THE WEEK'S NEWS

CANADA.

This year buildings costing $141,30 have been erected in the prosperous town of Berlin.

The Chatham, Wallaceburg and Petrolea railway is a new project, backed by strong capitalists.

Mr. R. R. Waddell, a well-known barrister of Hamilton, Ont., died of diabetes at his home on Friday, aged sixty years.

Some of the extreme Radicals of the Whiteway party in Newfoundland propose to memorialize the Queen for the removal of Governor O'Brien.

A new company will handle the news business on Grand Trunk trains after January 1, the company having secured an increased price for the privilege.

Owing to the expected large demand for ice, for the ice castle and forts in Montreal, and the open season, the price of ice for domestic purposes is advancing.

The farmers in the neighborhood of Prescott have had an unusually prosperous season, the output of butter and cheese being the largest on record.

Among the mail matter which arrived by the steamship Sarnia at Halifax on Saturday were packages to go by the Canadian route to Japan and China.

A motion introduced by Mr. Desjardins in the Quebec Legislature to reduce the sessional indemnity from $800 to $600 has been given the six months' hoist.

Sir William Van Horne and Mr. R. B. Angus have left Mortreal by way of New York upon a holiday trip to the South of of France and the Mediterranean.

The London Street Railway Company will carry school children to and from London West between 8.30 and 9 a.m. and 4 and 4.30 p.m. for a cent each per trip.

It was stated in Winnipeg on Friday that the appointment of a Lieutenant-Governor will be made within a month, and it is believed that Mr. W. B. Scarth will get the position.

Major-General Herbert, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, has left Ottawa for Victoria and Esquimalt, B. C., to inspect the works of fortification there. He will be back in Ottawa by Christmas day.

Montreal is in a ferment now because a boodle enquiry, similar to that in Toronto, is talked of. The Good Goverment Association is said to be back of the movement.

Mr. A. L. Howard, of "Gatling gun" fame, intends making application for naturalization papers, as he intends residing permanently in Canada. He was born in New Hampshire, Mass.

At a meeting in Toronto the other night of the Canadian Cricket Association it was decided, if a representative team can be secured and satisfactory financial arrangements be made, to send a Canadian team next year to England.

The Parks and Gardens Committee of the Toronto City Council, has granted a site in the Queen's park on which will be erected a monument to the volunteers who fell in action during the North-West rebellion.

In his speech on Friday night at Niagara Falls, Ont., Mr. Haggart, Minister of Railways and Canals, stated that the Dominion general elections will take place within a year. This means that the Government will go to the country by December, 1895.

Mr. Robert Archer, ex-president of the Montreal Board of Trade, has been presented by the members of the board with his portrait in oil, accompanied by a beautifully illuminated address, in appreciation of his services in connection with the new building.

In 1873 Mrs. J. H. R. Molson, of Montreal, gave to McGill University the sum of twenty thousand dollars to be used for the endowment of a chair of mental and moral philosophy. Mrs. Molson now sends another cheque for a like amount to increase the fund for the sustenance of the chair.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Horatio William Walpole, fourth Earl of Orford, died on Friday. He was 84 years old.

The Prince of Wales and the Duke of York arrived in London from St. Petersburg on Friday.

Miss Victoria Vokes, who died in London on Tuesday, was the last of the celebrated theatrical family.

In the last five years fees paid to counsel for the Crown in England and Wales amounted to $570,000.

The Freeman's Journal, of Dublin, says that forged American bonds to the value of several thousand pounds are in the hands of Belfast investors. The bonds were bought in the usual way.

In November the emigration from Great Britain to Canada was:—English, 646; Scotch, 25; Irish, 66; and for the eleven months:—English, 15,465; Scotch, 917; Irish, 976.

The American line steamer Paris, from New York, went aground off the company's docks at Southampton on Wednesday night, but was floated off shortly after noon yesterday.

