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NEWSY CANADIAN ITEMS.

THE WEEKS' HAPPENINGS.

Interesting Items and Incidents, Important and Instructive, Gathered from the Various Provinces.

Wheat cutting has commenced in Wenworth.

The Northwest Assembly will meet August 2nd.

Milton has several cases of virulent scarlet fever.

Canada had twenty-three business failures this week.

The strike at the Joggins, N.S., mines has been settled.

Four robberies were committed at Chatham on Thursday.

Influenza prevails among the horses about Mt. Forest.

Adjutant-General Powell resumed his duties on Monday.

Frank Tierney, of Trenton, has been drowned at Minden.

Tramps are breaking into houses in the country about Guelph.

A Port Perry man was fined $1 and costs for defacing a fishery notice.

Mr. Statton, of Sutton, recently had seven pigs killed by lightning.

Victor Thomas, one of Winnipeg's best known pioneers, died on Monday.

Chatham Board of Health has decided to make vaccination compulsory.

Owen Sound Council has prohibited bicyclists riding on the sidewalks.

Charles Tod, a well-known baker of Bowmanville died suddenly Friday.

There was a slight frost about the Welland district last Wednesday night.

Guelph merchants are being petitioned to give a half holiday every Friday.

Stratford's rate is twenty-one mills on the dollar. It has no frontage rate.

The new bridge in Meaford will be ready for traffic about the 15th July.

The Canadian Electrical Association meet in the latter part of September.

The Britannia beat the Vigilant for the fourth time on Tuesday on the Clyde.

T. J. L. Orme will build a large business block at Port Stanley in the fall.

The Bay of Quinte exhibition this year will surpass that of any preceding year.

The pavement by-law was passed by the Hamilton City Council on Saturday.

Frank J. Curran, son of the Solicitor-General, has been admitted to the Quebec bar.

The eldest son of Mr. Francis Doupe, Egremont, was killed by lightning Monday.

Waiter Dawson, of Guelph Township, captured a burglar in his house Monday night.

Mr. J. Burnett, president of the Montreal Stock Exchange, died on Sunday, aged 52.

A mill at Cedar Springs, Ont., was destroyed by fire Friday night at a loss of $10,000.

Thos. Haggerty, aged 35, was drowned at Algoma, Ont., on Sunday. He leaves a widow.

The Colonial Telegraph & Telephone Co., of Niagara Falls, are seeking incorporation.

Andrew Easson, Jun., of Stratford, had his ear nearly torn off by being thrown from a vehicle.

Senator Glazier died at the Grand Union hotel at Ottawa on Saturday. He was almost 85 years old.

Mr. Wm. Thompson has donated a handsome stone drinking fountain to the citizens of Orillia.

Ex-Mayor Dunnet, of Belleville, left an estate valued at $76,000, and his life was insured for $40,000.

The police magistrate of London will have to try himself for violation of the waterworks by-law.

A barn was struck by lightning during the storm on Sunday near Bond Head and burned to the ground.

Alliston fire brigade has been supplied with a new truck and ladders by the corporation of that town.

A child named Clark, aged 4 years, fell off the dock at Owen Sound Tuesday evening and was drowned.

Hector McDonald, an old resident of London, was killed in a runaway accident in Woodstock Saturday.

Kennedy & Sons, of Owen Sound, have shipped $10,000 worth of machinery for the lock gates at Sault Ste Marie.

Thomas M. Tebbs, chief clerk in the Peterboro' post-office, has been sentenced to penitentiary for robbing the mails.

William Loiselle, at Quebec, was given life imprisonment for incendiarism at Drummondville, which endangered life.

Montreal City Council has decided to borrow $200,000 and to vote $25,000 for the establishment of a military school in the city.

Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture Gigault, of Quebec, has gone to Europe on business in connection with the department.

T. C. Thompson, aged 7 years, was fatally kicked by a colt near Glencoe, Ont., Sunday, while trying to catch a horse in a field.

Edward Brunt, the boat builder, of Hamilton, said to have been drowned some months ago, is now said to have been recognized in Chicago.

