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BALLARAT PRODUCE MARKET.

Wheat, 3/ to 3/3; local, 2/8 to 2/9; flour, 4/8; bran, 1/; Malting barley, 4/3 to 4/6; Cape barley, 2/2 to 2/3 for malting, and 1/9 to 1/11 for feed. Peas, nominal, 4/ to 4/3.

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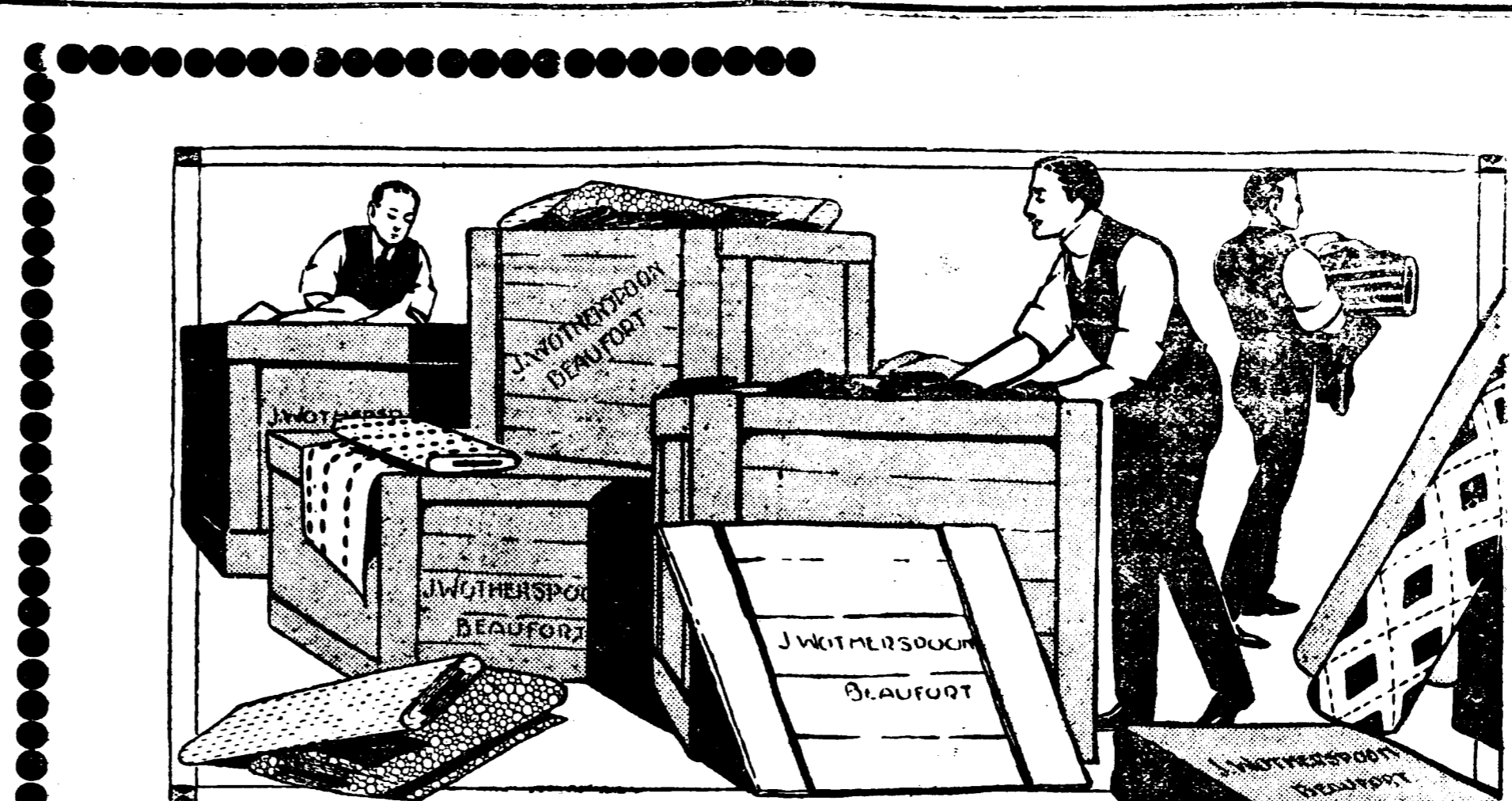
BALLARAT LOCAL LAND BOARD.

The district lands officer, Mr. Chas. J. Joy, conducted a land board on Thursday at Ballarat, the following district applications being dealt with:—Parish of Eurumbidgee.—A lot 54, 30 acres, Mary Fitzpatrick, Reconniter, and R. J. Phillips and Wm. T. Schlicht refused.

MIXED QUESTIONS.

THE WHY AND WHEREFORE.

"We are asked to amend the constitution in five distinct particulars." That is how Mr. Groom, the Federal member for Darling Downs, described the referendum. It is a true description of the situation. Yet the Federal Parliament is submitting the issues to the electors submit these five questions in two. The powers asked in the two questions relate— 1. To trade and commerce. 2. To corporations. 3. To trusts. 4. To industrial legislation. 5. To the nationalisation of monopolies.



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BEAUFORT GUN CLUB.

SHOOT Sparrows, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th, 1911. Cash Prize, £22. Entry, 2s. THOS. E. SANDS.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT.

A BAZAAR in aid of the funds of ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, Beaufort, will be held on the 17th and 18th inst. H. SEAGER, Hon. Secy.

BEAUFORT TOWN BRASS BAND BAZAAR.

A Meeting of the Lady Friends of the above Band will be held on Wednesday afternoon, April 5th, at 3.30 p.m., to arrange preliminaries for holding a Bazaar in aid of Instrument and General Fund. H. SEAGER, President.

SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT.

FRIDAY NEXT, APRIL 7th. The Marvellous Chinese Magician, WONG TOY SUN, The Wizard of the East.

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THE REFERENDA.

SENATOR BLAKEY AND MR. C. CAIRNS AT BEAUFORT.

About 250 electors were present at the Societies' Hall, Beaufort, on Monday night, when Senator Blakey, of the Labor party, delivered an address upon the referenda.

Mr. H. M. Stuart (who presided) briefly introduced Messrs Blakey and Cairns.

After apologising for keeping his meeting waiting until nearly 9 p.m., owing to the late arrival of the Adelaide express, Senator Blakey, who is a striking, although unassuming speaker, remarked that before delving into this great question, which he would try to crystallise in his address, he would like to thank those who had so kindly and so loyally voted for himself and his colleagues on the 13th of April, 1910.

First of all, why were they asking for alterations to the constitution? Secondly, why were they being opposed? And thirdly, would those alterations be for the weal or woe of the people of the Commonwealth? One of the reasons why they were asking the electors to vote on the matter was because the Federal Parliament were, so to speak, "up against a brick wall," so far as certain phases of legislation were concerned.

On the subject of mixed marriages the Rev. Father Finn, speaking at the annual communion breakfast of the Brunsvick C.Y.M. Society, said it was a danger that struck fundamentally at the root of Roman Catholicism. People, however, were becoming so accustomed to them they did not see or realise the danger. However, there was no evil more fraught with danger to the Roman Catholic faith than this question. One had only to look around to see many people with Roman Catholic names lost to the faith of their fathers, and this was due to the instrumentality of mixed marriages.

The Minister of Railways, speaking at St. Arnaud last week, said that notwithstanding the fact that the department had ordered 1250 new vehicles for the conveyance of produce, he believed that 1000 more would be required to meet increasing needs brought about by the continuation of good seasons. The Cabinet had considered the matter of railway travelling in the country, and felt that the only remedy was in the adoption of a system of motor trains. Enquiries were being made as to the most effective class and, when introduced, passengers should be carried at from 40 to 45 miles an hour.

The wedding of Lord Decies to Miss Victoria Gould, daughter of the well-known multi-millionaire, Mr. George J. Gould, was solemnised at New York on Tuesday, 7th February, in the fashionable St. Bartholomew's Church, in the presence of 3000 people, comprising the cream of American society and many important English personages.

Mr. Paul Sorg, a wealthy New Yorker, gave his daughter away, Victoria Gould, to the well-known millionaire, Mr. George J. Gould, in a record time for the distance. He was sixty-four years in sixteen days.

Nurse Ferguson of "Euroa" Private Hospital writes of Clements Tonic.

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When the referendum was put in the constitution at the Federal convention, some speakers objected that it meant "A mob Parliament." This was a rough saying with some truth in it. It simply meant that on questions settled by the referendum all electors were in Parliament. The representative system was superseded. Electors who go to the referendum ballot box are members of Parliament for the time being.

The danger to Australia at this time is the elector who is too busy to dislike about the questions, or who so dislikes politics that he does not intend to vote. At an ordinary election for Parliament, electors may, through no fault of their own, mean one thing and do another. The member elected may mean different meanings into his policy to that of his electors. Nothing of this kind can happen at the referendum. As the issues leave the ballot box so they remain. The issues are plain. To vote "Yes" is to transfer control of work and wages from the States to the Commonwealth.

There is one class of elector who needs a word of warning. It is the class which attends to its own business, and is too busy for public affairs. It does not wish to be troubled. Those who do not vote, in effect vote "Yes." They are inviting change by their indifference. The principle of legislating by referendum leaves no room for the neutral elector.

Electors who do not like politics are generally absorbed in their own affairs. The issues of April 26th are more familiar to them than politics. They are so absorbed in their work that they have no time to vote may afterwards find that work regulated by harassing restrictions of the Federal Parliament. There is no place for neutrals when the referendum is taken. Votes are cast "Yes" or "No," and votes not cast might just as well, seeing the direct effects of the neglect, be cast "Yes."

Nurse M. E. Ferguson, who gives her opinion here of the value of Clements Tonic as a professional nurse well known in Melbourne nursing centres and has her own private hospital "Euroa," Victoria. She is very popular throughout Victorian nursing districts.

As ladies' nurse I have had special opportunities to judge that 'Clements Tonic' stands unrivalled as a 'convalescent' medicine. It is a stomach tonic, appetiser, nerve soother, and sleep giver, and is the ideal medicine for ladies after confinement, and for Weakness, Nervousness, or Anemia.

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W. S. SMITH. Desires to intimate to the residents of Beaufort that he has purchased the BEAUFORT BAKERY, and trusts by prompt attention to business, combined with the best quality goods, to merit a share of public patronage.

POST AND TELEGRAPH RATE. For the information of our Readers, Herewith Publish the New Rates.

LETTERS—Half ounce or under, 1/6; over 1/2 oz. to 1 oz., 2/6; over 1 oz. to 2 oz., 3/6; over 2 oz. to 4 oz., 4/6; over 4 oz. to 8 oz., 5/6; over 8 oz. to 1 lb., 6/6; over 1 lb. to 2 lbs., 7/6; over 2 lbs. to 4 lbs., 8/6; over 4 lbs. to 8 lbs., 9/6; over 8 lbs. to 12 lbs., 10/6; over 12 lbs. to 16 lbs., 11/6; over 16 lbs. to 20 lbs., 12/6; over 20 lbs. to 24 lbs., 13/6; over 24 lbs. to 28 lbs., 14/6; over 28 lbs. to 32 lbs., 15/6; over 32 lbs. to 36 lbs., 16/6; over 36 lbs. to 40 lbs., 17/6; over 40 lbs. to 44 lbs., 18/6; over 44 lbs. to 48 lbs., 19/6; over 48 lbs. to 52 lbs., 20/6; over 52 lbs. to 56 lbs., 21/6; over 56 lbs. to 60 lbs., 22/6; over 60 lbs. to 64 lbs., 23/6; over 64 lbs. to 68 lbs., 24/6; over 68 lbs. to 72 lbs., 25/6; over 72 lbs. to 76 lbs., 26/6; over 76 lbs. to 80 lbs., 27/6; over 80 lbs. to 84 lbs., 28/6; over 84 lbs. to 88 lbs., 29/6; over 88 lbs. to 92 lbs., 30/6; over 92 lbs. to 96 lbs., 31/6; over 96 lbs. to 100 lbs., 32/6.

A NEW PARLIAMENT. A BROAD MEMBERSHIP. When the referendum was put in the constitution at the Federal convention, some speakers objected that it meant "A mob Parliament." This was a rough saying with some truth in it.

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HOW TO WIN AT WHIST DRIVES.

HELPFUL HINTS FOR CARD-PLAYING NOVICES.

Probably more points are lost through mismanaging trumps than from any other cause.

WHEN YOUR PARTNER LEADS TRUMPS.

An opponent being out of trumps is a staple to continue with them, unless by some you draw two.

CHIEF OF THE DELAWARE INDIANS.

Tammany was a famous chief of the Delaware Indians, and an early political club called itself after him.

THE CANADIAN FOREST FIRES.

By the terrible forest fires which have been sweeping along the northern frontier of Minnesota, in Canada, at least five towns have been completely destroyed.

"SWALLOW-TAILS" AND "SHORT-HAIRS."

"Bosses," too, it should be mentioned differ greatly from one another in their relative importance.

A FOOTBALL MATCH.

An elderly man arrived on the football ground carrying two large wicker baskets.

CURIOS BRIDGE.

During the Chinese War of 1860 one of the most curious bridges ever built was made by the British troops.

TIPPING THE WINK.

If he had known, and led trumps, he would have drawn your opponent's trumps, and they would not have been able to "ruff" hearts and diamonds.

IN OTHER LANDS.

ROYAL FUNERALS IN SIAM.

The King of Siam not only has the most dazzling strings of titles, but he has, perhaps, the most ornate funeral of all monarchs.

"MUGWUMPS" AND "HEELERS."

ABOUT THE CURIOUS TERMS USED IN THE RECENT AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

American politics possess a language of their own, the meaning of which it is difficult for anyone living outside the United States to grasp.

THE WAR ON RATS.

PLAGUE-FIGHTING IN TROPICAL INDIA.

Plague is the scourge of India, and the rat is one of the chief disseminators of the disease.

BIRDS OF AUSTRALIA.

BUTCHER-BIRD.