Two practical solutions have been suggested for the problem of the unemployed of Great Britain. One is the reclamation of the waste, and the other the afforesting of the waste lands of England, Scotland, and Ireland.

UNITED STATES.

Capt. John Pridgeon, the millionaire capitalist and vessel owner of Detroit, is dead.

Richard Croker and M. F. Dwyer are contemplating the transfer of their racing interests to England.

Miss Josephine Brand, of Lawrenceburg, Ind., was robbed of $10,500 in cash on the streets of Cincinnati just before dark Thursday night.

A long continued drought has prevailed in portions of northern Indiana, and such is the scarcity of water that there has been suffering in many places.

Four hundred cloakmakers, employed by Strawbridge & Clothier, of Philadelphia, went on a strike on Thursday rather than submit to a reduction of wages.

The faculty of the College of Dentistry of the University of Minnesota has decided to discontinue the use of hypnotic suggestions in the dental infirmary.

J. M. Rapport has won $5,000 by walking from New York to San Francisco starting May 15, and to finish before December 31. He had a month to spare.

The Denver grand jury has begun a secret investigation of the numerous murders by strangling committed there in September and October.

President Cleveland has reconsidered his decision, and has consented to send a representative to the Porte's commission of inquiry into the Armenian atrocities.

The Chamber of Commerce, of New York, has passed a resolution favoring the extension of the Lexow Committee's investigations to all departments of the City Government.

The shipments of Mediterranean iron ore to Philadelphia which have been entirely suspended for nearly two years, in consequence of the dulness of the iron business, have been resumed.

Dr. John H. Durland, president of the Provident Bond and Investment Company, of Philadelphia, has been found guilty on the charge of using the mails to further a scheme to defraud.

The effort to prevent anarchists from coming to the United States will be resumed in the House of Representatives next week. It is said a large number of anarchists are about to leave France for America.

Goodman Barnett, for 30 years a member of the Chicago Board of Trade, has committed suicide. He went to the docks of the Anchor steamship line, and, standing as closely on the edge of the dock as he could balance himself, swallowed poison. Then he fired a revolver shot into his head.

Judging from commercial telegrams, there is little material change in the trade situation throughout the United States. There is always a commercial lull towards the end of the year, and what is called the holiday trade is of little real importance. The plans affecting the new currency have so far made no perceptible difference, and opinions are much divided as to the advisability of the suggested changes. There has been no disturbance caused by payments for the bond issue, and gold is being shipped to Europe. Cotton is now at the lowest point for years. Prospects are better in the iron trade. Failures in the United States total 385 for the week, against the same number in the corresponding week a year ago. Usually the tendency of prices is reported as towards firmness, and the outlook is generally considered hopeful for business early in the coming year.

GENERAL.

Most of the silk weavers of Lyons, France, are on strike.

Two transports with Turkish troops on board left Constantinople on Sunday last for the Black sea.

The Paris Eclair states that 15 anarchists, belonging to an organized band of thieves, have been arrested in Paris.

Rev. Dr. W. J. Hall, a Canadian missionary, has died from typhoid fever at Seoul, Corea. He was born at Glen Buell, five miles from Brockville.

A special from St. Petersburg says: The Russian press unanimously repudiates the idea of intervention by Russia in the affairs of Armenia.

Compressed air as a motive force has been adopted on three lines of tramways in Paris.

A nugget of tin weighing five thousand four hundred pounds has been found in Tasmania.

King Christian, of Denmark, is suffering from a cold contracted on the way home from St. Petersburg.

Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, the great canal projector, who was born in 1805, is critically ill in Paris.

Conventions have been signed by all the Australian colonies for the direct interchange of money orders with Canada.

A local judge in Germany has aroused general indignation by fining a workingman for appearing in court in a blue blouse.

Count Ferdinand de Lesseps, the great French engineer, who carried out the construction of the Suez canal, died yesterday. He was eighty-nine years of age.

Gen. Gourko, the Governor of Warsaw, has received an order from the Czar not to interfere with the Catholic clergy or to impose any orders upon them. Gen. Gourko has resigned.