William Phillips, of Midland, while at work on the Sparling planing factory recently, had his fingers almost severed from the hand by a rip saw.

Major-Gen. Herbert is reported to have sent in his resignation of the position of commandant of the Canadian militia, owing to the Powell incident.

Barrie Town Council contemplates purchasing the waterworks system of that town, which is at present controlled by a company in the United States.

The Colonial Conference at Ottawa discussed the trade question on Saturday and heard Mr. Huddart in reference to the proposed fast Atlantic service.

The coroner's jury at London returned a verdict that Bella McKechnie, like her lover, H. H. Thomson, caused her own death. Her request to be buried with him will not be complied with.

Mr. Stevenson, of the Montreal Exposition Company, has suggested to Hon. Mackenzie Bowell that a series of exhibitions be held in Canada, Australia and Africa to show the products and resources of the colonies.

The cable steamer Faraday anchored off Cape Canso, N.S., Wednesday, having completed the third Atlantic cable for the Commercial Cable Company. The Faraday was engaged only twenty days in laying the entire cable.

In the race for the Queen's cup on Saturday the Prince of Wales' yacht Britannia beat the United States yacht Vigilant in a very close contest. The Britannia again came in first on Monday, leading the Vigilant about two minutes. Britannia rules the wave!

YOUNG BURGLARS CAUGHT.

Four boys between the age of 10 and 13 years were caught Tuesday night while trying to enter a Brantford store by means of a skylight. They had the nerve to make the attempt at 9 o'clock in the evening, and one of the proprietors, who happened to be inside at the time, managed to catch one of them. He gave the names of his companions, and they will be arrested. The same establishment was entered a short while ago and $7 taken.

FELL AND BROKE HIS NECK.

John Bereman, a retired farmer, living in Madoc for the past year, fell off a chair and broke his neck while whitewashing a room in his house. He died in a few minutes.

CANADIANS MOVING.

Many workmen are said to be moving their families from Canada to the United States side of the Niagara River, owing to Immigration Inspector O'Brien's recent order that no persons living on the Canadian side could be employed on city work.

AUSTRALIAN-ENGLISH MAILS VIA THE C. P. R.

The strike situation in the United States has influenced an agitation by a number of members of the House of Commons in favor of having the Australian mails, which now come through San Francisco, sent by way of the Canadian Pacific.

NO DETECTIVE STORIES WANTED.

MacWherrell's confinement in Brampton jail is very irksome to him. In a letter to a friend in Toronto he says that he continues to eat regularly and sleep well. He would like some literature to pass the time away. But, he says, "send me anything but detective stories, be it religious or no. I have had enough of detectives, and besides they won't allow that kind to be brought into the jail."

LARGE INCREASE OF BRITISH IMPORTS FROM CANADA.

The British imports from Canada have increased £694,665, or 40 per cent., in the past six months, as compared with the same period of 1893. The chief increases are: Sheep, £18,000; bacon, £57,000; hams, £5,000; butter, £3,000; cheese, £38,000; eggs, £11,500; fish, £278,000; wood, £260,000. Exports from Great Britain to Canada during the same period decreased 28 per cent. For June alone the imports increased 25 per cent. and the exports decreased 37 per cent.

MYSTERIOUS DROWNING CASE.

A somewhat mysterious drowning accident occurred at Algoma about 7.20 Saturday evening. A little boy while crossing the river bridge near the railway station observed a man named Thomas Haggarty struggling in the water below, but before he could render any assistance the man had sunk. The body has been recovered and an inquest will be held. Haggerty was about thirty-five years of age, and leaves a wife to mourn his loss.

FROM WINNIPEG.

Sidney Rollinson, a well-known young farmer living near Carman, attempted to insert a cartridge that was too tight into his rifle. An explosion resulted, and Rollinson will lose his eyesight....Petitions are being circulated in Winnipeg in favor of Sunday cars. The City Council will shortly be asked to sanction them....Winnipeg's School Board has lately been indulging in the extravagance of costly buildings and equipments for so-called higher education, with the result that they now ask for so much money that the City Council cannot see how to keep civic taxation within 2 per cent., which is the maximum legal rate.