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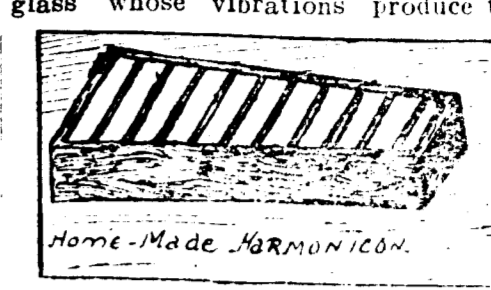
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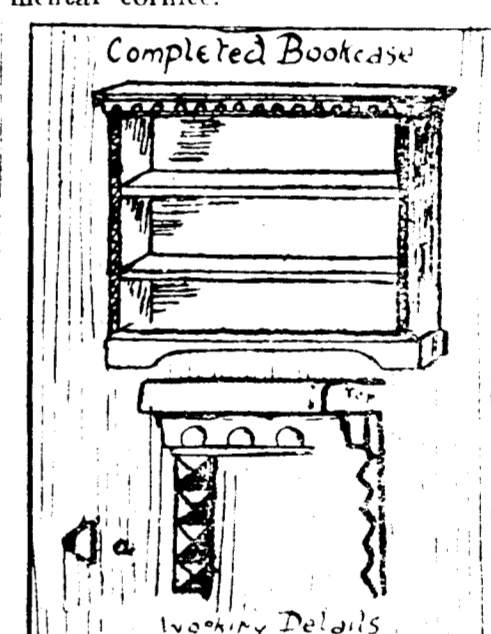
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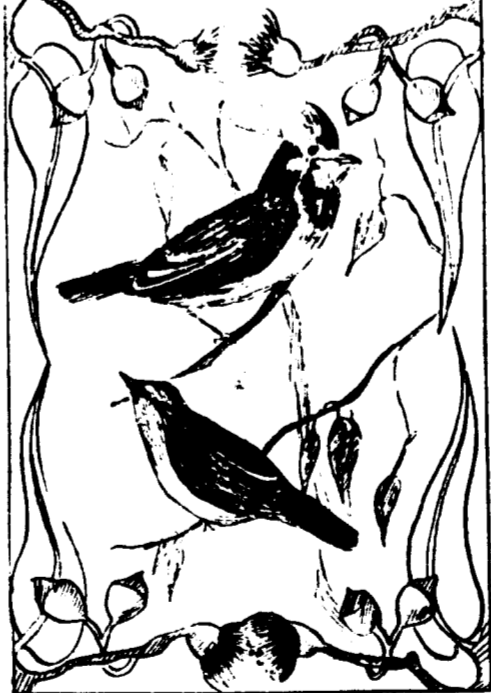
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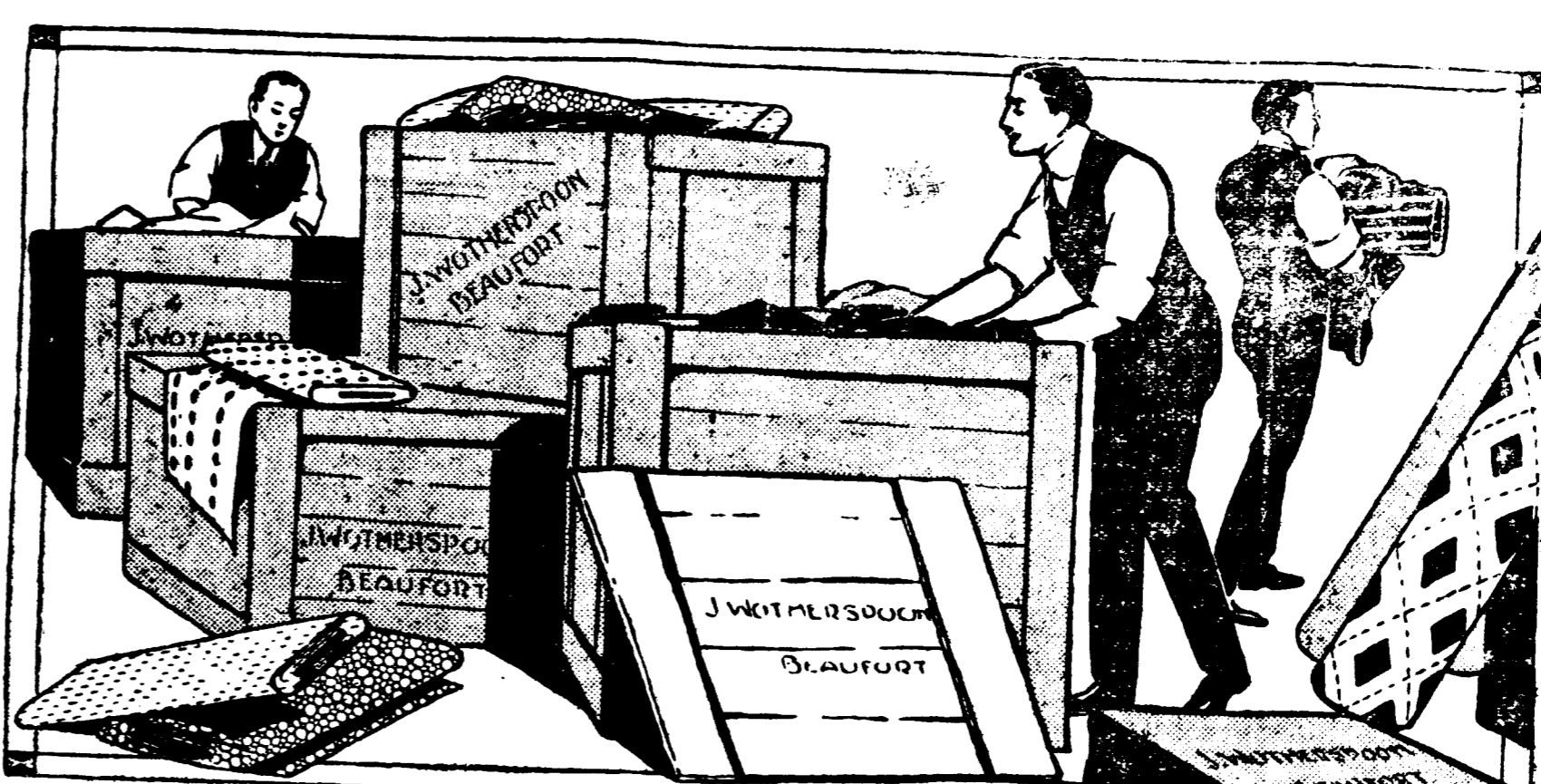
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And with it the Daintiest of the Dainty.

We are now opening up our indents from the London Market—the Latest in Dress Goods, and the Freshest and Best Goods in the Manchester Department, direct from the Manufacturers into our Store. These Goods need only to be seen to be appreciated.

A Splendid Assortment of Dresses—the values of which cannot be surpassed in any of the Large Cities, and the values that we give in this Department have been the means of trebling our turn-over and giving us our high reputation for both the quality and low price in this important Department.

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BEAUFORT and BUANGOR

Advertisement for Hawkes Bros., Neill Street, Beaufort. Includes text: 'Hawkes Bros., NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT. CORNSACKS, New and Secondhand. OAT BAGS, HARVEST TOOLS, All Descriptions. FENCING WIRE, American & German. BARBED WIRE NETTING, All Sizes. For the HOUSEHOLD. Furniture, Linoleums and Carpets. Cutlery and E.P. Ware. Crockery and Glassware. Stoves and Kitchen Utensils. LOWEST PRICES.'

OVER THE BACK FENCE.

DAD AND THE OLD MAN DISCUSS TOPICAL SUBJECTS.
If, gentle reader, you had been passing the Old Man's home on a recent Sunday morning, you would have heard such fearful blasphemy that you would not have hesitated to open your fingers into your ears. If you had advanced to the white gate of the neat little garden and peered over, you would have seen what you would have taken to be a cloud of blowflies buzzing around the carcass of a deceased cow. Had you investigated further, however, you would have found that the supposed blowflies were bees, and particularly aggressive ones, too. The Old Man had been engaged in the work of robbing their hives, and like true patriots, they were showing him true patriotism, they were showing him a goodly amount of respect.

Several council members reported that at a meeting held on 6th March, President Lewis and Councillors Douglas and Mrs. Grist were appointed to light lamps at Skipton; that applications be persons willing to undertake lighting of lamps at Snake Valley at a remuneration of 2 per week per lamp; that tenders be invited for erection of store shed, 12 x 20 x 8 ft., that inform of portion of east and west road (Ryan's) to be constructed, and that matter of construction be referred until timber for main Snake Valley bridge is available; that the engineer report on road fence off by John Stevens at Snake Valley.

The following tenders were received, and on the recommendation of the Tender Committee, the lowest in each instance was accepted:—
Contract 287.—Supply of 350 cub. yds. of quartz on the Snake Valley and Skipton roads. Accepted—W. B. Madden, £40; Alf. Nunn, £40 15s.
Contract 288.—Building storage shed, Snake Valley.—C. Chiosson (accepted), £37 10s.; W. B. Madden, £45.
Contract 289.—25 cub. yds. of stone and metal, Meadow's Lane.—R. Broadbent (accepted), £15; W. B. Madden, £15 15s.; John Carmichael, £15 15s.; D. Madden, £17.
Contract 290.—Supply of 200 cub. yds. of bluestone maintenance metal, Skipton road.—R. Broadbent (accepted), £17 10s.; W. B. Madden, £20; John Carmichael, £24 11s.

GENERAL BUSINESS.
Cr. Rodds referred to a promise made by the Hon. J. Drysdale Brown (Attorney-General) and Mr. D. E. Oman, M.L.A., 5 months ago to visit Snake Valley at an early date in connection with the discomfiture of the police court, and moved their promise written to and reminded of, and carried. Cr. Flynn expressed surprise at the visit not having been made or some explanation given, and believing that it had been forgotten, he moved their parliamentary representatives to be asked to do so in the matter, on motion of Crs. Slater and Rodds.

Cr. Stewart moved that rabbit destruction on Lake Goldsmith be proceeded with, and that two men be engaged. Seconded by Cr. Hannah, and carried. Cr. Stewart said the ratepayers had asked for a polling-booth at Carranballuc, the corner of the Darlington and Skipton and Streatham roads. Seconded by Cr. Rodds, and carried.

Cr. Stewart called attention to a culvert opposite Mr. Hannah's property near St. Enoch's being blocked with rabbits, and asked that the surface men attend to it.

In answer to Cr. Hannah, the engineer said it had been difficult to get teams, but he hoped to start rolling in the West Riding to-morrow.

Cr. Flynn said several ratepayers had spoken to him about the excessive valuation that it was wise to bring it up, but so many had spoken to him that he wanted to show he had not forgotten it. Two ratepayers who had assented to the valuation at £4 an acre had asked him that if they were valued £2 10s an acre they would gladly accept it. In order to make their promise good, he asked them to let it in writing, and they promised to do so and send it to the council. He asked the secretary if he had received any letter.

Mr. Forde said that no letter of that sort had been received by him. Cr. Rodds said it was quite possible that there would shortly be a check on their value's valuation, as the Government was calling for applications for raters under the Land Tax Act. He believed the reason for the valuation was because the same land was incorporated in a trust, and as the owner had not given notice to the valuer, the latter had included it in one valuation, allowing Cr. Sinclair (who was against being closed) congratulated the council upon getting through before luncheon.

Eleven applications were received for the position of sanitary contractor for the township of Beaufort, and after consideration had been given to them by the North Riding members in committee, John Pearce received the appointment. [Health reports appear on fourth page.]

DELAY IS DANGEROUS.

There is no class of ailment that affects the system earlier than bowel complaints, and any class, but none so common as constipation. It is the only ailment that is absolutely reliable in cases of this kind, and as some members of the council are liable to an attack at any time it should always be kept in the house. Sold by J. R. Wotherspoon and Co., Beaufort.

BALLARAT PIPE BAND.

We publish the following by request of Assistant Secretary of Beaufort Thistle Club:—
The system under which the band was organized in Beaufort barely three years ago, through the enterprise and patriotism of the Scottish citizens of Beaufort and district, is now being re-organized and re-arranged. The whole of the money necessary for the uniforms and pipes was raised by the ever-ready assistance of Messrs. Thistle Club's sports on Easter Monday, and are suitable for the band. The president is Mr. A. Mackenzie, Mayor of Ballarat East, and the secretary Mr. G. D. Norton (both members of the band).

VICTORIAN RAILWAYS.

Holiday excursion tickets will be issued to and from all stations (suburban excepted), from 11th till 17th April (both days inclusive) and return on or after 14th April and till 8th May, inclusive. The journey must be commenced on the date the ticket is issued, and may be broken. (See posters).

STAWELL SPORTS.

On Easter Monday, 17th April, a special train, stopping at all stations, will leave Beaufort at 7.45 a.m., Traralgon at 8.45 a.m., Ararat at 9.10 a.m., Traralgon at 9.55 a.m., Ararat at 11 a.m., Great Western at 11.40 a.m., and return from Stawell at 8.25 p.m. E. B. JONES, Acting Secretary.

WANTED, Stylish Young Lady.

TO WEAR THE HAREM COSTUME AT LEITCH PICTURES ON SATURDAY EVENING (to-night) on the stage. Apply by letter, stating terms, to FRANK S. WRIGHT, Manager, Leitch Pictures, C/o this office, Beaufort.

FOR SALE, or to Let, new 6-r. w.b. House, with 36 1/2 acres land, cleared and fenced; 5 undercultivation. Apply to ED. HALL, Beaufort P.O. Open 10 days.

THE BEAL BLACKSMITHS announce that their SHOPS will be CLOSED during the EASTER holidays from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

J. GEORGE, BUCHANAN BROS., & H. GAZZARD.

BEAUFORT METHODIST CHURCH. JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th—REV. T. COPELAND, third resident Methodist Minister in Beaufort. TUESDAY, MAY 9th—TEA, including BIBLE MEETING. Address by President of Victoria and SOCIETY OF YOUNG LADIES. WEDNESDAY, MAY 10th—Grand CONCERT. FRIDAY, MAY 12th—Great TEMPERANCE SOCIETY. SUNDAY, MAY 14th—SPECIAL PREACHER. MONDAY, MAY 15th—MUSIC. TUESDAY, MAY 16th—YOUNG PEOPLE'S RALEIGH. FRIDAY, MAY 19th—METHODIST LOVE FEAST. Leader, Mr. C. Walkden.

YOUNG FOLKS!

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The Hon. J. Drysdale Brown, M.L.C., State Attorney-General, will address electors on the referendum, on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., at Societies' Hall, Beaufort.

HEARNE'S BRONCHITIS CURE.

The Famous Remedy for Coughs, Bronchitis, Pneumonia, Pleurisy, Asthma & Consumption

Those who have taken this medicine are amazed at its splendid healing power. Sufferers from Bronchitis, Cough, Croup, Asthma, Difficulty of Breathing, Hoarseness, Pain or Soreness in the Chest, experience delightful and rapid relief...

SOLD WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BY J. W. HARRIS, CHEMIST, BEAUFORT.

SPRINGS AND BRUSHES. The right time to test a brush is the moment you get it. The light remedy to use is Chamberlain's Hair Restorer...

WISER UTTERANCES. Never too late to mend, but sometimes it is late wasted. In thinking lovingly of others, we think healthily about ourselves.

ONLY A POACHED EGG. Kingston, Ontario, can boast of a good many things of which it is proud, but the latest it can make is a little bit eccentric.

THE HAPPY HOUSEHOLD. The happiest households are those that do not let out the sentimentality of various anniversaries.

CURING PIGS FOR BACON. Where farmers kill their pigs in order to cure their own bacon, they are often at a loss to know how exactly to determine the correct temperature of the water to be used in scalding the animals.

VOCTORS BAFFLED. All that I could find about this remarkable case is that it is a case of Bismuth poisoning. The patient was a young man who had been suffering from a severe headache for several days.

SEE YOU AN EARLY RISER. Few ever lead to a great age, and fewer still have become distinguished who were not in the habit of early rising. Franklin says that he who rises late may try all day, and not have overtaken his business at night.

SPEAK WELL OF YOUR FRIENDS WHILE LIVING. Go with niggardly words no longer. For those who toil by your side, waiting without commendation.

THE CARDINAL CAME UP WITH. It is Cardinal ... who relates this incident as having happened to himself. One night he was returning to his residence in Westminster when he met a poor man carrying a basket and smoking a pipe.

WIVES, SHOW THIS TO HUSBANDS. A starchy husband makes a merry, sorrowful home. A wife who works for a man, if a man is breezy, cheery, considerate and sympathetic, his wife sings in her heart over her husband's every word.

THE REFERENDA. Mr. A. M. David at Skipton. Mr. A. M. David addressed a large meeting at the Skipton Mechanics' Hall on Saturday night on the Referenda question.

MR. D. S. OMAN'S CAMPAIGN. Mr. D. S. Oman, M.L.A., opened his campaign against the Referenda at Lismore Mechanics' Hall, on Saturday night, and received a good hearing.

RIFONSHIRE'S VITAL STATISTICS. At Monday's meeting of the Rifonshire Council Dr. A. G. Jackson, health officer for North and West Ridings, submitted his annual report for the year ending December 31st, 1910.

METHODIST FOREIGN MISSIONS. The Beaufort district has been favored by a visit from the Rev. T. W. Butcher, a Fiji missionary, whose graphic descriptions from the pulpit of life in the South Sea Islands have been intensely interesting.

There's Comfort In The Thought. In any undertaking the probable troubles and difficulties have been foreseen and provided for.

THE REV. J. WILLIAMS. For eleven years pastor of the Woolongaba Presbyterian Church, Brisbane, and Principal of the Theological School established there, writes of the great health-giving powers of Clements Tonic.

MEAN PERFECT HEALTH. BEECHAM'S PILLS are specially suitable for Females of all ages. Sold in boxes, price 10s., 1/4 & 2s.

J. H. GAZZARD. (Late of GAZZARD BROS., BALLARAT) Has pleasure in notifying you that he has purchased the Business so long carried on by Mr. W. C. ZEDDER.

W. S. SMITH. Desires to intimate to the residents of Beaufort that he has purchased the Beaufort Bakery, and trusts by prompt attention to business, combined with the best quality goods, to merit a share of public patronage.