Zekki Pasha, who is said to have been the leader in the Armenian butchery, has been decorated by the Sultan for "suppressing the Bitlis revolt."

The German Bundesrath is considering a proposition to increase the duty on cotton seed oil by about 250 per cent. This will hit the United States another hard blow.

Japan would, it is said, accept 400,000,000 yen and close the war now if China would knuckle down and sue for peace in a way to suit Japanese ideas. If the war is prolonged the demand will be increased.

There was a disturbance in the new Reichstag palace in Berlin the other day, on the occasion of the first sitting of the Reichstag, owing to the refusal of the Socialist members to respond to the call of the President for three cheers for the Emperor.

In consequence of the cold, wet, season, and the consequent lack of flowers, the bees in France have not been able to make honey enough to feed themselves. Bee cultivators are supplying their hives with honey and sugar in order to keep the bees alive.

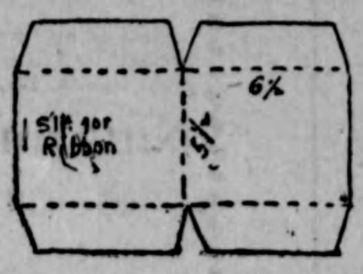
OUT OF HIS MIND.

A Student of Michigan University Who Studied Too Persistently.

A despatch from Detroit, Mich., says:—Word has reached this city from the interior of Canada that Carl Beardsley, the young University of Michigan student who mysteriously disappeared from this city while attending the Cornell-University of Michigan game on Thanksgiving day, has been found there hopelessly unbalanced mentally. Young Beardsley was a member of the class of '97, and a student of civil engineering. Overstudy is said to be the cause of his condition. He comes of a prominent Indiana family, and is a son of the late Senator Beardsley.

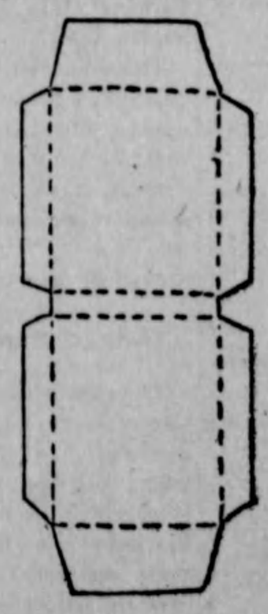
CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

If, among the names on your Christmas list, are those of a few friends who have summer homes, the question of providing an acceptable gift is greatly simplified even if the house holds "all that money can buy." If you paint, there is scarcely any end to the gifts you can make yourself. One which would be very charming to give to the friend in whose house by the sea or in the hills you have visited is a tiny portfolio holding half a dozen water-color sketches of places near the house. Make the portfolio like the illustration, in one piece, each 5½ by 6½ inches; the flaps, 1 inch deep, serve to keep the sketches in place. Fasten ribbons through slits to tie, after the fashion of real portfolios. For the sketches cut the paper rather smaller, and when painting leave a margin around the sketch of at least 1 inch. To give variety, several



sketches might be landscapes; one or two might show a favorite corner of the veranda or a pet fireplace, and one or two could have wild flowers, if any specially lovely ones grow near the place. Outside the portfolio make, in a corner, a sketch of the gates or a group of the gables, and put on in decorative letters the name of the place. These small sketches seem to furnish a happy solution of the problem of giving sketches away. So often the amateur finds that to frame sketches to give away is a very heavy expense, while she very reasonably objects to giving "half a gift" in the shape of an unframed one. To an invalid this small portfolio would be very welcome, bringing to her the places she cannot go to see, and its almost imperceptible weight would be another advantage.