DRINK AND TROUBLE.

Stephen Medland, a Brooklin farmer, visited Oshawa, Saturday to purchase seed buckwheat, and in the course of the day is said to have drunk enough spirits to intoxicate him. While in this condition he fell in with three young men—Charles Wade, R. Peate and a man who has been acting as a hostler at the Queen's Hotel. He charges that they robbed him of about $25 at the hotel sheds and then skipped. Constable Halman succeeded in capturing Peate, who was locked up but released Sunday morning, ex-Ald. McCaw being his bondsman. The others are still at large.

PINNED TO THE FLOOR.

John Halford, a well-known farmer in Maidstone Township, was loading hay in his barn Tuesday when he met with a serious accident. A large travelling hay-fork, being used to lift the hay, became loosed from its fastenings while at the top of the loft. The forty pounds of steel fell to the floor, the prongs striking Mr. Halford on the right side, passing through the groin and pinning him to the floor. Men working with Mr. Halford hurried to his assistance. One started for Windsor, while others removed the steel prongs from the bleeding form. Dr. Casgrain drove to the scene. The injuries were at first thought to be fatal, but the doctor said Wednesday morning he believed Mr. Halford would recover.

DANGEROUS GAMBLERS.

The gang of gamblers who are travelling with Cook & Whitby's circus reaped a rich harvest at Walkerton. They said it was the richest town they had struck in Canada. Notwithstanding repeated warnings in the press, they succeeded in beating a number of unwary individuals out of about $1,500. Two women, who had lost respectively $35 and $15, appealed to Constable Pat Heffernan to get back their money. Pat, being Irish, went to their aid and arrested the chief gambler. He was instantly knocked down by the man's confederates and badly kicked in the head and body. But he held on to his man and landed him in jail. The fellow, who gave his name as George Brown, from London, England, was tried Wednesday before Magistrates McNamara and Robb and fined in the aggregate $101.50. The fines were promptly paid. "Col." Boynton, chief of the gang, who also, under the gentle persuasion of Heffernan, returned some $700 to the victims of the gang. The circus proper took in between $6,000 and $7,000, and all the side-shows reaped a rich harvest. An interesting feature of the occasion was the abundance of money that the "poor farmers" of this section seemed able to invest in the amusement. The gamblers' tent was constantly crowded with farmers, young and old, eager to bet from $5 to $100 that they could tell which shell the pea was under.

HE COMETH NOT, SHE SAID.

A party of very pretty and very angry young ladies were gathered at the Union Station, Toronto, on Saturday morning before the train for New York left the city. They were stage-struck girls, and came with faces full of expectancy and a strong grip on their satchels. Each one had the intention of becoming a Marie Tempest or a Lillian Russell when she entered the station. Perhaps some of them still cherish the ambition, but their hopes certainly were dampened to some extent by the defection of the person who was to open the door to fame. They had been engaged for the chorus of a comic opera company and were to have departed on Saturday for New York. The person who had engaged them they described as a "dark gentleman." As train time drew near they became anxious and began to make inquiries of the porters of the various city hotels as to the whereabouts of the dark gentleman who was to be there with their tickets. But inquiry brought them no enlightenment on the subject of the said brunette person. As the train went out the stage-struck maidens turned sadly away, balked at the very outset of the march toward fame. Some could scarcely repress their tears; others said that the dark person was a "mean thing," while all agreed that "no gentleman would do a thing like that." It is said that some of the girls had paid the alleged manager their savings as a guarantee of good faith.

FROM THE UNITED STATES

DOINGS ACROSS THE LINE.

Uncle Sam's Broad Acres Furnish Quite a Few Small Items that are Worth a Careful Reading.

The bill for the admission of Utah has passed the United States Senate without a division.

The Union League Club, of Philadelphia, will present a gold medal to Rear Admiral Benham.

The assessed valuation of the church property in New York City exempt from taxation is $35,000,000.

Sir Julian Pauncefoote, the British Ambassador, will spend the summer at Berkeley Springs, W. Va.

Chief of Police Kent, of Champaign, Ill., has been arrested for whipping a negro afflicted with smallpox.