There is a terrible uproar—worse than there was for shooting the geese. It was not right to shoot the geese in the street, but it was mostly poor people who kept the cows. Perhaps they were taking advantage of that. But to impound all the cows would be very hard.

Dr. Beggs said that Cr. Flynn deserved credit for not having forgotten the geese. He thought that in a series of further registrations containing no reference to the geese, the ages all exceeded 70 years; in two of these instances the 80th year had been passed.

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CHAPTER I. A VILLAGE LOVE. I gave my presumption, and you gave me my presumption. The love of so true and so true a man as you must be an honor to any girl.

CHAPTER II. GUY DARLINGTON. It was a charming afternoon, and the poor gentleman's lovely daughter enjoyed it with all the zest of perfect health. After the first sorrow for Martin Jenkins had passed away on the crisp autumn air, she tripped along more rapidly, now warbling the snatch of some old ballad, now stopping to pick a delicate shrub, or reaching up to pick a leaf of richer colouring than she had seen.

her every movement; but withal she was endowed with such a charm of beauty as seldom falls to the lot of mortals. It was a beauty that bewildered its frankness. One looked at her and wondered if she would not presently vanish as a dream-creature, so impossible did it seem that such fairly like beauty could be real. For there was nothing unsubstantial in her charms; for the slender, yet rounded form was the embodiment of that lissome grace which belongs to perfect health; and the milk and roses of her complexion were rendered more delightfully attractive by the cherry lips, and violet-blue eyes, so clear and sparkling. Her merely physical beauty must have been a joy, though it had been soulless; but when to it was added a nature so pure that it sweetened all the life about her, and so full of hidden depths that one forgot the coldness of the inner woman there revealed a creature so wondrous that she became known only to be worshipped. Even her father, so poor in his high descent, so proud in his poverty so cold and haughty in his self-isolated life, worshipped while he ruled her. As he said himself sometimes, his income was not enough to decently starve on; but he had always sedulously taken care that she should never see the grinding side of poverty. It was as if he should have loved her life as care-free as if she had been a child who wrote carol and countess with their names, and who had lived as if Melville Lisle had no existence. He would have isolated his peerless daughter from the common herd had he been able; but there was such a joy in her very living that seemed to draw life to her, and from her childhood she had mixed with the village folk as freely as any low-born maiden among them; and yet there had always been a distance between them only partly of her father's making. It had been in the very nature of things. She could not have been one of them, for with all her frankness and simplicity and gentle humility of soul there was always that in her which gave to her manner the graciousness of a queen rather than the equality of a comrade. But she noticed it voluntarily, that his face was handsomer than ever when he smiled. "I was afraid a splinter might have run into it, No?" as she shook her head, smiling. "Well, it might, you know. Don't think I'm rude; but do you live here?" "Yes, in the village." He hesitated, looked embarrassed then said, boldly, "Perhaps you saved my life—" She laughed merrily. "Oh, no." "But," he persisted, with a twinkle on his eyes, in spite of an effort to seem very serious, "my horse might have put his foot into the crack. I might have been thrown and you can never tell what the consequences of a fall may be. I am sure I owe my life to you. I am very grateful—there could be no doubt of that—and I would like to call upon you if I may. Now, you are going to say No. I can see it in your face. I know it is awfully bold of me; but really I should become acquainted in time, anyhow, for I have come here to live."

She looked at him in surprise and interest. "Yes," he said in answer to her expression. "I am Guy Darlington." "Lord Darlington?" she said and shrank back a little. "Yes," he answered, noting her slight action with wonder. "And won't you tell me now, who you are? I thought at first that you were a nymph of the woods, but you are mortal, are you not?" She laughed again, and then with an air of reserve and dignity that sat well upon her, said, quietly, "I am the daughter of Melville Lisle, a poor gentleman of the village." The "poor" he ignored, and demanded, eagerly, "Of the Lises of Granthorpe?" "Cousins, I think." "Then we ought to be friends, for we have two lawsuits with the Lises of Granthorpe." "Is that a good ground for friendship?" Violet laughed. "The very best. My mother and I may call, may we not?" Violet would have given anything to have answered the promptings of her heart and say "Yes," to his question. But she stifled the desire, and looked at handsome, winning Guy Darlington bravely and earnestly. "It is better to be honest with you, Lord Darlington," she said. "My father is a poor man. Of good blood as your own, he would tell you; but so poor that he has hidden himself away in this little village to be away from his kindred. He would not welcome your coming, and he would be made unhappy by it; I am sorry, for I would have been glad." "But that is cruel," he exclaimed, "I will not submit to it." She looked at him wonderingly and a little thrill of happiness which she did not comprehend stole over her. "Why," he went on vehemently, "should you and I not know each other? It may be very little to you, but to me—" He suddenly stopped, aware that he was saying strange things, considering the brief time of their acquaintance. Violet smiled, for she was thinking of the strangeness of the fate that had put the sordid barrier of money between the acquaintance of two persons who themselves scorned it. She was frankly sorry that she was to see no more of the gay and handsome Guy Darlington. "I do not regret telling you of the loose plank." "And you do not regret the time you have wasted talking to me?" "No, I am glad to have met you. You are the first gentleman besides my father I have ever talked with, and it has been very pleasant."

tion deepened into one of confusion. The new-comer was a stalwart, handsome young man, who sat his horse like a centaur, and brought him to his hanches by the suddenness with which he checked him at Violet's gesture. "I beg your pardon," said Violet, "but the bridge is dangerous. A plank is loose, and I was trying to replace it." For a moment the young man stared at her out of a pair of handsome dark eyes, with an eager, incredulous sort of admiration. Then he recollected himself, and lifted his hat, saying, "You are very kind." She dropped her eyes before his ardent but in no wise bold gaze, and said, "If you will wait a moment I will have it in its place" and she stooped again. But he, with a low cry of dismay sprang from his horse and cried out, "Oh, I beg that you do not think of it. Don't touch it with those little hands of yours. Let me. Wait until I have fastened my horse. Please do not." He was so earnest and there was so much beseeching in his mellow voice that she desisted and watched him as he tethered his horse to a sapling. "This is it," she said, as he came forward, and again she found her eyes drooping before his. He bent, and she admired the easy strength with which he tossed the plank out, and then put it in its place again. "It must be pleasant to have such strength," she said, with a frank admiration that made him blush with pleasure. "To be told so by you is a pleasure," he said, quickly. She blushed, more at his ardour than at his words and turned to go. "Thank you for helping me," she said, "and good afternoon." "Please don't go—I mean don't go with your hand hurting you," he stammered. She laughed with the frankness of a child. "My hand doesn't hurt me," she said. "Why should it?" Then she smiled with a frankness equal to her own, and she noticed it voluntarily, that his face was handsomer than ever when he smiled. "I was afraid a splinter might have run into it, No?" as she shook her head, smiling. "Well, it might, you know. Don't think I'm rude; but do you live here?" "Yes, in the village." He hesitated, looked embarrassed then said, boldly, "Perhaps you saved my life—" She laughed merrily. "Oh, no." "But," he persisted, with a twinkle on his eyes, in spite of an effort to seem very serious, "my horse might have put his foot into the crack. I might have been thrown and you can never tell what the consequences of a fall may be. I am sure I owe my life to you. I am very grateful—there could be no doubt of that—and I would like to call upon you if I may. Now, you are going to say No. I can see it in your face. I know it is awfully bold of me; but really I should become acquainted in time, anyhow, for I have come here to live."

CHAPTER III. A SHEDDING WOOL. The next day Violet did not go singing and tripping the way to the abbey. She was strangely quiet, yet not unhappy. She went as she had returned on the day before, and she found herself lingering on the bridge and thinking of the very words that had been spoken there. And when she seated herself and began her sketching, her pencil did not move very swiftly, and it came into her mind that the ruins before her belonged to Guy Darlington. That was a sort of pleasure to her, and she wondered why. Strange, too, that she would think of him as Guy Darlington, the more formal Lord Darlington. Then there came a crushing of the leaves from a distance behind her, and she knew someone was coming. Some one from the village, she said to herself; but her colour was coming and going, and her heart was beating, and she would not look around. Then, whoever it was, stood over her and looked down and she felt the blood forsaking her face; but she looked up slowly. It was Guy Darlington, and it had been in his mind to seek her there and say something to show her he was surprised; but when she looked up at him, and he saw into her eyes, that little deceit, of pretending he had not expected to see her, passed out of his mind, and his face was as white as hers, as he said, softly, "I hoped to find you here, Violet." "I did not hope," she said; "but I am glad." He made no answer to that, but sat down not far away, and looked at her, she trying to use her pencil as if he had not been there, and at last putting it down, and folding her hands in her lap. Then she turned and looked at his face, and saw, what she had known without seeing, that he was gazing at her. She looked down a while and then dropped her eyes. "Violet," he said, and there was a faint sound, as though it was difficult for him to speak. She looked up at him, and saw on his face an expression of pain and almost fear. "What is it?" she asked. "I find I must say something to you, and I would like you to listen. Will you?" "Something of the fear that was on his face rose up to hers, but she answered that she would. "When I left you yesterday, I intended to come here to find you. I told myself that I would come here to-day, and every day, until perhaps, if it was to be, I could make you love me as I love you. Please, do not look frightened. I will not say a word that I ought not to say; I will stop when you tell me to stop. I know that it was not usual to make love in a minute, and I could not expect you to feel as I felt—you might never feel so. I had no right to hope it. I would have liked to have gone to your home and have your father's sanction to our acquaintance; but you explained that to me, and I knew you were right, and that it would be the death of my hopes to try and woo you in that way. I had it in mind to come here until you could love me, if it was to be, but when I am near you and feel your purity and innocence I realize that I cannot deceive you even that much, and so I say to you now that I love you and ask you to be my wife. Don't answer too quickly. Don't say no to me. Think it over, and try to find some hope for the future for me. I know it is sudden and unusual; but I can wait until you can learn to think more calmly of it. I will love you now, and will come to-morrow." He rose to go, and her eyes followed his face, and when he glanced down into them she saw a strange beseeching in them. The next instant he was by her side, and he was holding one of her little hands in his. They sat for many minutes in silence, and he was not yet sure of what she was going to say to him, only she did not take her hand from his. Presently she spoke scarcely above a whisper. "It is all very strange, but I think I love you." He had not the boldness to do more than kiss the little hand he held. There was a long and happy silence, and then Guy spoke: "What shall I do, dear? Shall I go with you to your father, and tell him what we have done?" "If that will be best—yes." "Perhaps, since he is so proud and sensitive, he would like it better if I and my mother were to call on him, and Guy smiled proudly on the wonderful face upturned to his. "It shall be as you say, Guy. I have only one fear." "And what is that?" "Could anyone understand how we could know each other for the first time yesterday afternoon and—what will be best to do?" she asked him, suddenly. "I wish to do what is wisest," he answered, "and I do not know what that is. Let us think it over. Meet me here again to-morrow and we will say what we have thought. Let us think of ourselves now." "That at least was the easiest, if not the wisest thing to do, and the afternoon slipped away in the blissful talk of newly-found lovers. There was so much to say. They knew so little of each other. And each revelation was a delight." CHAPTER IV. AT PENARTH CASTLE. The Countess Darlington was such a woman that one would have expected the mother of Guy Darlington to be stately and beautiful. Dignified to the verge of haughtiness with others, with Guy she had always been the tenderest and most devoted of mothers. She had watched his growth from boyhood into perfect manhood with a pride that knew no bounds. He had been a little wild, but never vicious; had made her his confidante and companion as much as a young man very well could; but in the bounding health of both his mind and body there had never been any consciousness worthy of the name to make. She had told him to go and see the world, and he had gone as a young prince might have gone, scattering his gold right and left, meeting everywhere a welcome that was most royal—a welcome that was accorded partly to his wealth, partly to his title, but very much to his own, mainly nature and his extremely good looks. "Perhaps he had unintentionally broken some hearts his own had never been seriously touched; though he had been the object of many a well-calculated attack from the combined forces of designing mamma and guileless maiden. All such assaults, Lady Darlington had either ignored or smiled at, in her own lofty fashion. In her indignation she had believed the chief reason of Guy's insensibility to be the failure on her part to urge him to the selection of his life's partner, an infatuation unconsciously fostered by him, who, knowing nothing of love, but as he had read, talked so rationally of it with his mother, that she could not help but think with him, that he would marry, as a matter of course, when the time came. It was the coming of that time that was the cause of all the trouble. The time had already come when both mother and son were ready. He had met Violet Lisle; the countess had chosen a mate for him from among his peers. It was to bring the lady of his choice and her son together that she had urged the visit to Penarth Castle, where they so seldom went, and where, under the pretext of a little shooting, Guy could be free to meet her with a very few select friends. Lady Sibyl Coldenham had every attribute which the daughter-in-law of the Countess of Darlington should have. She was beautiful, accomplished, gentle, of irreproachable lineage, rich and willing. At least, her father, the Marquis of Coldenham said she was willing, and the patriarch mother of Guy had looked no further. She had married as her parents had chosen; she had been as happy as it was necessary for one in her position to be; and, moreover, Guy would marry as she chose—an argument in itself. The days after that first meeting in the abbey woods had multiplied into weeks, and still nothing had been said by either Violet or Guy to inform the father of the one, or the mother of the other of what had happened. Each shrank from doing what might by some chance interrupt their happiness. They were both secure in the innocence of their motives and there was neither lack of moral courage nor of conviction that both parents would approve to deter them from speaking; but there was a sense of the uncertainty of the temper of Violet's father, and in the happiness of the moment neither was anxious to disturb the cloudless sky of their love. Had Violet said one word to be taken unawares, Guy would have hastened to tell his mother or her father of their intention to link their fortunes; but she felt no uneasiness and said nothing, being more than content that Guy should exercise his own better judgment and reveal his soft secret to the world when and how he chose. Always gay and joyous of temper, Guy in those days was of their own party at the castle was voted by all to be a supreme success. Even Lady

Sibyl, who had bowed meekly to the decree of her father as to a thing there was no gainsaying, but who secretly mourned another lover, yielded Guy the homage of respect and liking, and found it easier than she had supposed it would be to contemplate a union with him. She was the only young lady of the party, and her father, who paid her a great deal of attention, devoted his mornings to her, so that no one should think to question the propriety of his solitary afternoon rides. Perhaps even his manner had something of affection in it; for he was in a mood to love all the world, and it never occurred to him that his brotherly gallantry could be misunderstood. Something seemed to tell him that Lady Sibyl received his advances in the spirit in which he made them, and he was so full of his dear love that more than once he had been tempted to share his happiness with the sweet-tempered girl, who was so much more natural with him than it was customary for the British maid of high rank to be. And Lady Darlington, looking on, saw with delight that again, and in this important matter, her dear Guy was of his own accord, ratifying the choice she had made for him. She let the companionship continue without interruption by sign or word and secretly congratulated herself and the marquis on the happy issue of their plan. And the marquis, who was a thorough man of the world, and who was overjoyed at this opportunity to dispose so brilliantly of his daughter, smiled complacently at the countess, and sardonically to himself. To him the candour and frank manliness of Guy were only proofs of his callowness and inexperience and he laughed in the privacy of his dressing room as he thought how the young earl would some day surprise his dotting mother by the way he would scatter the rich revenues of the Darlings. How any such development of the vices of this kind might affect his daughter he never thought, for the very simple reason that he did not care. Love and happiness might do very well for the vulgar herd; but for those who lived on the social heights, they did not exist. Lady Darlington was in no hurry to announce her delight and approval to Guy—for it did rejoice the mother's heart that Guy's happiness and duty lay together—but one day the time happened opportunely for it and she took advantage of it. They were sitting before the fire, alone in her boudoir and Guy had been telling her of some merry escapade with Lady Sibyl. "I am glad, Guy, you like Lady Sibyl." "Like her! Why, of course; how could I help it. She is so free from affectation and prudery." "She is an accomplished and gifted girl, and her lineage is as good as our own, Guy." "Yes, I believe so. Goes back to the time of the Conqueror, I think." There was silence for a few minutes, during which Guy gave himself up to thoughts of one whose anger was quite as good as his own, but whose virtues lifted her to heights he could never hope to attain. He was thinking, however, that he would at least strive to be worthy of her, when his mother, who had been proudly watching his handsome face, said: "I have been thinking, Guy, that it is almost time for you to take a wife." Guy flushed through the bronze on his cheek; but looked up with a joyous air at his stately mother. "I have been thinking so, too," he said. Lady Darlington laughed at the little touch of happy embarrassment in his manner and leaned forward to stroke his cheek with the back of her white delicately shaped hand. The reverberations from whom she came, were famous for their hands. "Yes," she said, archly, "I had noticed that you seemed of that mind." "You noticed it, my lady mother?" "It was so he always called her when he was especially pleased. "Did you think I was blind, Guy?" "No, mother," he answered, with an affectionate earnestness, "not where I am concerned. You are never blind then." She flushed with the pleasure of his words, and for a moment fondled in silence the hand he had put into hers. "I think she will be a good and worthy wife, Guy." "Too good for my deserts, mother, but I love her so that I believe I shall grow more worthy as I know her. Oh, mother, I am so glad you approve!—though I was sure you would. I did not mean to keep it a secret so long. Indeed, it has not been so much a secret as a silent enjoyment of a happiness so great that it seemed to me I could not speak of it." Lady Darlington smiled sympathetically. "I did not know you loved so deeply as this, Guy; but I am glad. And does Lady Sibyl reciprocate this love?" "Lady Sibyl, mother? Did you think I spoke of Lady Sibyl?" cried Guy, staring at his mother. "Why, yes," answered Lady Darlington, a startled expression creeping over her face. "Of whom else?" "Lady Sibyl!" exclaimed Guy, with a short laugh. "Why, mother I would never think of marrying her. I spoke of Violet Lisle." (To be Continued.)