A very pretty and useful gift for a writing table is a letter pad in a decorated case—4½x7 inches is a good size. "Irish linen" paper (or what is called so) can be had in this form for about 35c. a pad. For the cover use Whatman's imperial paper. Cut a shape like the illustration; along the dotted lines score lightly with a knife, so that it can be easily folded over the pasteboard flaps of the pad. One sheet of imperial makes four of these covers. Secure the two together by passing "baby ribbon" between the leaves of the pad, and tie at the top; a few stitches before tying will secure the ribbon. Use half a dozen lengths of the ribbon, each about 1 yard long. Never try to economize on ribbon for decorative articles of this sort—nothing looks so shabby as a meager bow of ribbon. For the decorations, to be painted in water colors, there are endless charming designs. "Dresden" effects are so much used now, and these are specially charming for the blotters; with garlands of flowers run through with ribbon bows and ends the most delightful effects can be obtained; or scatter over it at regular intervals a flower, slightly conventionalized. Remember to keep the color very pure and delicate, avoiding all realistic effects and strong contrasts. The ribbons for the bow's can combine all the delicate tints of the painted decoration. When the pad has been made up, a new one is easily slipped in the cover, and it can be used indefinitely. Smaller pads may be decorated



in the same way by omitting the folding flaps of the cover. Simply paste the pad on the lower half of the cover. The ribbon bow is also omitted. Make a suggestive little sketch outside and put on a motto, such as "Odds and ends," or when found make a note of." An absent-minded friend will bless you many times for this small, yet great, convenience. The designs may be in black and white, though, of course, colors will add far more effect, and the size of the block, of course, regulates that of the sketch.

If you have a friend fond of botany you may find an acceptable gift in the book called "How to Know the Wild Flowers." This has many illustrations in black and white, to which you can give an additional interest by tinting the flowers and leaves. Remember, however, that you are not painting pictures, but elaborating a semi-scientific book; truth of color, therefore, is the thing to be sought. Use transparent washes, so that the delicate stamens, etc., are not lost under an opaque coat of paint; work largely and freely; avoid too much water on the brush, or the paper will wrinkle, and be especially careful to give individuality to the greens.

Candlesticks, if odd and well chosen, are always welcome. Very pretty shapes can be bought in Haviland white china for 50c and 60c each. Paint with a flower suggesting the summer place, or to match the decoration of an especial room. There is a shape which comes with a pointed extinguisher, and which is a general favorite. If "fancy farming" is a hobby of the place, most amusing decorations can be made by using tiny radishes, onions or large strawberries. Sketch on eyes, nose and mouth, make the tiny roots suggest arms and legs. Several might yawn, and one or two hold a candlestick. If you like, "Good night" may be lettered on the candlestick in dull gold letters, with a few touches of the dull gold on handle and rim. The painting of radishes, etc., should be done in very flat, simple tones, the natural contrast of rosy and green tones being so good that no elaboration is necessary. These are as grotesquely amusing as the well-known "Brownies," without in any way copying them. Photograph frames are legion in these days, but one which withstands the ravages of dust can be made on a gray passe partout mat (10c at a photographers' supply shop), and, after decorating, have a framer make for 60c a tiny silver "beading" frame, with glass. Prices may vary somewhat in different places; those quoted are the average. The soft gray of the pasteboard forms a most effective background for decoration.

Covers for the current magazines are made of brown or gray linen, made in one continuous piece, much as the pasteboard portfolio is cut. The sewing must be of the finest, the linen should be the smooth, fine linen, at about 60c a yard, in natural flax shades. For instance, a cover for "The Century" might have the name of the magazine and the decorative scroll work which appears on the actual cover—this, in sepid or madder or in olive green would be very effective. A little Chinese white can be added to the paints for working on linen, to prevent running and blurring the pattern. Sketch the patterns lightly in pencil; with the lightest tint follow this; then, when almost dry, add the outlines and finer touches. If simply managed two tints will be enough to give a most satisfactory effect. Monochrome can be made as artistic and as decorative as any other form of painting.

All these suggestions are strictly practical; none require (except the sketches first mentioned) any special artistic ability. Nor do they require a large outlay of either money or time; the merits and pleasure-giving qualities of at least a few have been well tested in various "summer homes."