Revenue inspectors have discovered several hundred brandy distilleries in the mountains near San Francisco.

Ernest Longfellow, a son of the poet, who lives in Manchester, Mass., has no literary bent, but is a good painter.

Elder Charles Baker, pastor of the Christian church at Denton, Tex., deserted his bride after living with her for three weeks.

More than fifty army officers are now stationed at various State agricultural colleges instructing students in military tactics.

Dr. Herbert Flint, a hypnotist, says that George Jacob Schweinfurth, the pseudo Christ of Rockford, Ill., is a mesmerist.

Robert C. Winthrop, of Boston, aged eighty-six years, is the oldest living ex-speaker of the national House of Representatives.

The Tacoma Grain Company has purchased the sixty-nine elevators belonging to the Northern Pacific system in the Northwest.

The wedding presents of Mrs. Blaine-Beale represented a small fortune, a single diamond star among them having cost $20,000.

Mrs. Hardie, the daughter of Senator Cullum, and who has recently died, was known to thousands as "the lady in the pink gown."

The Rev. John R. Paxton paid the fine of $10 inflicted upon him for neglecting to record the marriage of Col. Breckinridge to Mrs. Wing.

"Unsold Locks and Locksmithing" is the sign on a Ninth avenue window near Fifth street, New York. The "Unsold" is the locksmith's name.

Baltimore has become the headquarters of the Spiritualists of the United States. Believers have proposed the erection of a $1,000,000 church in that city.

"Bat" Shea, of Troy, N.Y., has been sentenced to die at Dannemora prison during the week of August 21 for shooting Robert Ross in an election day riot.

It is said semi-officially that when Dr. Talmage returns from his present long tour he may preach regularly in the Madison Square Garden, New York City.

John F. Andrews, of Rome, N.Y., now in his ninety-first year, claims to be the oldest living ex-Congressman. He represented the Steuben District from 1837 to 1839.

Whitworth College, Sumner, State of Washington, has conferred the honorary degree of LL.D. on Dr. A. M. Stewart, editor of the Scottish American, of New York.

Miss Harriet Blaine, now Mrs. Truxton Beale, is said to be a very charming young woman, not pretty exactly, but owning a face attractive from its intellectuality.

At Spring Valley, Ill., Tuesday afternoon a company of troops fired on a mob, killing one man and wounding several. The troops had been viciously stoned before firing.

The Colorado River from Fort Yuma to its mouth is being surveyed by the chief of the Mexican Boundary Commission with a view to the improvement of its channel.

A surgeon in the Albany Hospital removed a set of false teeth from the stomach of Mrs. Fred. Stokes, of Canajoharie. The woman swallowed them while eating.

At a cotillion recently given in honor of Miss Julia Dent-Grant, some of the favors were shepherds' crooks, enamelled white, with big bunches of roses tied with white ribbons.

When Mme. Yang Yu, wife of the Chinese Minister, receives a ceremonious call she appears superbly dressed, and with her, attended by their nurses, are her little children.

The prize given by La Salle College for superior excellence in bread-making is a miniature loaf of bread in solid gold. It is worn this year as a watch charm by Miss Sara Bond, of Boston.

Mrs. Eva M. Blackman, who is the police commissioner of Leavenworth, Kan., is the editor and proprietor of a populist paper called the Labor News. She is twenty-seven years old.

A little girl was born at Atlanta, Ga., that was only eleven inches long and weighed but two pounds. An ordinary finger ring can easily be pressed over the child's hand and along its arm.

An Enid (O. T.) man, whose only pair of trousers were stolen while he slept the sleep of the just, was hauled up for impersonating a woman while looking for them. He wore a "Mother Hubbard."

An interesting bicycle race against time from Chicago to New York is soon to take place. Harry Truax, of Chicago, who was up to a short time ago the celebrated boy soprano, will undertake the trip.

Miss Edith Shepard, daughter of Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, is much interested in tenement house life, and during the summer she provides a trained nurse, whose duty it is to care for sick women and babies.

Alabama miners have issued an address to the Governor of the State threatening that if the Government does not compel mine owners to come to a settlement and resume operations the miners will resort to force of arms.