A scientist who lost his pet dog put a little notice in the paper, headed "Warning," which charitably described the animal as having "strayed." An added notice from the owner, but having been experimenting upon scientific purposes with many virulent poisons, a lick from its tongue—and it is very affectionate—would probably prove fatal. The dog came back next day. "Only a worm," we say, scornfully, as we see one wriggling among the upturned earth. We may think of worms only as food for the thrushes that hop over our lawns and sing to us at twilight; but the great naturalist Darwin said of earthworms: "It may be doubted whether there are many other animals which have played so important a part in the history of the world as have these lowly organised creatures." Earthworms have no nose, no eyes, no ears. Their long segmented bodies have no limbs, but from each segment or ring three proper tiny bristles, by which the earthworm gets hold of the soil, and draws itself along. These bristles are not easily seen; but if one passes a dead worm through one's fingers their presence is felt. The earthworm is very low in the animal kingdom and is the prey of birds, fish, moles, and many other creatures, but worms exist in such numbers all over the world that their work has a wide-spread influence. Worms burrow in the soil; in dry weather they go quite deep in search of the moisture necessary to their well-being. They are numerous holes admit the healthful air and rain to earth beneath the surface. Earthworms eat large quantities of earth; they find nourishment in the tiny pieces of decaying substances, broken leaves and rotting vegetation in the earth; much of the earth passes through the worm's body in the form of worm-casts—those tiny curled mounds of earth that are so familiar. These worm castings are continually being deposited on the surface of the earth; they dry up in fine weather, and are spread as a layer all over the land. Darwin proved that "the earth voided by worms, if spread out uniformly, would form in many places in the course of a year a layer one-fifth of an inch in thickness." Earthworms are thus shown to mix the soil and to bring fresh soil from below to be admitted to the beneficial action of the sun and rain. They eat fallen leaves, dragging them into the burrows to devour them at their leisure; dark vegetable mould is largely enriched by the decaying leaf material brought into it by worms. Earthworms do not as a rule, in pure concentration at all; they may occasionally draw a few blades of young corn or grass into their burrows; but their great work is this stirring and distribution of the soil, which is of immense benefit to agricultural culture. Worms really aid in altering the face of the earth itself. On the slopes of downs and mountains the fine castings dry up and roll away, or are blown away by the wind. 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WHEN YOU FORGET YOUR OWN NAME.

Everybody who reads the daily press must have come across cases of mental lapse. For instance, a few days ago a well-dressed young man sat on the kerbstone of a city street in the afternoon, and when approached by a policeman, was unable to give any account of himself. He did not even know that he was sitting on the kerb; in short, his mind was absolutely a blank when it came to considering the slightest detail of himself or his behaviour. He was otherwise intelligent, normal, and able to answer questions on many topics. By a process of suggestion he was finally able, but only after several days, to give an account of himself and establish his identity.

This is an instance of what is known as aphasia, or amnesia, or, to be plain, sudden forgetfulness of things concerning ourselves. It is growing to be more and more common, and alienists all over the world are at a loss to account for its prevalence. Its increase, however, suggests that it is caused by the strenuous state of modern life, the exalted state of the average mind in these days of nervous and continual worry, with the lack of rest that we under-

stand. What is it, anyway, this strange suspension of the faculties of memory? Simply this—The brain stores away as in a filing cabinet millions of little facts to which it feels that it may some day refer. Dates, figures, arithmetical formulae, names, statistics of various kinds—anything, in short, which it feels it may ever need. This filing cabinet is called the memory. There is practically no limit to the number of things that can be stored away there, for though the filing space is very small, the number of drawers, or cells, it contains is incalculable.

There the facts and figures, the knowledge of all sorts that human beings possess are kept, and they are all at instant call when they shall be required. A system of wires runs from the various cells to a central office called the corpus callosum, which in turn runs wires to the eyes, the nose, the mouth, the ears, the brain offices which may at any time call on the filing cabinet for information.

We use this marvellous telephone system a million times a day. We do not even look with our eyes, but the action is flashed back to the corpus callosum, and thence to the filing cabinet, which immediately gives us the information concerning what we are looking at. We do not think without calling on this filing cabinet for every word, every idea, every suggestion of any kind. Not one action do we perform that we do not use this filing system. It is a busy place.

And the most remarkable thing about it is the perfection with which it works. It refers to us instantly, as a rule, though sometimes its service is a little slow, as, for instance, when we call suddenly on it for information which we have not used for a long time. Take the occasion of meeting an old friend whom we have not seen since childhood. Instantly we call on our filing cabinet for his name. Sometimes it comes immediately, and again the cabinet which works automatically so far as digging out the desired topic is concerned, takes a long time to find the person's name. Often we have to adopt some form of aid to suggestion to help the system in its work. It is a favorite resource of some men whose memories are "bad" for names to begin with. A work down the alphabet until they come to the letter which suggests the desired name. Often this method will bring the required name.

It is not always the case, however, that it is the little used information which is hard to get. If the filing cabinet is in perfect order it will give you old facts, long stored away, as promptly as a newly learned subject. When the system gets out of order the accident is as liable to affect it one way as another. Sometimes the most frequently used drawer of the cabinet will stick.

Actors who have played the same part for years, for example, often find themselves on the stage with the lines of the part entirely gone from their minds when they can remember everything else. What has caused this sudden aberration? Merely that the system isn't working just right. There is a little break or tangle in the wires somewhere, that is all. Maybe the particular wire handling this particular subject has become worn out through too much use. At any rate, business is suspended for a while, and the damage must be repaired.

WORD BLINDNESS: A SHREWD TRAP. But why is it, you may ask, that we forget our own names and remember everything else, as is the case in the ordinary attack of aphasia? The explanation, as given by a leading physician, is simplicity itself. How much effort have we ever exerted to remember our names? Absolutely none. They come to us at an age when we are filing information away by the ton, information on every conceivable subject; when there is plenty of room in our filing cabinets, and no need of any particular system of tabulation. They are a part of us, our names are, and we never have to try to remember them. The wires in their case grow rusty, maybe, from disuse. And then, suddenly, these wires which have never been inspected because they have never been a suspicion that they were out of order, refuse to work, and you have never examined the portion of your filing cabinet in which these facts are buried to see whether they are all ready for use

or not. "Word blindness" is another form of aphasia. People will suddenly become unable to read. There is no account for this disorder, except that the filing cabinet in which we keep our knowledge of words suffers a mix-up of some kind. Dr. William H. Thompson was recently called to testify to the mental condition of a rich man who was about to make his will. The merchant had suddenly become word blind, and his lawyer and friends thought that it was a form of insanity. Dr. Thompson very cleverly tested the man's mental condition by purposely misreading several words in the will, which had already been prepared. The rich man called his attention to this misreading, showing that while he knew himself could not read the words he knew their meaning. The will was duly filed and there never was a contest over it.

Rest, sudden shock, careful suggestion and relaxation are among the most sure cures for aphasia in any of its forms. It is not necessarily dangerous. It is merely a breakdown of a part of the system, a lesion of wires that may be repaired. "Popular Science Sittings."

THE WILY QUAKER.

A few years ago, when people were excited about a French invasion of England, a Quaker, residing at Epping, in Essex, being afraid, if such an event should take place, that he might lose his money, thought of the following stratagem to save it. He decided to hide £200 in Epping Forest; but for fear that he might die, or be killed by the enemy, he thought it would not be prudent to hide it without acquainting somebody. Accordingly he fixed upon his neighbour, a smith, as a proper person to be entrusted with the secret.

They set out together, and chose a spot by the side of a large oak, where a hole was soon made and the money very carefully deposited; taking great care to cover it up with such exactness that no person travelling by chance that way might have any suspicion. They returned home. The next morning early the smith went and took the money away, not thinking the Quaker would so soon suspect his integrity. The Quaker, however, paid a visit to the spot where his beloved treasure was deposited, when, to his great surprise, it was gone.

Suspicion immediately fell upon the smith, but, instead of accusing him, the Quaker thought of a stratagem to get his money back. He informed the smith he wished to do another job. This had the desired effect, for the smith immediately went and replaced the £200, not only to prevent his neighbour from judging him to be the thief, but to get the other £50.

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BUSINESS FIRST.

Mr. Fussymann hurried into the newspaper office. "I've lost my spectacles somewhere," he said, "and I want to advertise for them; but I can't see to write without them, you know."

The advertisement clerk was a young man who is likely to rise to the position of business manager some day. "I will write the advertisement for you, sir," he replied, obligingly. "Any marks on them?"

"Yes, yes," replied the Fussymann. "Gold-rimmed lenses, different focus, and letters L. Q. C. on inside. Insert the advertisement three times."

"Yes, sir," said the advertisement clerk. "Nine shillings, please." Fussymann paid over the cash. "Thank you," said the advertisement clerk. "Excuse me, but you'll be pleased to learn that you have not lost your spectacles after all. They are on the top of your head."

"My stars!" screamed the Fussymann, "so they are! Why didn't you say so before?"

"Well, sir," replied that smart advertisement clerk, "I am in my way the most courteous man breathing; but business must come before courtesy. Good day, sir; we'll see the advertisement is inserted all right."

WHY THE SQUIRE WAS "NOT OUT."

The squire was at the wicket, and was having, as they say, a "roaring time." He "skied" them and flicked them right into the fielders' hands; but, strange to say, the most simple catches were missed, and the runs piled steadily up. His score now stood at 45.

Just then Briggs, the town-crier, was put on to bowl, and off came the squire's balls with the first ball. "How's that?" bawled Briggs. "Not out!" shouted the umpire. "No ball?"

Briggs protested. "Shut up, you fool!" hissed the captain in the town-crier's ear. "Don't you know, if he gets fifty he's going to stand us bread and cheese and stout."

A good deal of trouble is expended in educating the shrew, high-stepping horse. He is trained to step high and act showily by being driven along a path whereon rails are set crosswise. He steps high to avoid stumbling, and in time always steps high.

AIRSHIPS FOR WAR.

NEW DEVELOPMENT.

Spurred on by the two abortive attempts recently made to launch an aeroplane from the deck of an Hamburg-American liner, the U.S. Admiralty quickly took up this idea, and had a platform built on the forward deck of the scout cruiser "Birmingham." The services of Mr. Eugene Ely, with his Curtiss biplane, were secured for the making of this first attempt to fly from the deck of the naval vessel to a designated spot ashore, which in this instance was the navy yard at Norfolk, some 29 miles from where the cruiser was anchored.

His machine was transferred by a tug to the navy yard, and placed aboard the "Birmingham." Escorted by two torpedo-boat destroyers, and accompanied by two other of these craft, the "Birmingham" steamed 30 miles down Chesapeake Bay. A report was received from Cape Henry that there was fog over the lower bay, and that light rain was falling. It was feared that Ely would be obliged to postpone his flight. An hour later, however, a wireless message from the cruiser told of the preparation of the machine, and another message told of the engine of the biplane making so much noise that it was impossible to send messages. A few minutes later came the words, "Ely off," and shortly thereafter another message told of his landing on Willoughby Spit, a point of land about 23 miles distant from the cruiser.

A platform was erected upon the bow of the "Birmingham," for the carrying out of this experiment. This platform was 25 feet wide by 85 feet long. It had a downward slope and projected slightly beyond the bow of the cruiser, so as to give ample starting room.

Despite squalls of wind and rain, Ely decided to attempt a flight, watching a favourable opportunity, between squalls, he had his engine started, and ran his machine down the incline at a rapid rate. As it left the platform it settled till it struck the water with a splash, which the spectators supposed marked the termination of the flight. Instead, however, the machine rose again and continued on its way. It reached a height of 150 feet or more, and travelled straight for the nearest land, where it descended without a mishap.

Mr. Ely attributed his downward plunge to a faulty movement of his control wheel. When the machine struck the water, the propeller was damaged, and the spray flew up in his face, and so clouded his goggles that it was with the greatest difficulty that he was able to see his way to shore. After landing on the beach, he found everything except the propeller in good order, and could have flown back to the cruiser had he deemed this expedient.

The significant point in this first flight from a vessel is the fact that the aeroplane started under its own power from the cruiser at rest. With but an 85-foot run and a 35-foot drop, and considering the bad weather conditions, this was an excellent performance. A speedy war vessel offers the great advantage that it can be run against the wind fast enough to allow an aeroplane to rise from its deck without any run whatever. In alighting, too, the aeroplane could simply lower above the vessel in motion and drop gently to her deck. In the place of cumbersome platforms, all that would be needed for starting would be troughs for the wheels to run in, which could be readily stowed away when not in use.

However, wheels on a marine aeroplane are an anomaly not to be endured. Such a machine should be equipped with hydroplane floats (like the successful hydro-aeroplane of M. Farber), which would make it possible to alight upon and start from the water. A special car and starting rail like that originally used by the Wright brothers could be employed for launching the aeroplane from the vessel.

So far as we are aware, Ely's flight is the first to be made from a vessel. The French naval authorities fitted up a torpedo boat for this purpose a short time ago, however, and it may be that a similar test in France has been held secretly. "Popular Science Sittings."

IN CITY RESTAURANT.

Tompkins believed in tipping the waiter. His prodigality in this respect is so well-known that the attention and civility he receives in his favourite restaurant are the envy of every other diner. Tompkins takes it as a matter of course. One day recently he went out unprepared for a change in the weather. It rained. The rain increased during the luncheon hour, and Tompkins appeared to be in for a drenching. But he did not get it. He braved the elements confidently. One of the waiters helped him into another gentleman's mackintosh, and another waiter handed him a stranger's umbrella.

Youth: "I've called for my new suit." Average Tailor: "Sorry, but it's not finished." Youth: "Why, you said you would have it done if you worked all night." Average Tailor: "Yes, but I didn't work all night."

Butcher: "Well, little drizzle-tail, an' what do you want?" Little Drizzle-tail: "Taint wot I want. Hi wants a dinned dog collar, an' a broom, an' a perminin' parse to the music-hall, an' a millionnaire 'ustand; but it ain't wot I want, it's wot muvver wants, and she wants arf-pound of scraggy-end of a neck of mutton on the nod till Saturday."

THE PENNY NOVELETTE.

Upon the kitchen table with her work unfinished yet, Sat Sarah Ann, intent upon a thrilling novelette.

The baker and the grocer's man knocked loudly, but in vain; They kicked the paint all off the door, and went away again. The fire went out, the light grew dim, but Sarah Ann read on. Intent upon the fortunes of Lord Algron Fitzjohn, Whose proud and wealthy father designed his son and heir For the beauty of the season, the Lady Maud de Vere.

