THE NEWS IN A NUTSHELL

THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD.

Interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

Canada's sealing fleet have reached the Japanese coast, and have begun operations

Experts have reported large quantities of petroleum in the vicinity of Kingsville.

Louis Bouchard, a Grand Trunk Railway clerk, committed suicide at Hochelaga, on Thursday.

Mr. Robert Blackwell has been appointed public librarian in London at a salary of $750.

The Advisory Board Committee of Manitoba has adopted an agricultural textbook for the schools.

It is expected that Mr. William Smith, Deputy Minister of Marine, will return to Ottawa by the end of May.

Working hours in the Grand Trunk locomotive shops at Stratford have been increased to 50 per week.

Mr. J. H. Ross, of Moosejaw, has been worn in as a member of the Executive of the North-West Assembly.

Lieutenant-Governor Chapleau of Quebec has left for Florida on a trip which will last some weeks.

The Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, and Intercolonial railways have reduced freights on all classes of merchandise.

The receipts from the Hamilton charity concert, amounting to over $400, were divided amongst the various benevolent societies interested.

The Montreal Board of Trade is urging on the Government the necessity of filling the long-vacant office of collector of customs at that port.

There is trouble on the Hamilton market because the lessee, Mr. Jacques, is imposing what the occupants regard as excessive fees for privileges.

The result of a scandal at Calgary has been the arrest of the editors of the Calgary Tribune for criminal libel at the instance of Messrs. Hooper and Botts.

The canal regulations for the current year have been issued by the Dominion Government. There will be no discrimination against the citizens of the United States.

From information received by the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce, it appears that there are prospects for good stiff prices for export cattle during the coming season.

Invitations have been issued by Lieut.-Governor Mackintosh to the Governors of several States to be present at the opening of the Territorial Exhibition at Regina as his guests.

The Fisheries Department denies the report that Canada is objecting to the enforcement of the Behring sea award. What it objects to is the regulation providing for the sealing of arms.

Mrs. Nickerson has issued a writ against the widow of the late W. C. McLeod, Woodstock's well-known millionaire, claiming $20,000 damages for the alienation of her husband's affections.

At the Winnipeg Trades and Labour convention prohibition was rejected as a plank in the platform of the labour party, and a memorial was adopted opposing General Booth's colonization scheme.

During the coming season the completion of the Toronto Island breakwater as far as covered by the contract of Capt. Murray is to be vigorously pushed, and in all probability accomplished this year.

Reports from C. P. R. agents in Manitoba state that the farmers are generally preparing for spring work, but only in a few cases has seeding been done. There is a want of snow or rain throughout the province.

Mr. Frank Skyner, a Dominion Government employee on the Blackfoot Indian reserve, Alberta, was shot and killed by a crazy Indian. The homicide resisted arrest, and was shot dead by the Mounted Police.

The verdict of the Coroner's jury at Gleichen was that Frank Skinner came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by a Blackfoot Indian (Scraping Hides), and acquitting Constable Rodgers, who shot the Indian while resisting arrest.

The will of the late Col. Allan Gilmour of Ottawa was probated on Saturday. The estate is valued at $1,452,000. Deceased was unmarried. The bulk of his estate is left to Mr. John Manuel, a connection by marriage. There are several charitable and other bequests.

John A. Patterson, the acting teller of the Traders' Bank at Strathroy, who absconded about three weeks ago with over $4,000 of the bank's funds, has been located by the Guarantee Company at Las Vegas, New Mexico. He will be brought back to stand his trial.

Miss Pollington of Hamilton, had the unpleasant experience of rolling down the mountain side. She was walking a few feet away from the edge at the top, and, falling on the slippery ground, rolled over and went to the bottom. She escaped without serious injury.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Mrs. Leonard Jerome, mother of Lady Randolph Churchill, died at Tunbridge Wells on Tuesday.

Mr. Gladstone is writing a work on extinct forms of life, with the object of reconciling Darwinism and the Bible.

Mr. Stead is writing a novel dealing with social problems, under the title of "The Modern Maid of Modern Babylon."

A special commissioner has been despatched from London to enquire into reports of severe distress in the south of Ireland.

The engagement of the dowager Duchess of Marlborough, formerly Mrs. Hammersley of New York, and Lord William Beresford, is again announced.

The British Board of Trade returns for March show that the imports increased £653,558, and the exports increased £424,127, as compared with those for the corresponding month last year.

At St. Dunstan's church, Fleet street, London, on Friday, in the presence of a large crowd, a beautiful memorial window in memory of Isaak Walton, author of "The Compleat Angler," was unveiled.

Mr. William Waldorf Astor has allowed the Pall Mall Budget to cease to exist, notwithstanding that it was paying its way, out of respect to the memory of his dead wife, with whom the paper was a favorite.

For more than half a century a greenish glass has been used at the greenhouses of the famous Kew gardens near London. A recent experiment with ordinary glass has shown a remarkable improvement in the plants affected.

There recently died at Mauchline, in the South of Scotland, Hugh Gibb, a shoemaker, whose recollections extended so far back as to include conversations with and descriptions of people who had been intimately associated with the poet Burns.

Some mischievous boys in a London suburb have been arrested, soundly lectured, and fined, for throwing short tacks on a highway frequented by bicycle riders, their object being to see the wheelmen come to grief as the result of punctured tires.