During the year there were 196 convictions by the Government of the United States for making and passing counterfeit bills and coins. The aggregate fines amounted to $20,759, and the aggregate sentence 420 years.

The strike has increased the price of provisions at Buffalo. Butter has gone up 2 cents to 2½ cents a pound, and now sells at 20 cents; eggs are 15 cents a dozen, and new potatoes $2.75 a barrel, an advance of 75 cents.

Among the women in New York who pay high taxes into the city's treasury is Miss Sara Talman, who is a very generous woman as well as a very rich one. Some years ago she built the Church of the Beloved Disciples.

A RICH MAN SUICIDES.

P. C. Handford, well known as the Chicago manager of the Standard Oil Company, committed suicide by shooting himself at the hotel Metropole, Chicago, Wednesday morning. He was supposed to be very wealthy, but worried over the financial situation.

THE GREAT STRIKE.

After the Battle is Over.

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared away, a survey of the field may be taken and the results noted.

What are the facts in the case? Early last May wages in the Pullman car shops at Pullman, Ill., were reduced, and the men objected. Mr. Pullman, the head of the company, stated to them in a conference at that time the reasons that had impelled the company to reduce wages As a result of the business depression, orders for cars had greatly fallen off. Many orders which had been placed were cancelled. There was great competition among the car works for the little work in demand. All the car companies were of course anxious to keep their factories going and their force of workmen together and employed, the bidding for new orders became sharp, and as a result the prices of ordinary passenger, baggage, box, refrigerator and street cars (the Pullman company build all kinds of cars) were reduced about 24 per cent. on the average. Solely to keep as many men employed as possible, Mr. Pullman says he bid for a large order of fifty-five cars from the Long Island road at $300 per car less than the actual cost to the company to construct them. At the same time 300 stock cars were being built for the Northwestern road at a loss to the company of $12 a car, at least, and 250 refrigerator cars were being constructed at the same rate of loss; while twenty-five cars being built for a street railway company showed a loss on construction of $75 a car. And this was all done to keep the men employed. Under the advice of their leaders, however, and urged on by Debs, 2,500 of the men struck on May 11th and the works were closed. Failing to induce the Pullman Company to restare wages above rates at which the company was operasing at a loss, the officers of the railway union turned to the device of boycott. They tried to persuade the managers of railroads on which Pullman palace cars are run to refuse to draw these cars over their roads until Pullman had consented to arbitrate with his strikers at the car works. Not being in any wise related to the Pullman Company, and having no control over its management, these railway managers could not see how they were interested in the strike, and would not do as the American Railway Union bid them do. Thereupon a great strike was ordered, and a transportation system unrelated to the Pullman Company was tied up in order to compel this unrelated party to arbitrate with its workmen. Then, as if this was not committing injury enough, efforts were made to call out all the Knights of Labor all over the country. In the name of all that is reasonable we ask, What good could this possibly do? But, be it said to the credit of the American laborer, the order or request was not obeyed. The movement was a wild and mistaken one, stimulated by a man whose incapacity is only equalled by his extreme temerity. The American workmen had too much judicial sense to be led into any such foolishness by a light brain leader who was so puffed up by his own imagined importance that he wanted to be called the Czar of America.

Labor has a mighty army of friends in this country outside of its own ranks, but it is not human nature that they should rejoice at their own sacrifice or shout for a cause that ruthlessly robs them of sacred rights. Pullman did not suffer. Innocent people and interests in no way allied to those which he represents bore and will bear for some time to come the grievous burden of this unwarranted uprising. And what are the results? Labor has gained nothing, but rather lost much. Millions of dollars worth of property has been destroyed, the general public put to much inconvenience, are thousands of dollars which should have found their way into the pockets of the workingman are lost to him forever. The closing of the stockyard at Chicago alone threw nearly 10,000 men and girls out of employment. Railways all over the country were forced to lay off large numbers of men on account of the decreased traffic, and it is not too much to say that workmen in every large city on the continent suffered. For what? In order that Debs might get a little notoriety.