She loved him, but Lord Algron, much to his pa's distress, Disliked the Lady Maud, and loved a modest governess. She came to where the beauty gazed at o'erhears The willful lord proposing to the governess, who frays She's unworthy of the honour, but she loves him very best to make a true and worthy wife.

She still reads on, and as she neared the bottom of the page, She learned how Lady Maud became convulsed with jealous rage, Forgot herself, and, maddened by the sounds of rapacious kissing, Sprang forward—Sarah turned the leaf—the other page was missing!

A PROBLEM FOR THE JURY.

A curious case of alleged theft was a good deal discussed in the time of Mr. Justice Buller.

A lady of highly respectable family and station, resident for the season at Bath, entered the shop of one of the most considerable drapers of that city, and purchased some trifling articles of expensive lace. Some were shown to her, and while apparently examining the quality of different pieces she was seen by one of the assistants at another counter to abstract and secrete one of the cards. She was allowed to leave the shop; and was instantly followed, brought back, and the card of lace found on her. A constable was sent for, and the lady was given in charge. On being brought before the magistrate, the charge was investigated, and the proof being deemed sufficiently strong to warrant a committal, the prosecutor and witnesses being bound over to appear and give evidence at the next assizes.

Various efforts were made to induce the shopkeeper to forego the prosecution, but he resisted every inducement. He had prosecuted others whose poverty had prompted their offences, and he refused to screen one who had no such temptation to dishonesty.

The assizes approached, and public excitement ran high at the prospect of a lady-thief being arraigned at the bar of a public tribunal. Some time before the assizes a lady of apparently high respectability entered the shop of the prosecutor and made several trifling purchases. Among other articles she bought some lace. These were packed up and paid for, and the lady was preparing to depart, when, taking up her muff and placing her hand in it, she with a parent consternation drew forth a card of lace. The indignation knew no bounds. She would not be satisfied till she had called the attention of every person in the shop to the fact that a card of lace had been placed in her muff by someone. The card bore the private mark of the shopkeeper, it was admitted; it was also admitted that she had not purchased it, but as to how it had come in the lady's muff that was a mystery which no one would undertake to solve.

The trial of the lady who stood committed on the charge of stealing a card of lace from the same shop came on, and the evidence in support of the charge was adduced. The lady in whose muff the card of lace was so mysteriously found was, of course, produced as a witness on behalf of the accused lady.

The prosecutor and the shopmen were cross-examined as to the circumstances of the card of lace which was discovered in the lady's muff, and were compelled to admit the fact. Fortified by such presumptive evidence, the jury assumed that the card of lace which the lady at the bar stood charged with stealing had been surreptitiously introduced into her muff by one of the shopmen. The lady was at once acquitted, and retired from the court amid the sympathies of friends, and cheers of the public.

The storekeeper, it may be added, was extremely injured, for few take the trouble to reflect on and compare facts. He dismissed the shopman who served the second lady, and who, very strangely, happened to be the same who had served the lady whom he prosecuted. However, the discharged shopman managed to find the means of setting up in business. There were those who declared that the whole of the second transaction was adroitly planned as a dexterity to obtain the acquittal of a lady-thief. "English Illustrated Magazine."

SMART STAGE SAYINGS.

Here are a few selected postcards: Heard at Empire, Southport. Nelson Hardy, Ventriloquist: Doll: "What does a billiard ball do when it stops?" Hardy: "Why, that's senseless; it stops, doesn't it?" Doll: "No, you silly, it looks round."

Mabel: "There goes that young doctor in his motor. Isn't he just too killing for anything?" Stella: "Oh, I don't know. They say he hasn't any practice to speak of."

BIRDS OF AUSTRALIA.

WHITE-FRONTED CHAT. (Jenny-Wren, Tang, Nun). From "Useful Birds of Southern Australia."

Description.—Male.—Black crescent across white breast; throat white; forehead white; hind crown black; Bill slender. Total length, 2 inches. Female.—The blacks and whites are much reduced in contrast, and all the parts are greyer.

This bird of graceful form and handsome markings, is found associated in small flocks in the southern parts of Australia during the months between February and July, frequenting the high grass and low bushes of open country. The peculiar metallic "tang" uttered by these pretty birds as they fly off at the approach of a stranger is well known to those who have visited its haunts.



White-fronted Chat

The White-fronted Chat is an early builder. Before the end of July the males become most pugnacious, engaging in noisy combat one with another until the females have been appointed and the serious work of nest-building commenced. The cup-shaped nests are built at the base of herbs or grass-tuffs, or sometimes amongst the bushes, 18 inches from the ground. Three eggs are laid, one on each successive day, the young thus being hatched at intervals of 24 hours. These leave the nest on the twelfth day from the time of birth.

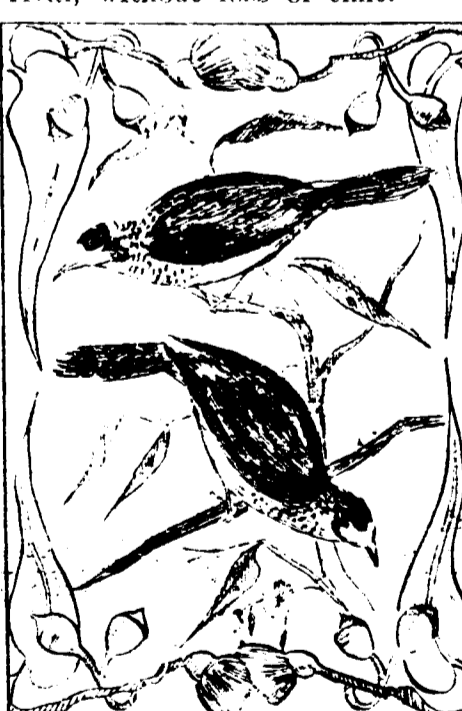
Should an infertile egg be laid, it is never cast out of the nest, but is allowed to remain, and may often be found long after the young have flown and the nest been abandoned. Both sexes take part in incubation and in the rearing of the young, the male bird taking as keen an interest in the process as the mother bird.

Nest.—Open, cup-like, with broad rim and with bracken-bases, made of grasses and lined with animal hair or fine grass; placed close to the ground in a shrub, or on the ground under a thistle or tussock.

LINCOLNED HONEY EATER. (Black-headed Honey eater).

Description.—Crown of head black; white crescentic band across occiput; under surface white; naked space above eye scarlet; wing, 2.75 inches to 3 inches in length; bill shorter than rest of head.

This is one of the most active of the family, flying from tree to tree with astonishing speed, and, moreover, its performances as an acrobat are by no means to be despised. It seems to fall from one bough to another with unerring aim and little effort, and if while in a pendent position it can reach a desired position a few inches below by a somersault, it does not hesitate to perform this acrobatic feat, immediately on landing proceeding in its search for food, or perhaps engaging in battle with a rival, without loss of time.



Lincoln Honey Eater

The nests are cup-formed structures, neatly built and usually carefully hidden in the topmost boughs of the highest branch of a tree. One I found to be almost completely lined with a layer of sheep's wool and ornamented exteriorly with wool taken for the purpose from a house near by. Eucalyptus trees are the favourite positions for the nest as well as for the hunting ground for its food.

Fruit, both native and introduced, strongly tempts young and old birds alike, though it is a considerable time before they care to investigate trees bearing fruits they have not been accustomed to eat. This little bird carries a "moon" on its neck—one in the first quarter.

The Noisy Minah is another Honey eater that is not very high in the estimation of our people. Description.—Mantle brownish grey; abdomen white; breast arrow-marked; forehead whitish; crown black.

I learned to cultivate the qualities of courage and patience when I was 16 years of age.—John D. Rockefeller.

RADIUM BENEFITS AND DANGERS.

The department of commerce at Vienna has issued a statement from which it is evident that, however great the promise of radio-activity as a cure, its application in treatment of many disorders must be attended by extreme caution.

The report says: "In the temporary bathing establishment at Joachimsbad, 209 cases of disease have been treated with baths and drinking water. Of these, 169 patients were better at the end of the 'cure,' and 40 were unaffected. An improvement was shown in cases of rheumatism, uric acid poisoning, nervousness, neuralgia and old exudations of various kinds. The treatment was not effective in the case of malaria (remission), new formations and discoloration of the spine, column and the brain. Comparing this treatment of diseases of the first category with electricity, mud baths, massage etc., the results may be declared very good. When the radio-activity exceeds a certain grade it paralyzes and disintegrates the cells and may cause death by a continuous aggravation. The judgment of the permissible extent of the use of radium rays cannot be definitely stated."

CANALS OF MARS.

In a novel theory of Mars Prof. Svante Arrhenius rejects the view that the changing dark spots and bands are due to vegetation, and accepts the old suggestion that the so-called canals are long, deep fissures. Similar formations exist on the earth, one extending a distance of 2,200 miles along the coasts of Peru and Chile. Water is supposed to collect in the fissures or canals, and to accumulate especially at the points where several meet, these "lakes" of Schiaparelli, or "oases" of Lowell, being explained as places where the planet's crust has sunk. Though very salt, the water is frozen by the intense cold. The ice evaporates in the dry air, the vapour settles as snow at the winter pole, and the canals become beds of dry salts, until, with the melting of the snow in spring and summer, the air ceases to be dry, and the salts again attract moisture, turning to a darker blue. Among objections offered to the new theory is that it does not satisfactorily account for the complete winter disappearance of the canals, which, if really fissures, should remain visible throughout the year.

GOOD NAMES FOR TWINS.

The naming of twins was the subject of an amusing story told by Lady Balfour of Burleigh at the annual gathering of midwives connected with the Association for Promoting the Training and Supply of Midwives.

A friend of hers, she said, had had the fortune of mid-winter, to have three sets of twins, and as each pair came the parents puzzled their brains to discover suitable names for them. The first pair, being girls, were called Kate and Dimples; the second, a brace of boys, were named Peter and Repeater; and the third, also boys, were named Max and Climax. But the question then arose what if there should be a fourth and even a fifth pair. A young lady had solved the difficulty respecting the fourth by suggesting Ann and Another; while in the case of the fifth a well-known author in Chelsea had suggested Hugh and Cry.

SEX AND LENGTH OF LIFE.

As is well known, the term of life of women is slightly longer than that of men. The difference of the mortality rates during the first few years of life, however, is striking. During the first year the mortality among males is decidedly greater than among females.

Although more boys are born than girls, the proportions are reduced to almost even terms at the end of the first year by the excessive male mortality. Even during the first four years the mortality among males exceeds that among females, notwithstanding the fact that there are practically no distinctions made in the management of the two sexes. Both are subject to the same conditions, are dressed virtually the same, and receive the same food.

At the age of about five years the comparative death-rate among girls begins to increase. This has been attributed to the fact that boys of this age are more in the open air. The mortality in both sexes diminishes from this time until the twelfth year, when it attains its lowest point. It then steadily rises, being larger in each successive year. Between the twelfth and sixteenth years the death-rate among girls increases more rapidly than among boys, but after the sixteenth year, for several years, the rate of increase is more rapid on the male side.

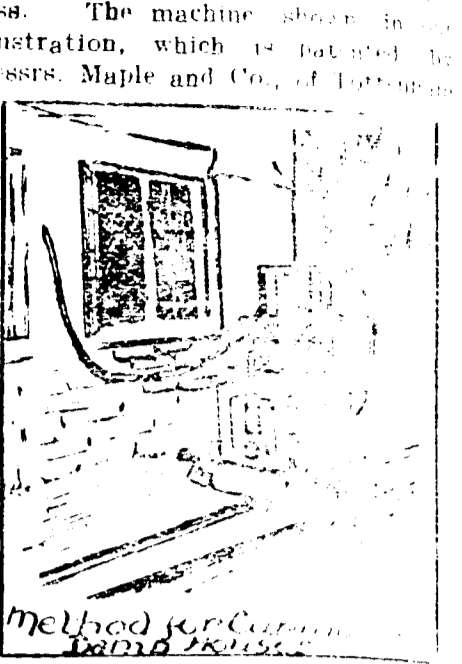
The explanations that have been offered for these peculiarities are not wholly satisfactory, but one fact is clear—that during early years females possess a greater tenacity of life than do males.

Ventriloquist (to doll): "I say, you are a smart chap at making puns, aren't you?" Doll: "Rather. I can pun on any thing." Ventriloquist: "Can you make a pun on the word 'Dunlop'?" Doll: "Well, you have only to lop it off and it's 'Dun'."

When you have pared away all the vanity, what solid and natural contentment does there remain which may not be had with five hundred pounds a year.—Cowler.

CURING DEPRESSION IN OLD HOUSES.

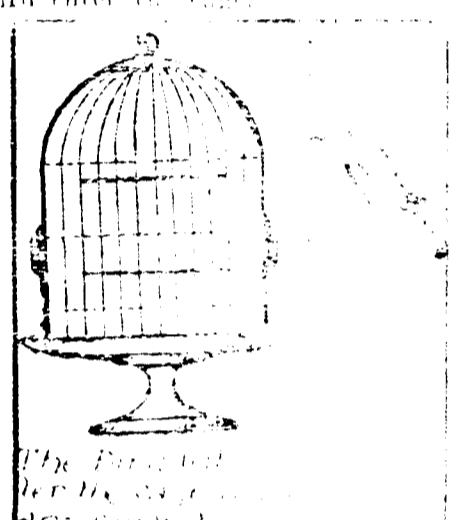
Hitherto the prevention of dampness in buildings has been an elaborate and often unprofitable task. The machine shown in the illustration, which is patented by Messrs. Maple and Co., of London, is a new method of curing dampness in old houses.



Method for curing dampness in old houses.

THE MAGIC BIRD CAGE.

An optical illusion can be made of a sheet of paper, and a bird, when seen in the cage, is seen to be flying about in the air. The cage is made of wire, and is so constructed that the bird, when seen from the front, is seen to be flying about in the air. The cage is made of wire, and is so constructed that the bird, when seen from the front, is seen to be flying about in the air.



The Magic Bird Cage.

Request the name of the person who has written this article, and you will receive a copy of the book "The Magic Bird Cage" free of charge.

TIME BY WATCH.

Two Frenchmen were talking of a new system of transmitting time by watch.



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A gentleman who has written a book on the subject of time by watch, says that the watch is a very accurate instrument, and that it is possible to transmit time by watch.

SARVASM.

A gentleman who has written a book on the subject of Sarvasm, says that Sarvasm is a very ancient system of philosophy, and that it is possible to attain to the highest state of knowledge by Sarvasm.

IN THE WITCHES.

A little girl had a very fond of a doll, and she was very much attached to her. One day she was playing with her doll, and she was very much attached to her.

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The following are the annual reports for the year ending 31st January, 1911.

SESSION REPORT. The Session of the Beaufort Presbyterian Church presented their annual report for 1910, with gratitude to God for the blessings of another year.

MEETINGS. Every meeting of Session were held, with the following attendances:—Rev. C. Neville, 11; C. J. C. Baker, 10; A. Nicholson, 10; R. Thompson, 4; S. Mitchell, 1; A. Stevenson, 3; A. L. Witherspoon, 3.

DEATH. We regret exceedingly the loss by death of one of our oldest, in the person of the late Mr. J. M. McNaughton, who, after a somewhat protracted illness, was called to his reward in the month of May last.

CHURCH REGISTER. The church register contains at the present time the names of 188 members. It is gratifying to note that the profession of faith has been made by many other churches.

CONFERENCE. Your committee are pleased to see that half-yearly conferences are to be held throughout the year. We feel these will be of much good.

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In Memoriam. MR. THOMAS LEWIS. Death has taken away from our midst one of the oldest and best respected residents of Beaufort. Mr. Lewis was a native of the Beaufort district. He resided in Waterloo about 30 years ago, and has for a long time resided in the town and neighbourhood of Beaufort.