PERSONAL.

Lady John Scott, who composed the air of "Annie Laurie," and of the words as now sung, is still living. The original song was in praise of a daughter of the first baronet of Maxwelton.

Count Caprivi had never been active in public life when called to office in 1890. But he took to speechmaking as a duck to water and soon made a reputation as a trenchant debater.

Richard Croker, of New York, is said to have at least $500,000 invested in horses and turf and breeding property, while his racing stable contains winners that have earned nearly $200,000 for their owner.

Captain Mary H. Miller, the first woman granted (at New Orleans, 1883,) a license as steamboat master, died the other day in Louisville, Ky. Her husband, Captain George Miller, an old steamboat man, survives her at the age of 86 years.

A new and mysterious beauty, who has taken a charming house and lives alone in it, in London, is causing a sensation in the English metropolis, where it is known of her only that she is "Mrs. Savage," supposed to be from Washington, Boston or Philadelphia.

Count Constantine Nigra, the poet, at present Italian ambassador at Vienna, relates in his latest book that as a child of 6 he once played the role of an angel at some private theatricals, adding this comment: "As a child, an angel; as a man, a diplomatist—how are the mighty fallen!"

Among the bills of election expenses sworn to by candidates in New York is one from Benjamin Zacharias, who owns up to 20 cents spent in car fare, and William Sohmer, who put out $14,980,40. Both were defeated. The actual personal outlay of Mr. Goff, who was elected recorder, was 75 cents.

MOTORMAN SERIOUSLY HURT.

A Street Car Collides with a Wagon and Samuel Clayton Sustains Injuries Which May Result Fatally.

A despatch from Toronto says:—An accident of a very serious nature, and which may result fatally to Samuel Clayton, 97 Maitland street, employed as a motorman by the Street Railway Company, occurred in Tannery Hollow, Yonge street, north, at 10 a. m. on Friday.

Samuel Wilkinson, a York Mills farmer, was driving a team of horses attached to a wagon laden with hay down Yonge street, and when opposite Roxborough avenue, and just at the head of the steep decline which commences at that point, the bolt attaching one of the whiffletrees to the doubletree came out and the whiffletrees dropped on the heels of one of the horses. The animal plunged forward, carrying the neck-yoke clear of the pole and allowing the latter to fall to the pavement. The end of the pole entered the grove in the rail, and in this manner the speed of the wagon was somewhat slackened, until the foot of the hill was reached, when the wagon came to a stand still.

Just at this moment the car of which Clayton was motorman, started down the decline. Clayton saw the danger, and applied the brake, but the rails were slippery, and the car went crashing into the heavy laden wagon. The force of the collision completely wrecked the vestibule of the car, and Clayton was pinned between the wrenched brake and the front of the car so securely that he could not be freed until a heavy sledge was procured and the brake driven back.

Besides several heavy bruises on his face inflicted by the glass, the blow from the brake caused serious internal injuries which, it is feared, will have a fatal termination. He was removed to his home in the ambulance, where Drs. Johnson and Fenton attended his injuries.

Wilkinson's horses succeeded in freeing themselves, and dashed down Yonge street at a lively rate, but were captured at Davenport road. The few passengers on the car were badly frightened when the crash came.

ROUND THE WHOLE WORLD

WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE.

Old and New World Events of Interest Chronicled Briefly—Interesting Happenings of Recent Date.

Pious Russians do not eat pigeons because of the sanctity conferred on the dove in the Scriptures.

The Imperial Museum of Paris contains over 20,000 stone implements collected in various parts of France.

Several English sportsmen have started for Madagascar to engage in hunting expeditions with Frenchmen.

The Belgian Government proposes to introduce legislation for the amelioration of the condition of the laboring classes.

Efforts are being made to obtain a steam life boat for Flamborough, one of the most dangerous points of the Yorkshire coast.

Austria is to spend $6,465,630 on her navy during the current fiscal year. The estimates include the construction of six torpedo boats.