Debs has declared the strike off and the men are now trying to get back to their former places, after two or three weeks of enforced idleness. Who is to pay them for their lost time? Who will care for the widows and orphans of the misguided men who lost their lives through the strike?

The object of labor unions is a noble one, but it is necessary that they should have leaders who are cool, wise, deliberate and of good judgment and executive ability.

A more insulting letter was probably never received by a President of the United States than the one sent by Debs. He seemed to be surprised that the President should interfere with his plans. He evidently thought that the authorities were going to stand idly by and see property destroyed and the business of the whole country come to a standstill just in order to please a demagogue. But he was mistaken, and the Government soon gave him to understand that there was such a thing as carrying a strike too far. The cause of labor has received a severe blow which will take it some time to recover from, and the sooner the union deposes Debs the better. There certainly never was a more ill-advised strike, nor one where the leaders showed less executive ability.

Facing Death—True Western Stoicism.

Arrested, fined, convicted and sentenced to be hung for murder—that is, the law called it murder. He had taken up a stray mule. The owner came along and refused to pay the trifling sum demanded for expenses. There had to be a fight, of course, and when mountaineers fight they mean to kill each other. He killed the owner of the mule. What was there wrong about that? Didn't he receive five knife wounds in the man's efforts to kill him? Wasn't it kill or be killed?

And why should they arrest him and confine him in jail? He had no idea of going away. Why should he go? And why must he have a lawyer and a jury and a trial lasting four days when he could have told the judge all about it in five minutes? He summed up the whole case in his quaint, ignorant way when he rose up in reply to the formal query and said:

"Why, Jedge, I guess they want to hang me, but doggone if I kin see what I've done to deserve it."

He received the sentence with a puzzled look on his face Why put off its execution two months? It seemed foolish to wait beyond a day to hang a man who had been sentenced to die on the gallows. He knew every man on the jury, and he couldn't figure it out why they were all down on him. There were men there who'd slept in his cabin, eaten at his table and hunted over the mountains with him, and the idea that they should bring in a verdict of guilty astounded him. It wasn't neighborly. It wasn't doing as they would be done by. The jailer thought to console him, but was waved aside with the exclamation:

"Don't, George! My head is so full of this fussin' around that I can't stand any more. Jest think of it! They call it murder and ar' gwine to hang me for it!"

Twenty-four hours later he was impertubable—stoical—as cool and calm as a man sitting at his own fireside. It had become clean to him that he was to die. It wasn't that he deserved it, and he could scarcely recall an incident of the trial, but he had to die, and that ended the matter for him.

He differed from an Indian only in the color of his skin. One day his wife was admitted to see him. She had said to one of her neighbors:

"So they-uns ar' gwine to hang my Tom?"

"Yes, reckon he'll jest hang."

"Shoo! 'Pears like a right smart of fussin' over nothin'. Tom had ter do it."

"Reckon he did."

"Reckon I orter go down and see he-un."

"Yes, I reckon yo' had."

"Then I will."

And one day after a walk of twelve miles over the mountain roads she arrived at the jail and quietly remarked: "You-uns has got my Tom locked up yere."

"Yes."

"And he-un is to be hung purty soon?"

"Yes."

"Shoo! How triflin'! Reckon I'd better step in and see he-un fur a bit."

They brought him out of his cell into the corridor. He advanced and sat down beside the woman as if at their own doorstep, and she glanced all around her before saying:

"Heap better place than our old cabin, Tom?"

"Yes, heaps better, and good eatin'. How's the crops git on?"

"Mighty pore, Tom. Reckon that co'n never will be knee high, and them taters is all dried up in the ground."

"Reckon yo'll git along somehow arter all."

"Bound to, Tom—bound to. Doan' you-un worry 'bout me 'tall. What they-uns gwine to hang yo' fur?"

"Fur that killin', yo' know."

"Shoo! Yo' had ter do it."

"Of co'se."

"That yere Sam Andrews was at-a-slicin' of yo' to dawgmeat."

"Of co'se."

"Cut yo' mighty bad afore yo' did fur him."

"I showed 'em the cuts."

