the Crozets, which were recently brought into notice owing to the wreck there of the Norwegian exploring ship Catherine, and the subsequent rescue of the castaway crew by the Turakina, a British steamer dispatched from Cape Town for that express purpose.

REMEDIES FOR SLEEPLESSNESS.

Many are the devices for conquering insomnia. One is to concentrate the thoughts on some unreal, intangible subject, such as a dream or a fancy, or to avoid thinking of anything to do with actual or concrete life.

TOMMY'S VERSION.

Old Mrs. Jones borrowed old Mrs. Brown's recipe for making water-melon pickles. Being unable to read from a book she got her grand-son to read it for her.

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THE COCKROACHES IN THE COSTUME.

Many interesting anecdotes of Sadler's Wells have been told by Miss Victor (says "P.T.O."), whose death, at the age of 76, has just severed yet another of the links that bound this generation to the past. She once told a story about Macready, who upon his return from a tour in America, was producing "Hamlet," himself adopting the title-role, with Mr. John Cooper as the ghost of Hamlet's father.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

The Albert Memorial in London cost £150,000. Covered carriages were first used in England in 1580. The smoke from an expiring candle is poisonous.

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