MRS. PHOEBE JANE JACKSON. One of the truest and most faithful Christian souls passed from this earthly abode to her eternal rest on the 28th February, in the person of Mrs. Phoebe Jane Jackson. She was not immediately connected with our church, but had been a member of the Wesleyan Church, Beaufort, since the ministry of the late Rev. Mr. Hamilton, and later was a devoted member of the church at Pomborneil under the ministry of the Rev. W. Thompson, who was then minister of our church at Camperdown. She was well known to many of us in Beaufort, and all who knew her testify of her many beautiful graces of Christian character.

MRS. PHOEBE JANE JACKSON. This indeed was a dying testimony we all might wish to be our own, when the day of our departure is at hand. For to such death has no terrors. We sympathise very deeply with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers, sons of Park road, Beaufort, her brothers and sisters, and her sorrowing husband and daughter. May they all know that comfort which only Christian faith and hope can give us in the hour of life's darkest sorrow.

MR. ALEXANDER RUSSELL LEWIS. The subject of this "In Memoriam" notice was not at the time of his death connected with our church, but the former connection of the Lewis family with this church was so intimate, and the very name of Lewis throughout the district is so much synonymous with good works, that we gladly pay this humble tribute to one who in his lifetime maintained worthily the best traditions of his highly respected parents. It came as a painful shock to us all to know that one in the prime of his manhood should have been cut off as Mr. A. R. Lewis was. When living at Stoneleigh in his boyhood days he was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. A. Adam, the first of the distinguished ministers of the church. Afterwards, as a student at Scotch and Ormond Colleges he won the esteem and affection of all his fellow-students in a way that any young man might be proud of. In more recent years, though still in the prime of his manhood, he did not neglect, as many young men unfortunately do, to associate himself with the church of his fathers.

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OUR MINISTER AND ASSISTANT ALSO TAKE PART IN THE RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION CLASSES AT THE BEAUFORT STATE SCHOOL.

SERVICE OF PRAISE. The good progress of the Beaufort choir is a source of much gratification to the session. Mr. Houstead has attended to conduct the choir at several special services, and the session desire to thank him and the individual members of the choir for the very efficient manner in which the service of praise was led at these services. It is pleasing to note that the choir are so regular in their attendance, especially at the evening services.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE. The attendances at the regular services, especially those held in the evening, have been well maintained. There is a slight improvement at the morning services, but the attendance is still small compared with that in the evening.

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assembled on the 21st February, many of them from long distances, to pay their tribute of respect to all that was mortal of a friend whose worth they had proved. Dr. Marshall journeyed from Melbourne and conducted the funeral service most impressively. He was assisted by the Rev. C. Neville, F. Queen, and H. F. Hull. We extend our deepest sympathy to Miss Lewis and her brothers in their time of sorrow.

THEY ARE NOT DEAD WHOSE MEMORIES LIVE IN HEARTS THAT KNOW THEIR WORTH. —Presbyterian Quarterly Record.

RULE OF KING LABOR.

MR. HANS IRVINE, M.H.R., addressed a large meeting, including many judges, at the Stawell town hall on Monday night. The mayor (Cr. Barnes) occupied the chair. Since the opening of his campaign Mr. Irvine has had splendid attendances, both in the large and small places.

Mr Irvine said that he hoped that all would oppose the referendum proposals, as submitted. Socialism was the Labor party's object, as expressed through their unions. This meant the nationalisation of all industries, the abolition of capitalism, and the nationalisation of the land. He hoped that they would vote "No." If the proposals were carried it would mean the end of the Labor party as we know it. He would support the existing constitution. Socialism was the Labor party's object, as expressed through their unions. This meant the nationalisation of all industries, the abolition of capitalism, and the nationalisation of the land. He hoped that they would vote "No." If the proposals were carried it would mean the end of the Labor party as we know it. He would support the existing constitution. Socialism was the Labor party's object, as expressed through their unions. This meant the nationalisation of all industries, the abolition of capitalism, and the nationalisation of the land. He hoped that they would vote "No." If the proposals were carried it would mean the end of the Labor party as we know it. He would support the existing constitution.

LEGISLATION FOR A SECTION.

One of the largest political meetings held in Mortlake took place on Monday night, the Mechanics' Hall being crowded to the doors. Mr D. S. Oman, M.L.A., addressed the electors, and the chair was occupied by Mr Wells Binnley. Mr Oman said that if the proposed amendments of the constitution were agreed to it would end the federation and destroy the powers of the States. The present Labor Ministry had legislated for one section of the people only. The land tax would drive the large landholder away, and the small farmer would have to bear the whole of the taxation for defence purposes.

The proposal to include railway servants in the Arbitration Court, said Mr Oman, would give the Federal Parliament power to fix freights and fares. It was also a means of catching votes. He urged all to vote an emphatic "No." He believed that the amendments would be defeated by a large majority.

There was a strong section of the Labor supporters present who interjected freely. Mr Oman concluded his address with a vote of thanks to the chairman. There is a growing feeling here against the referendum proposals. Farmers and producers are organising, and a heavy vote against the amendments is expected.

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AT CRESWICK.

The Hon. J. Drysdale Brown, Attorney General, addressed a meeting at the Town Hall, Creswick, on Monday evening, the ex-mayor (Cr. George Tait) presiding. The speaker recited the steps which led up to Federation, and pointed out the riskiness of deciding in the short space of three months to make drastic alterations in the constitution, when Federation had taken so long to bring about. The people of Victoria elected the whole of their State Parliament—the council as well as the Assembly; but in the Federal Parliament Victoria only had 23 representatives out of 75. New South Wales had more representatives, and probably always would have more than Victoria. Their people had far greater control over their local Parliament than they had over the Federal Parliament. The State Parliament met in Melbourne, and its proceedings were reported in the daily press—and more fully reported than the Federal Parliament could ever be from Yass-Camberra. It, therefore, looked upon them to consider before they took away any power which the State Parliament now had. The post office services had been curtailed. Had the Federal Land Tax been contemplated a people would not have voted for Federation. How would the railways be effected by the power now sought by the Federal Parliament? Property could only be secured by a coter settlement, and for this new railways were necessary. As to conciliation, how could matters affecting the distant parts be dealt with at Yass-Camberra—somewhere in New South Wales—when the parties would have so far to travel to the court. Again, monopolies were to be taken over on "just terms." What were just terms? He strongly advised the people to vote "No." If they wished to do so they could reverse this vote in twelve months' time. A vote of thanks was passed to the chairman.

WAIFS AND STRAYS.

The Methodist Church, Beaufort, was completely filled on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. G. H. Cole, of the Central Methodist Mission, Melbourne, and the Boys' Training Farm, Burwood, gave his popular lecture upon the subject of "Waifs and strays and how to reach them." One hundred excellent illustrations were given by means of a lantern and slides, which were manipulated by Mr Robert Thompson. The Rev. J. Birmingham presided. Mr Cole is also a very acceptable vocalist, and gave a sympathetic rendering of the sacred solo, "The sacred page." As a lecturer Mr Cole has a winning, humorous style, and he has a fund of amusing and witty anecdotes stored up of experiences among the dwellers on the "seamy side" of life. In the course of a comprehensive address, he described the elevating work of the Methodist Home Missions in the city slums and on the training farm. He pointed to amazing illustrations of the transmigration of outcast youths from their early homeless state to that of honorable and useful citizenship. The audience were given a clear insight into the machinery which carried out this evolution. In revealing to the audience the mission work among the impoverished aged of the metropolis, the lecturer (who announced that he was a worker himself and a member of the Melbourne Anti-sweating League) denounced the permit system enforced by legislation in regard to the employment of slow, infirm, or aged workers. He thought that if workers were graded, say, into first, second and third classes, this evil would be remedied. No legislature should have the power of depriving a man of his right to work. That belonged to a Higher Power. Photographs were shown of the nursing staffs at the Sisters' Homes, and the control of the mission, and the duties of the sisters aptly described. In concluding his highly interesting lecture Mr Cole made an earnest appeal for spiritual and monetary assistance in this great work of reclaiming neglected children; bidding his hearers remember that children of this class were worse than orphans. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer and the lanternist.



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Up-to-date Millinery from the Very Best Markets. Fancy Goods and Novelties of every description. FURS — Our own importation.

Everything of the Best. We invite your inspection.

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SKIPTON.

The Progress Association met at the Mechanics' Hall on Saturday night; Mr M. Notman in the chair. The Postal Department wrote that a site for a new post office would be selected from among those submitted. The secretary was instructed to write to Mr J. H. Scullin, M.P., asking him to push the matter forward. The secretary reported that the north riding council of the Shire of Hampden would visit Skipton on Tuesday to make arrangements for a sanitary service, an to inspect local requirements. A list of these was made out, and it was decided to invite the attendance of the three east riding councillors for the Shire of Ripon. The secretary reported that he had sent out circulars for information in connection with the forthcoming visit of the Railways Standing Committee to Skipton, and replies were coming to hand slowly.—"Coo ter."

MINING NEWS.

The following are the local mining yields for the week ending Thursday, April 13th:—Beaufort Deep Leads, 15oz. 10dwt. 6gr.; Dickman and party, 1oz. 9dwt. 19gr.; Morris and party, 21oz. 13dwt. 16gr. TENDERS, returnable to the undersigned on or before 3 p.m., on Saturday, April 29th, 1911, are invited for the erection of PUBLIC HALL, CARRANBALLUC. Plans and specifications may be inspected at Eyres Bros., Sturt Street, Ballarat; or at the Camp Hotel, Beaufort. Five per cent. deposit to accompany each tender. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. DONALD McDONALD, Secretary Committee. Carranballuc, Skipton, 12/4/11. EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 17TH, '11, in the BEAUFORT PARK. Grand HIGHLAND GATHERING. Athletic Events, Scottish and National Dancing, Games and Pastimes. BALLARAT PIPE BAND (20 performers). Admission, 1/-; Children, 6d. In SOCIETIES' HALL (same evening), Grand Scottish and National CONCERT. High-class Metropolitan and Ballarat Artists; also Champion Pipers and Dancers. Admission, 2/-; Reserved Seats, 1/- extra. QUADRILLE ASSEMBLY to follow. H. HUNTER, Secretary. PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENT. A BAZAAR in aid of the funds of ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND, Beaufort, will be held on the 17th and 18th May. H. SEAGER, Hon. Secy. THE REFERENDA. MR. HANS IRVINE, M.H.R. (Member for the Grampians), will ADDRESS ELECTORS at the SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT, on FRIDAY, the 21st APRIL, at 8 p.m. All electors are invited. COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA. THE FEDERAL REFERENDA Upon the proposed Laws to alter the Constitution, to be taken on Wednesday, the 26th April. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (the Hon. J. Drysdale Brown) will ADDRESS the ELECTORS of the Nelson Province, in the SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT, on SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL, at 8 p.m. The President of the Shire will preside. Your attendance is respectfully invited.

WAIFS AND STRAYS.

The Methodist Church, Beaufort, was completely filled on Wednesday evening, when the Rev. G. H. Cole, of the Central Methodist Mission, Melbourne, and the Boys' Training Farm, Burwood, gave his popular lecture upon the subject of "Waifs and strays and how to reach them." One hundred excellent illustrations were given by means of a lantern and slides, which were manipulated by Mr Robert Thompson. The Rev. J. Birmingham presided. Mr Cole is also a very acceptable vocalist, and gave a sympathetic rendering of the sacred solo, "The sacred page." As a lecturer Mr Cole has a winning, humorous style, and he has a fund of amusing and witty anecdotes stored up of experiences among the dwellers on the "seamy side" of life. In the course of a comprehensive address, he described the elevating work of the Methodist Home Missions in the city slums and on the training farm. He pointed to amazing illustrations of the transmigration of outcast youths from their early homeless state to that of honorable and useful citizenship. The audience were given a clear insight into the machinery which carried out this evolution. In revealing to the audience the mission work among the impoverished aged of the metropolis, the lecturer (who announced that he was a worker himself and a member of the Melbourne Anti-sweating League) denounced the permit system enforced by legislation in regard to the employment of slow, infirm, or aged workers. He thought that if workers were graded, say, into first, second and third classes, this evil would be remedied. No legislature should have the power of depriving a man of his right to work. That belonged to a Higher Power. Photographs were shown of the nursing staffs at the Sisters' Homes, and the control of the mission, and the duties of the sisters aptly described. In concluding his highly interesting lecture Mr Cole made an earnest appeal for spiritual and monetary assistance in this great work of reclaiming neglected children; bidding his hearers remember that children of this class were worse than orphans. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer and the lanternist.

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AMUSING INCIDENTS.

A Smart Retort. The reading of a letter with which the late James Whistler could administer a snub to an impertinent remark is well illustrated by the following story...

The Butcher's Mistake. It was a butcher's shop, with a fine display of tongues for sale. Suddenly a man rushed in. "I say," he gasped, "there's a big black dog running down the street with a tongue in its mouth."

The Private's Dilemma. "My regiment was on one occasion marching in the van of an immense and magnificent parade," said a Volunteer colonel, "when it became necessary to push the people back a little."

A Specialist at Fault. In a French journal appears an appalling misadventure, recorded on the authority of the distinguished writer Arsène Scholl, which befell a shining light of medical science, Legrand du Saule, one of the acknowledged authorities on mental disease in Paris.

He Wasn't a T.T. When resident in the Southern States of America I kept a negro servant who wanted a dog.

The Reason Why. The scientist had given a very scientific lecture, and at the end he said, beaming down on his audience, contentedly.

FACTS FROM ODD PLACES. Japan has a written history extending over 2500 years.

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A DESERTER FROM THE ARMY.

Mr. Arthur Williams, the veteran comedian, tells the following story of an incident which occurred in a "blip" in a little fishing place near Devonport.

Next morning a fisherman arrived with a dirty scrap of paper bearing the mysterious message. "Come to the bird cave past the pier."

A well-known man of letters, feeling uneasy about a daughter who showed some signs of eccentricity, was anxious to get the opinion of the leading specialist without arousing his suspicions.

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WINTER EGG PRODUCTION.

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To obtain a supply of winter eggs, we must hatch the chicks early, and feed them well, so that there will be no stop to their growth.

Jack's Explanation. With many a hitch of his trousers and pulls at his forelock in respectful salute to Justice, Jack Collins, able seaman, was navigated up to the courtroom railing.

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Alexander Russell Lewis, late of Toorak, left property valued at £17,910 to his brothers and sister.

Crs. H. A. and J. L. Currie and Mr. Mickle (Hampton), and Crs. Roddis and Lewis (Ripon), deceased, who were buried at Skipton on Tuesday, 11th inst., to discuss the proposed sanitary service.

Edison Phonograph!

The enjoyment it affords is the kind that lasts. It sings to you in your quiet moments and enlivens your lively ones.

W. C. JONES, PHONO. DEPOT, BEAUFORT.

"This is the teeth and claws of socialism without its eyes and brains."—Mr Murray on the referendum.

"Government from Yass-Canberra would be worse than when Victoria was governed from Sydney."—Mr Maxwell.

"I am an unwavering adherent of the doctrine of what is called States' rights."—Mr Holman, Acting Premier in the Labor Ministry in New South Wales.

EASTER MONDAY SPORTS.

THISTLE CLUB ANNIVERSARY. Officials—Chief, Mr. A. L. Stuart; past chiefs, Messrs A. Nicholson, B. Cochran, Thos. Stevenson, and J. Stevenson and Thos. Buchanan; secretary, Mr. H. Hunter; assistant secretary, Mr. J. H. Robertson; judges, Dr. G. E. H. Ogilvie, A. Nicholson, D. Stewart, D. Stevenson, and H. Skinner (dancing); handicappers, Messrs R. A. D. Sinclair, E. F. Welsh, C. J. Baker, W. R. Glover, C. G. Stewart, Mr. T. Buchanan; assistant starter, Mr. J. Miller; stewards, Messrs A. Stevenson, D. Robertson, R. Slater, D. McKerral, D. Whitfield, E. Kay, D. Wright, D. D. Cameron, J. McKay, D. G. Stevenson, J. McKinnon, and Jas. Carmichael.

The anniversary of the Beaufort Thistle Club was celebrated by a Highland gathering in the Park on Easter Monday, the weather being all that could be desired. The fine weather had a good effect on the townspeople and country folk to the grounds, with the gratifying result that the gate receipts amounted to £38, an increase of £10 on the previous year.