"But they-uns ar' gwine to hang yo' un jest the same, eh?"

"Jest the same."

"How triflin'! Waal, Tom, what yo'-un gwine to do 'bout it all?"

"Jest hang, I reckon."

"Hain't gwine ter raise no fuss?"

"How kin I?"

They sat side by side, staring at the cell door across the corridor, for three or four minutes without another word. Then she said:

"Yo'r brother Jim will kill Bill Andrews, in co'se?"

"In co'se," he replied.

"And I'll shute, if I can find the chance."

"Fur shoo. Reckon yo'd best cl'r 'em all out, wimin and all."

"Yes, reckon I had. Gwine ter talk when they-uns hang you, Tom?"

"Reckon not, I never did like talkin'."

"Reckon I'd best cum down that day."

"Do as yo' mind, but I reckon folks might talk."

"Yes, reckon they would. Reckon I'd best stay home. Gwine ter say any mo' to me, Tom?"

"Skassly. Doggone mean to hang me!"

"So 'tis, but they-uns is determined, I reckon. Mebbe I'll cum down next week—mebbe not."

"Jest as yo' mind. Gwine home now?"

"Yes, gwine right back. Good-by, Tom."

"Good-by, Linda."

Not a tear, not a kiss, not a handshake. It was their way. It was born in the flesh. She did not come again. When he was taken out to suffer death before a crowd of two thousand people he did not look about as if hoping to see her face once again. She seemed to have gone out of his memory. He did not even take a farewell glance at earth and sky. He just died—that was all. He was there to die, and he died. It might as well have been a log of wood at the end of the rope.

A Dangerous Reptile.

"Probably no country in the world contains more reptiles of every kind than India," remarked Capt. L. E. Slocum, a retired officer of the British army. "Among the largest and most dangerous of these is the python. Although this snake has no poison in its fangs it is none the less to be feared, as it inflicts death on its victim as surely and quickly as the most venomous reptile. It grows to an enormous size, frequently reaching thirty feet in length and with a body thick and strong in proportion. While I was stationed in India I had an opportunity to see a python seize and kill its victim, and the awful power of the reptile was fully impressed on my mind. I was on a hunting expedition with three brother officers, and while we were making our way through the jungle we were startled at hearing a savage growl come from a clump of bushes nearby. Realizing that a wild beast was in dangerous proximity we hastily climbed to a place of safety amid the branches of a neighboring tree. We were not a moment too soon, for in an instant a magnificent Bengal tiger leaped from the bushes, roaring terribly and lashing his sides with his tail as he glared around in search of his enemies. In another moment a huge python darted forth from some place of concealment, and before the tiger had a chance to escape had encircled it in its fold. The act was done with the rapidity of lightning. As the snake tightened its folds the eyes of the tiger bulged out from its head, its mouth gasped vainly for air and the crunching of its bones could be distinctly heard. We killed the serpent."

He Was a Plumber.

"The plumber joke is worked to death, but I will tell you one anyhow, just because it is true," began a friend yesterday. "The young woman that figures in the story lives on Broadway near Floyd street. She was sprinkling the street this morning and used a hose that was sadly in need of repair. An itinerant plumber came along with a kit of tools slung over his shoulder. He asked the young woman if she wanted the hose fixed.

"'What will you charge?' she answered.

"The man looked at the hose critically and then said he would repair it for fifteen cents. This was contrary to all traditions relating to plumbers' prices, so the young woman told the man she did not believe that he was what he represented himself him to be.

"'Still,' she said, 'go ahead and fix the hose.'

"The man took out his tools and soon had the hose nearly as good as new. The miss gave the man fifteen cents. He shook his head and said he wanted forty-five.

"'Why,' said the young woman in surprise, 'you said you would do the work for fifteen cents.'

"'Yes, I know,' he returned, 'but there was more work than I thought.'

"'Well, I was afraid you wasn't a plumber when you first came up, but now I know you are and am willing to give you a certificate to that effect,' was what the young woman said when she gave the man his pay."

If any foreign substance is swallowed which is sharp, a needle, for instance, do not give an emetic, but confine the diet to mashed potatoes for two days.