After minute and careful investigation the Russian admiralty has decided upon the experimental use of petroleum as fuel in ships of war.

Germany will build an artificial harbor at the mouth of the Swakup river in southwest Africa, on the edge of the English Waalfisch Bay territory.

Professor Zacharin, the physician who treated the Czar, has the largest consulting practice in Moscow, and occupies the chair of medicine in the university of that city.

In sevral gardens in Lincolnshire, England, second crops of plums have just been gathered. Some of the plums are quite equal to the August crop both in size and quality.

Exclusive of salaries paid to professors the Prussian Government expends over $50,000 a year in support of the laboratories connected with the medical department of the University of Berlin.

It is stated that a man who is under trial for murder at Kraguyvalz, Servia, has confessed that overtures were made to him to poison wine intended for the use of King Alexander of Servia.

In an interview going the rounds of the British press Mmr. de Navarro, formerly Mary Anderson, of the American stage, says she now looks upon her old profession with positive aversion.

Two caravans with gold and silver have arrived at St. Petersburg from Siberia. One came from Tomsk with gold from private washings, and the other with silver and gold from the Kronsberg mines.

A Russian whaling and sealing company for the Pacific, Behring Sea, and the Sea of Okhotsk has been organized at St. Petersburg. The company's ships will have the protection of the Russian cruisers in the Pacific.

The Prussian State attorney recently pleaded for three months' imprisonment of a girl of seventeen who had spoken disrespectfully of the Imperial family. In view of her age, however, she was dismissed with a reprimand.

The programme of the British admiralty for next year includes three new second-class battle ships, several cruisers of a somewhat novel type and several others of existing types, besides a large number of torpedo boat destroyers.

Owing to the enormous expense which the undertaking would involve, the projected railway from Sati to Kassala has been abandoned. A good road, over which troops and artillery will be able to travel easily, is to be built instead.

Here is an advertisement from a London morning paper:—"Dogs—A young lady takes them out daily walking; meals and toilet attended to; terms from 2s to 3s 6d a week, according to the time required; reduction for several."

One of the new torpedo boat destroyers built for the British navy attained a mean speed of 29 1-10 knots on two runs with and against tide. The highest speed attained was 30 1-10 knots with the tide, or at the rate of thirty-four and one-half miles an hour.

Frauds upon a colossal scale have been detected in the Italian railway administration. The thieves formed themselves into a regular society, the membership of which covered nearly every important station and office, and the frauds were carried out by means of forged passenger tickets.

A Japanese medical student at the University of Edinburgh recently claimed the privilege of being examined in his native language, which by the rules is allowed to all foreign students who are not French or German. The faculty were not put out, but found one of its own members who could examine him.

Mr. Gladstone can now be classed as a hotelkeeper. Last month he opened a hotel near the library he equipped with twenty-five thousand volumes at Hawarden and established a rate of twenty-five shillings a week for board and lodging and the use of the library. Readers and students have made it a success.

An elementary education return just issued shows that there are 14,668 voluntary schools in England and Wales, with accommodations for 3,646, 830 children and an average attendance of 2,410,450. The total income in the year ending August 31, was $22,280,090, and the total expenditure $23,553,790.

In dredging the harbor of Bizerta, in Tunis, a silver sacrificial bowl was found which is the most valuable piece of workmanship in the precious metals yet discovered in Africa. It is oval in shape, shallow, has two handles and weighs twenty pounds. The inner surface is ornamented with a design in inlaid gold representing the contest between Apollo and Marsyas. The work is by a Greek artist of the first century after Christ.

In the Roman Catholic Church at Cottbus the other day a shocking accident happened while a marriage ceremony was being solemnized. The bride carried a lighted taper and while leaning forward to answer a question put by the priest her veil took fire. She was speedily enveloped in flames and became unconscious. The priest and the marriage party rendered prompt help and bore the bride with her dreadful burns from the church to a neighboring hospital.