The following are the local mining yields for the week ending Friday, April 21st:—Beaufort Deep Leads, 36oz. 3dwt. 12gr.; sundries, 8oz. 18dwt. 6gr.

In the afternoon of Good Friday, the tennis match will be played on the Mainie courts on Monday next (Eight Hours' Day), between a team from St. Andrew's Presbyterian Club, Ararat, and St. Andrew's Club, Beaufort.

The death of Mrs. Susannah Lead-beater, widow of the late Mr. C. J. Leadbeater, J.P., formerly of Waterloo, occurred at her residence, Punt-road, East Melbourne, on Tuesday, at the age of 70 years.

On the afternoon of Good Friday, the Beaufort Town Brass Band (under the conductorship of Bandmaster Collins), played at Waterloo, and the Model Brass Band (under the leadership of Bandmaster Beaman), made a similar appearance on Easter Monday.

The views of Mr. D. S. Oman, M.L.A. for Hampden, on the referendum will be found in a report of an address delivered at the Waterloo on Tuesday, 11th inst.

At St. John's Parish Hall, Beaufort, on Wednesday evening, an interesting and instructive meeting was held.

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Strathpey and Reel (under 16 years): 1st, 15; 2nd, 5; 3rd, Mary Punney; and Adella Splatt divided 1 and 2. Eight competitors.

Sheantruis (open): 1st, 25; 2nd, 7.6. Highland Fling (under 16 years): 1st, 15; 2nd, 5; 3rd, Gerrie Milne, Maggie McKerral, and Mona Allis (divided). Thirteen competitors.

Irish Jig (under 16 years): 1st, 20; 2nd, 7.6. Irish Jig (open): 1st, 20; 2nd, 7.6. Irish Jig (over 16 years): 1st, 15; 2nd, 5; 3rd, D. Coonie, P. Allis, 2. S. Allis, special prize. Nine competitors.

Boys' Race (under 14 years): 75yds. 1st, 5; 2nd, 2.6. R. Watkin, 1; P. Cushing, 2. Eight starters. Girls' Race (under 14 years): 60yds. 1st, 5; 2nd, 2.6. Jean Roberts, 1; Elsie Pearce, 2. Five starters.

Putting the Stone, 10lbs. 1st, 15; 2nd, 5. J. Emmerson (ser.), 31ft. 11in. 2. Six competitors. Tossing the Caber, 1st, 15; 2nd, 5. J. Emmerson, 31ft. 11in. 2. Six competitors.

Weight of Fat Sheep (guessing competition). Prize, the sheep.—Watkin and R. Dawtry divided, guessing the exact weight (94lbs). There were 106 competitors.

The Societies' Hall, Beaufort, was crowded with an enthusiastic and appreciative audience on Monday evening, the occasion of the annual Scottish concert held under the auspices of the Beaufort Thistle Club.

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"The fairy tale of the long results of Time's Tenacity in 'discovery' very disconcerting to Human discovery in its effect and wonder of today's disregarded denials of one invention 'discovery' and 'discovery' in almost all of human activity."

"Mother Skipton's able properties, standing in Tudor times, were races would go with the more of the woman, who was a very old eyes in the could see the but in the planes hovering over the received a wireless message from a military officer of even the chief's stored in the of the funeral of a man may, to quote the human eye could not Shipton could not see with what easy days harnesses his needs, and the uses!"

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SCIENCE'S SWIFT STRIDES.

THE DISCONCERTMENTS OF DISCOVERY.

The fairy tales of Science and the... "The effect on the nations will be that war will be made so undesirable that we shall have no war."

HOW KING GEORGE PAYS HIS BILLS.

A keen business man, King George, although he never sees his regular household accounts, has a detailed statement of these made out every half year.

£200 A YEAR FOR LIFE FOR PAINTING A CEILING.

Rubens received for his painting of the grand ceiling of the Banquet House, Whitehall, the sum of £1,000.

WHAT RADIUM IS.

Radium was not "discovered" in the sense of practically unexplored territory, as it was known as recently as 1902.

WAS DICKENS A DANDY?

"He had a double gold chain outside his waistcoat, and such breastpins that I thought he looked like one of our river gamblers."

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Such is the description of Charles Dickens, given by Prentice in an account of his tour of the United States.

OLD ROMAN MIRROR FOUND.

A Roman mirror found in an ancient burial ground in Austria, and believed to date from the second or third century A.D., is a slightly convex plate fitted with an indented lead ring about a sixth of an inch in thickness and three inches in its greatest diameter.

NICKNAMES IN THE NAVY.

On board our great naval battleships nicknames are in common use. Most of them are originated by the sailors themselves, but they are careful to address their superior officers by their right denomination.

SCIENCE'S SWIFT STRIDES.

Horace Maxim predicts the end of the war.

HOUSEKEEPING IN BUCKINGHAM PALACE.

While household accounts for food, etc., are paid once a month, articles are supplied by contract, such as coal. A great deal of work is also done at Buckingham Palace by contract.

WHY DOES THE LIMPET STICK?

Even that dull and pertinacious animal, the limpet, has been credited with the homing instinct, and a somewhat curious experiment was conducted to ascertain the point of view of such a colourless creature.

THE SONG THRUSH.

It is said that no true Thrushes occurred in Australia until this species arrived from Europe in 1872.

THE VICTORIA REGIA LILY.

The Victoria Regia water lily is sown in the gardens of the Royal Botanic Society each February, in a spot set in a small tank.

THE ORDER OF THE SHELL.

Employees of the Krupp Works can easily be distinguished, even when attired in their Sunday clothes.

A UNIQUE CANDLESTICK.

For out of the way corners, where there is no gas, but a good method of illumination is the candle.

WHY BUILDINGS CRUMBLE.

The crumbling of building stones is another form of decay that we are to attribute to the action of microscopic organisms (germs).

CONCEAL YOUR LIGHT.

The agitation in favour of "concealed lighting" seems to be rapidly gaining strength, because it represents both light-saving and eye-saving.

BIRTH OF CONSCIOUSNESS.

The origin of consciousness has been one of the great difficulties in the problem of evolution. Between the consciousness of existence and the mere function of existing an apparently great gap is fixed which, according to most psychologists, is not to be bridged by any of the wonderful faculties possessed by animals.

THE BLACK SWAN.

The Black Swan (Chenopsis atrata) is no true swan, by the way—it is found sparingly in the southern colonies, particularly in Western Australia.

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ALEXANDER THE GREAT.

Alexander had asked that the map of the world be brought to him. "Take a blue pencil," he commanded, "and indicate the lands I have conquered."

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PART 2. INTRODUCTORY.

My worldly wisdom to bear upon it, and explain it to you. The superiority of his mother's worldly wisdom over his was one of the things he had heard a great deal of, and had always accepted as one of those harmless delusions which could not injure his mother or him, but which would injure the worldly mother," he said gaily. "Let us be serious, Guy."

CHAPTER VI. GUY'S PLAN.

Guy knew his mother better than she knew him, and that knowledge told him that she would never yield her position as long as there was any hope that she would yield. He felt that she would not be contented until he was in earnest until he had put it out of the reach of doubt.

CHAPTER VII. LADY DARLINGTON'S PLANNING.

Lady Darlington's fortune in her own right was an immense one, and it was that which made her so powerful. She was a woman of a high order of intelligence, and she was a woman of a high order of energy.

CHAPTER VIII. THE MARRIAGE IN PERSIA.

Of course, the greatest interest in the life of a Persian girl is her marriage. She has practically no choice in the matter, her parents arranging the whole affair. There is a well-known saying, "To do things quickly is of Satan, because God works slowly. Haste is only permitted in three matters, which are as follows:—to get a husband for your daughter, to get a husband for your daughter, to get a husband for your daughter."

CHAPTER IX. WATCH THUMBS.

If you have ever seen a watchman, you will have noticed that he has a habit of watching his thumbs. This is a very old custom, and it is said that it was first noticed in Persia. The watchman would watch his thumbs to see if they were straight, and if they were straight, it was a sign that he was honest.

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"Not this! Violet Lisle, mother, please," he said, seriously. "I have known her three weeks in time; but we do not reckon time by days—Violet and I. It seems, mother, as if I had always known her."

"And how far has it come?" asked Lady Darlington, with a compression of the lips. "How far has it come?" he repeated, looking at his mother with a puzzled expression. "I do not quite understand."

"I mean," said Lady Darlington, "letting her have more play as her severity continued. There could be no mistake now, and Guy looked at his mother with a slight frown in his dark eyes. "Why do you speak so?" he demanded.

"How can I speak, when my eyes are to me and calmly tells me that he has extended himself with some unknown persons?" Guy rose from his seat and looked at his mother in a manner that made her feel uncomfortable. "Why do you never had the faintest idea of her objection in spite of her threat to disinherit him, and still he knew that she believed he would finally yield."

The thought of disinheritance brought a faint smile to his face as he recalled it. It was his mother's last card, and the manner in which she had played it was a strong one. How strange it seemed to him that his mother could think for a moment that money could have any weight in the balance against the love of such a girl as Violet Lisle!

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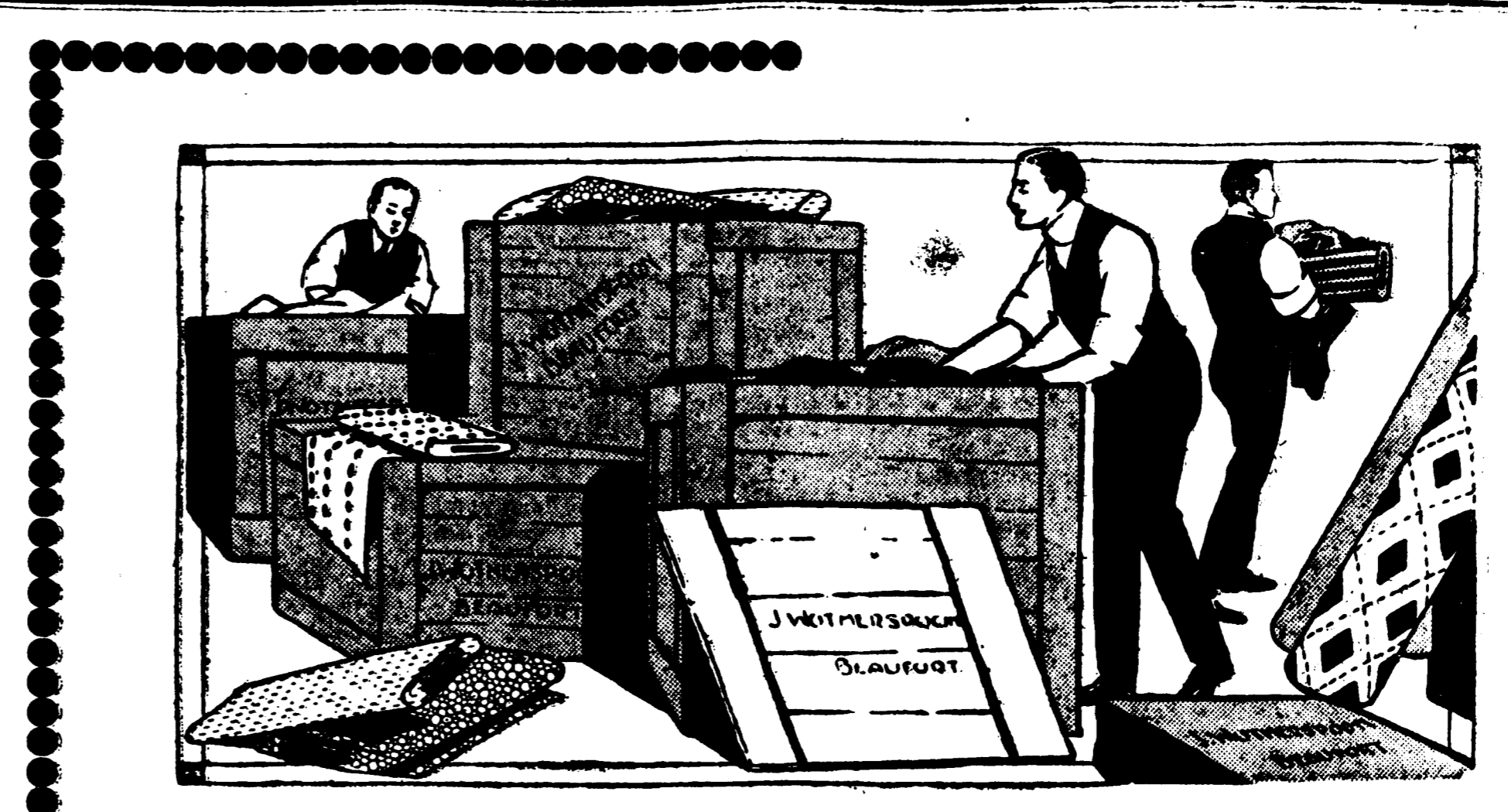
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WEDDINGS.

A quiet wedding was solemnized by the Rev. J. Barningham, of the Methodist Church, at Miss Bending's residence...

SPORTS AT SKIPTON.

There was a good attendance at the sports held on the Recreation Reserve on Monday...

WANTED.

RESPECTABLE BOARDERS. MRS. A. HAINS, Willowby Street, Beaufort.

BEAUFORT TOWN BAND BAZAAR.

A MEETING of the Ladies' Committee of above (to meet and confer with Band Committee) will be held in Mechanics' Hall...

AUCTION SALE.

WATERLOO, SATURDAY, 30th APRIL 1911, 2 P.M.

6-ROOMED HOUSE, FURNITURE, & CATTLE.

DIXON BROS. & HALPIN (W. H. Halpin, Auctioneer) have been instructed by Mr. JOHN DROMY to sell his House and Furniture on above date...

BRICE BROS.' MOVING MIRROR.

(A New Improvement on Cinematographs) will open in large Circus Tent, near POLICE STATION, TO-NIGHT (Saturday)...

COWAN'S BAKERY.

NEILL STREET, BEAUFORT. I BEG to notify the public of Beaufort and surrounding districts that I have SOLD the above old-established Business...

HAVING Purchased the above Business.

I beg to solicit the same kindly patronage as that accorded to Mr. Hughes and I hope to maintain the reputation established for first-class Bread, Small Goods, and Catering...

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA.

THE FEDERAL REFERENDA.

Upon the proposed Laws to alter the Constitution, to be taken on Wednesday, the 26th April.

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL (the Hon. J. Drysdale Brown) will ADDRESS the ELECTORS of the Nelson Province, in the SOCIETIES' HALL, BEAUFORT, on SATURDAY, 22nd APRIL, at 8 p.m.

SHIRE OF RIPON.

TENDERS, addressed to the President of the Shire of Ripon, and enclosing five per cent. each deposit (minimum deposit, £1 in cash or marked cheque), will be received up till 11 a.m. on Monday, 1st May, 1911, for the following works:—

Contract 592.—Fencing with galvanized iron Shire ground, Beaufort. Contract 593.—Supply of 250 cub. yds. bluestone maintenance metal, Skipton and Strathmore road.

Contract 594.—Metalling, forming, carting, &c., near Snake Valley. Contract 595.—Repairs to bridge near outlet of Lake Burrumbest.

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Snake Valley.

The annual picnic of the Presbyterian Sunday School was held on Wednesday, at The Willows, and was largely attended.

LIVER TROUBLES.

are no more than simple starvation, caused by a large liver due to constipation. Relief is always to be had by taking a few doses of Chamberlain's Tablets...

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PART 3. INTRODUCTORY.

Violet Lisle, beautiful daughter of Melville Lisle—impoorished descendant of a proud, noble race—has many admirers among those respectable near her father's rustic retreat.

CHAPTER VIII. TWO ANTIPODES.

At least you will understand that it is not a visit of pleasure. It was by this time quite plain that Lady Darlington had not come in any amicable spirit, and Melville Lisle was only too ready to believe in a slight to let this go unnoticed.

CHAPTER IX. PARENTS AND CHILDREN.

Very much troubled, in spite of herself, by her interview with Guy, yet very happy within, Violet returned home that afternoon from the abbey woods.

honourable practices from the baker's shop to the peerage, to the scandal of the gentry of that day. Lady Darlington turned scarlet. She could not deny the truth of what was said to her; but it seemed the very madness of pride in this man which gave him the audacity to say such a thing.

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Legis. Powers—Yes, 3567; No, 16,088.
Monopolies—Yes, 3502; No, 16,076.

YARRA (complete).
Legis. Powers—Yes, 9401; No, 4879.
Monopolies—Yes, 9410; No, 4883.

TOTAL FOR VICTORIA (incomplete).
Legis. Powers—Yes, 161,589; No, 25,301.
Monopolies—Yes, 162,925; No, 256,295.

NEW SOUTH WALES (incomplete).
Legis. Powers—Yes, 122,966; No, 21,471.
Monopolies—Yes, 124,552; No, 214,228.

QUEENSLAND (incomplete).
Legis. Powers—Yes, 52,786; No, 70,728.
Monopolies—Yes, 50,934; No, 66,445.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA (incomplete).
Legis. Powers—Yes, 38,998; No, 37,780.
Monopolies—Yes, 47,988; No, 75,006.

TASMANIA (incomplete).
Legis. Powers—Yes, 22,588; No, 13,271.
Monopolies—Yes, 22,888; No, 31,256.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (incomplete).
Legis. Powers—Yes, 5,046.
Monopolies—Yes, 28,620; No, 22,925.

COMMONWEALTH AGGREGATE.
Powers—Yes, 437,350; No, 670,319.
Monopolies—Yes, 437,350; No, 666,155.

PERPETUAL DEVOTION TO BUSINESS.
The man who gets the most out of life, who makes the biggest success in a broad way is not the one who devotes his every waking moment to business.

A CRITICAL MOMENT.
Passing a Racing Motor Car.
To pass a competitor in an automobile race is an exciting and often dangerous undertaking.

AN ARREST WHICH LED TO A FORTUNE.
A street hawker, arrested in Paris for breach of a by-law, was taken to the police station.

GOOD AND BAD BUTTER.
An Ohio newspaper published the following comment on a butter market letter appearing in a New York daily.

England's Destiny Altered by a Skirmish.
Pitched battles have often altered the course of history, but naturally little or no consequence has attached to the small skirmishes.

CLARA'S HOPES.
"Yes, Bobby," said young Featherly "I am going abroad for a little trip."

BEAUFORT THISTLE CLUB.
A GENERAL MEETING of the members of the above Club will be held at the MECHANICS' INSTITUTE on WEDNESDAY next, May 3rd, at 8 o'clock.

DOG STORIES.
It is not hard to train a dog (writes a correspondent) to walk a horse up and down by the bridle.

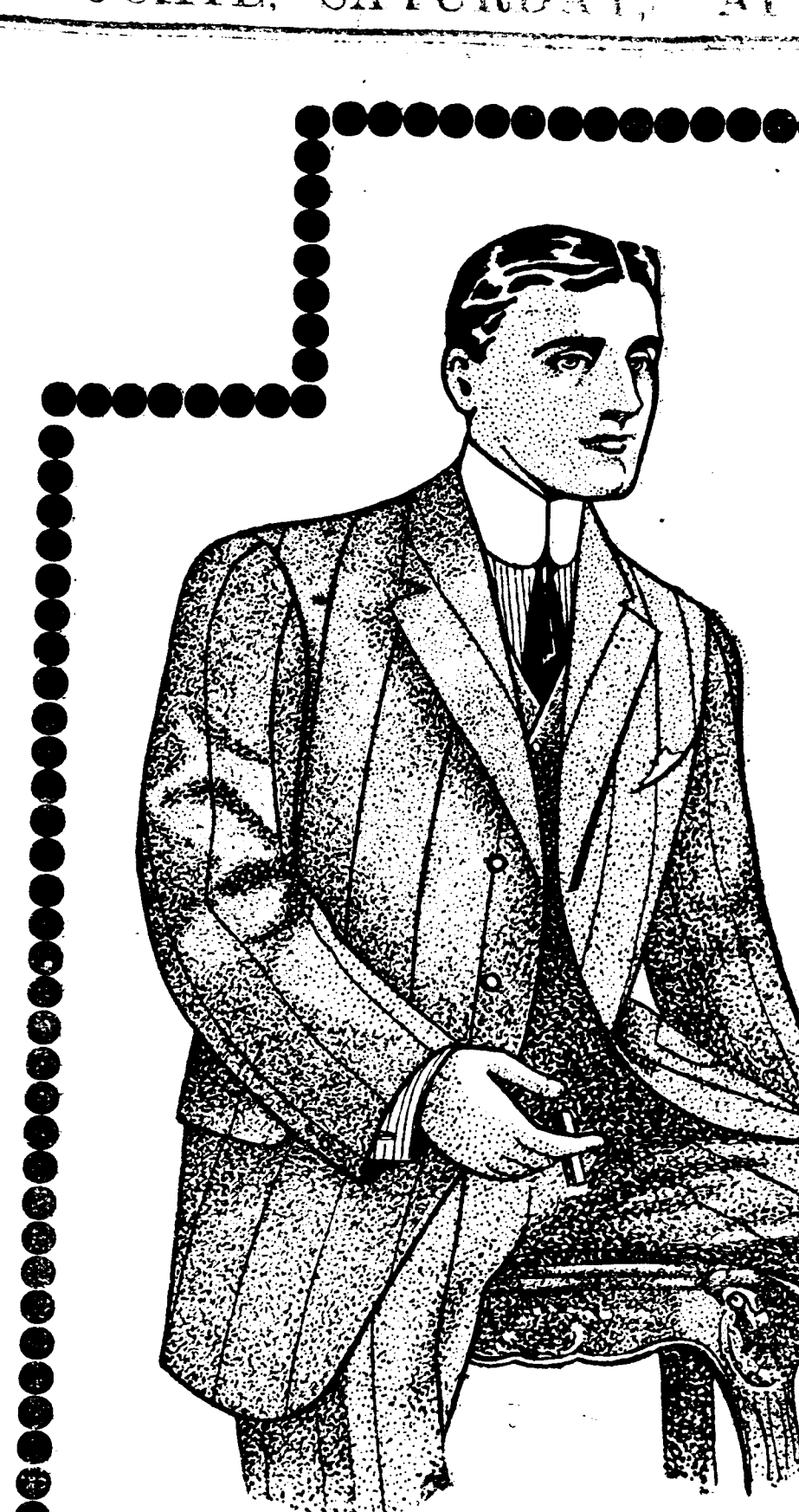
TENNIS.
A tennis match was played on Monday last on the Manse courts, between teams from St. Andrew's club, Ararat, and St. Andrew's, Beaufort.

LEGAL TAXATION.
The Acting-Minister for Public Works (Mr. Edgar) on Tuesday formed a deputation of individual municipalities, the Municipal Association and the Rating Reform League.

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AN INDIAN NATIVE CITY.

Poona City may be taken as a fair type of a purely Indian native city. A more dilapidated, filthy and more crowded place than the Poona of to-day could not well be imagined.

That any human beings can be content to live in such surroundings is incomprehensible, although it may be conceded that to qualify the city of Poona has now become an impossibility, because the soil is saturated with the dirt of ages. On either side of the narrow streets is a gully, sometimes covered in with rough slabs of stone, with large chinks between them, but often not covered at all. In these gullies every sort of abomination has accumulated for ages.

People empty into them refuse from their houses, and they do not seem to see any drawback in having a foul and stagnant drain under their doors. In the hot weather, when many people sleep out of doors, more often than not they spread their blankets on the stones which cover the drain, and inhale the offensive atmosphere all night. During the rains, the contents of these gullies are partially set in motion, and the evil odors which are then let loose must be smelt to be believed.

It is not surprising that Poona has become a veritable hotbed of plague. The people are heathens; their worship is the abomination of idolatry; with idols as Poona. But no amount of word-painting or power of imagination would enable anyone who has never seen it to form a correct mental picture of this filthy, pathetic, and soilingly interesting, and yet altogether diabolical place known as Poona City.

BEWARE OF DOMESTIC MONOTONY.

For the sake of both husband and wife, a keen interest in what is going on in the world should be promulgated in the home.

How often a girl is seen to lose all interest in old friends and pursuits on her marriage-day! Centring the whole of affection in her home, events and persons outside its narrow environment, at least, she becomes stagnant. The same is true of many a bright young man whom the process of "settling down" seems to rob of ambition and energy, and who becomes a mere wage-earner.

Other victims, as the years pass, are the young people who grow up in a stagnant home circle, where company is objected to, where visits are infrequent, and where any sort of pastime is frowned upon.

Oh! the long dull evenings in a house of this kind, where there are never any games, any sports, any conversation, anything pertaining to healthy life; where there are no cheerful callers dropping in, no buzz of pleasant voices, no rippling laughter.

A wise mother encourages her children to invite their friends to come to the home. She does all that she can to give variety to home entertainment.

She often may feel inclined to shirk this duty to her young people because she yearns for absolute repose. But if she wants her sons and daughters to value and love home more than any place on earth, she must not be afraid of exerting herself.

After all the mother, in keeping the home lively and attractive for her young folks, finds the preservation of her youth and good looks in the zest that she provides for her flock.

"TOUCHINESS."

Why do women take offence more easily than men? There is no use in raising an indignant howl of protest and saying that they don't. They do. The average woman bristles with feelings as a porcupine does with quills.

There are few women who can listen to a criticism of their work without considering it a deadly insult, no matter how bad the work is, and this being true, an employer often finds it easier and pleasanter to dismiss a girl rather than point out to her the mistakes she makes, thus depriving the girl of the chance of correcting her shortcomings, and learning to do her work properly.

ORIGIN OF THE SAFETY PIN.

The originator of the safety-pin was a little boy, an English blacksmith's son. The little boy—Harrison by name—had to look after his baby brother. The baby often was to be traced to pin punctures. The boy nurse tried a long time to bend pins into such a form that they could be used with safety to his brother's flesh.

It is his father, but his father, the blacksmith, perceiving the utility of the idea the lad had been at work on, took it up on his own account, and eventually turned out the safety-pin that is in use to-day all over the world.

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VARIETIES.

He: Do you think blondes have more admirers than brunettes?
She: I don't know. You might ask Miss Turnhair. She has had experience in both capacities.

"My son contemplates marrying your daughter. Can she cook a good dinner?"
"Yes, if she has the necessary material. Can your son supply them?"

Mrs. Muggins: My husband is too tender-hearted to whip the children.
Mrs. Buggin Humph: My husband is too tender-hearted that he can't even beat the carpet!

"Mamma," said little Elsie, "do men ever go to Heaven?"
"Why, of course, my dear. What makes you ask?"
"Because I never see any pictures of angels with whiskers."

"Here's a shilling for you, my poor man," said the old gentleman to a beggar. "You say the town council took away your occupation? I sympathise with you very much. But how did they take away your occupation?"
"Well, you see, sir, they pulled down the house I used to lean against!" replied the mendicant.

The man's shirt front was far from sparkling, and his waistcoat and coat were covered with grime and grease, but a large buttonhole bouquet was placed on the lapel of his coat.

"What do you think of this?" he said to a casual acquaintance, pointing to the bouquet. "Where do you think I got it?"
"Don't know," admitted the other. "Perhaps it grew there."

"For ten years," said the new boarder, "my habits were as regular as clockwork. I rose on the stroke of six, half an hour later was down at breakfast; at seven I was at work; and was in bed at 9.30. Ate only hearty food, and hadn't a day's illness all the time."

"Dear me!" said a hearer in sympathetic tones; "and what were you in for?"
Then the boarding-room clock struck ten.

A lady had great trouble with Chinese cook, who could only be awakened in the morning by loud knocking and much calling at his door. Finally she purchased an alarm clock, and setting it at the proper hour, presented it to Sam, the cook, who received the gift with a profound obeisance, and a little speech upon the generosity of Americans.

"The next morning, at the breakfast-table, Sam appeared, and with solemn dignity returned the clock to his mistress, saying:
"Me no like; him wake me up!"

A man at an hotel in a loud tone of voice called his friend back just as he was leaving the dining-room, and then whispered to him:
"How far would you have got if I hadn't called you back?"
The other, straightening himself up, replied in a tone loud enough for all to hear:
"No sir, I won't lend you £5; I haven't got it on me, and if I had I wouldn't let you have it until you have paid me what you borrowed two months ago."

His friend will never call him back in a public dining-room again.

The vicar of a large country town in England visited a parishioner, a widow seventy-five years of age, who had ten children, all of whom except one daughter had married and left her.

Now this daughter also was about to be married. The old lady would then be left quite alone, and the clergyman endeavored to sympathise with her.

"Well, Mrs. Higgins," he said, "you must feel lonely now, after having had so large a family!"
"Yes, sir," she said, "I do feel it lonesome. I've brought up a large family, and here I am living alone but I miss 'em, and I want 'em, and I miss 'em more than I want 'em."

A farmer in a country town sent a boy to tend a flock of sheep grazing by the roadside, as is usual there. Presently the boy came running home crying. When asked what was the matter, he said between sobs:
"There's a man a-stealing the sheep."

"And why did you not stay and see they were not stolen?" asked the farmer.
"Cause—cause—he wanted to take 'em, and I want 'em to be took!"

The farmer sent a man to see after the sheep, who found them peacefully grazing and a tourist busy taking their photograph, who said:
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A NOBLE WOMAN.

"What a shame for a big, strong man to be such a slave to an invalid wife!"

The words were spoken in a disgusted tone by a girl in the saloon of an ocean steamer. The couple on whom she made her caustic criticism were slowly descending the stairs. The woman was pale and haggard. Her hands were twisted by pain, and her voice had the pathos of suffering.

She was helped from the steamer chair and back every day, and all day long her handsome husband attended her. He adjusted her wraps, saw that her food was prepared for her helplessly hands, read to her hour after hour, or sat quietly with his hand resting near hers and his eyes watching her, even when they seemed fixed on the horizon.

Sympathetic spectators had pitied the man even while they admired his devotion, and the girl had but put into words the popular irritation when she called him "a slave to an invalid wife."

She spoke in a louder tone than she meant, and the two persons interested in her speech heard her clearly. An hour later the man slipped into a deck chair beside his critic, and said:
"I think your remark, which I accidentally overheard, justifies me in telling you a little about my 'slavery' as you call it. It began thirty years ago, when I went out to the East, and my young bride nursed me through yellow fever—alone—because every one else had fled in panic."

"She did not have a sound hour's sleep for three weeks. Most of the time I was violently delirious, and how she managed to control me was a wonder. We were quarantined three miles from a town, and she cooked for me, and nursed me, and brought me safely out of the loathsome disease before she fled with it herself."

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The following district sales are reported:—By Crawford, Dowling, & Seymour—3 heifers for Mr. T. Phillip, Carrington, £3 15/ to £3 13/; 20 2-tooth first cross wethers for Mr. C. Lewis, Messrs W. Murray and J. E. Whittaker; treasurer, Mr. J. Hall; manager, Mr. E. O'Sullivan; secretary, Mr. A. Baxter; auditors, Messrs J. Callaghan and E. O'Sullivan; committee, Messrs G. Hall, J. Hall, J. Callaghan, E. O'Sullivan and P. W. Brown.

Harvest thanksgiving services were held in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, both afternoon and evening services being well attended. The Rev. R. Robertson preached appropriate sermons at both services. The church was nicely decorated for the occasion. A splendid display of fruit and vegetables was made.—"Courier."

"When sickness and death visited our home, it was her courage and wisdom which kept the sordid details of the trouble away from the rest of us, and left us only the ideal sorrow which lifts life toward heaven."

"For twenty-five years all this was my task. I tried to save her from strain which I could, but so great a spirit would not spare herself. Five years ago her health gave way. She will never be well again. She has given her life for mine."

"My 'slavery,' thank God, is the slavery of whole-hearted devotion to one of the noblest women ever given to earth, and you may well pray every night that you may some day be so loving a tyrant and that you may command so contented a 'slave!'"

INSPECTION OF STUD HORSES.

For some months past the authorities have had under consideration a proposal for the extension of the State system of stud horse inspection, in order to make it provide for the examination and registration, not only of stallions, but