Great Britain will not tolerate any interference by the United States in the boundary dispute with Venezuela. This is the reply of the British Foreign Office to Ambassador Bayard's representation of the desire to bring about a settlement of the boundary dispute by arbitration.

UNITED STATES.

According to Marie Tempest, the finest opera house in the world is at Duluth.

The woman suffrage clause in the proposed State constitution of Utah has been passed.

Five men were killed by a boiler explosion in Loring & Jones' factory at Woburn Highlands, Mass.

A boat left Detroit for Cleveland on Thursday, which marks the opening of navigation on Lake Erie.

A report is current in New York that Sir Charles Rivers Wilson has agreed to accept the Presidency of the Grand Trunk.

The test of one of the big 5,000 horse-power dynamos recently placed in position in the power-house of the Niagara Falls Power Company proved satisfactory.

Mrs. Paran Stevens, the well-known society leader of New York died at her home in that city on Thursday from pneumonia, complicated by heart trouble.

In the Chicago municipal elections, the complete returns for the Mayoralty give Mr. Swift, Republican, a plurality of twenty-eight thousand five hundred and twenty votes.

William Lake, who murdered and mutilated Emma Hunt, a domestic living with a farmer near Carlton, N. Y., last October, was electrocuted in Auburn prison on Wednesday.

Henry N. Entwistle, who was sentenced to fifteen years in prison in Lowell, Mass., in 1892, for shooting Maria Clegg with intent to kill has been release through the efforts of the young woman, and they will be married shortly.

Miss Tesea L. Kelso, librarian of the Public library in Los Angeles, California, has taken an action for slander against the Rev. J. C. Campbell, for having prayed that the Lord might vouchsafe His saving grace to the librarian of the City library, and cleanse her of all sin, and make her a woman worthy of her office.

At Pittsburg, Pa., John Brotia, Thos. Grogan, George Woife, John McManus and William Ford started to cross the river in a skiff, and when some distance from shore the boat capsized and Grogan and Brotia were drowned. It is reported there was a drunken row in the boat, and the three survivors were arrested.

The multilated body of a colored woman was found on the street in New York on Saturday night. Superintendent Byrnes says she was murdered on Friday night by William Caesar, who was taken into custody. On Saturday night Caesar cut up the body, and at 9 o'clock took it on a Sixth avenue car, which runs to Waverly Place. When the car stopped, finding it did not go to the river, he left the body where it was found. It is believed that Caesar made a confession.

GENERAL.

A rupture between Norway and Sweden is said to be imminent.

The plague has broken out at Kowloon, China, in virulent form.

Yellow fever has broken out amongst the Spanish troops sent to Cuba.

The field of Waterloo is covered with a crop of crimson poppies every year.

Disquieting news has been received from Algiers regarding the health of the Czarewitch.

Mrs. Mackay's daughter, the Princess Colonna, has been granted a separation from her husband by the Roman courts.

Prince Bismarck, on his birthday, received eight thousand telegrams, fifty thousand letters, and one hundred and fifteen thousand postal cards.

With the close of last month Sebastopol ceased to exist as a port for foreign shipping, and will in future be used only as a naval port and arsenal.

The famous Johannisberg vineyards have have just reverted to the Emperor of Austria, Prince Richard Metternich having died without leaving a son.

Li Hung Chang has so far recovered from the bullet wound in his cheek as to be able to resume the peace negotiations with the Japanese representatives.

The Czar and Czarina contemplate a long tour after the termination of their mourning period of six months. Among the capitals visited will be Berlin Vienna, and Paris.

The Matin and other Paris newspapers are insinuating that the collision on March 30, off Messina, between two British steamers, one of which was carrying French troops and munitions of war to the Island of Madagascar, was due to England's malice.

A Truthful Boy.

Mrs. De Fad (in bric-a-brac shop)—You have a beautiful collection of antiques here.

New Boy—Yes'm we have all the latest novelties.

Customer—"Do you know anything that is good for baldness?" Barber—"Did you ever try a wig, sir?"

NEW CURE FOR INSANITY.

SOME REMARKABLE EXPERIMENTS WITH HYPNOTISM.

Its Use in a Paris Hospital Reveals a Wonderful Power in the Mysterious Agent—How Two Lunatics Were Hypnotized and Cured of the Terrible Affliction.

The conclusion, recently, of some remarkable experiments made at the Charenton and Charity hospitals, Paris, if followed by the results that have thus far attended them, will mean a complete revolution in the treatment of insanity and will prove one of the most beneficient and startling discoveries science has ever made in its treatment of human afflictions. Insanity has been the most difficult malady with which scientists have had to deal, for the double reason that it is, or has been, impossible to control the actions of an insane person to the extent of giving him suitable treatment, and also that the cause of the mental unbalance could not be determined. That a man imagined his brain was a boiling caldron of molten metal, or that he saw visions of the most distracting character before him constantly, might be understood as the hallucination that produced his insanity, but heretofore it has been impossible to explain the cause of the hallucination. Once that could be arrived at physicians felt they would then be on the right road to a discovery that would enable them to relieve the patient. To discover this has been the efforts of the professors at Charenton, and starting upon an hypothesis that their later investigations have been shown to be correct, they have finally solved the question that has puzzled humanity since the days of the Pharaohs.

TWO MINDS IN EVERY HUMAN BEING.

There is one great proposition the Charenton scientists have proved during these investigations—they have demonstrated the existence of two minds in every human being, and have shown that there is an active and a latent thinking power which they have respectively named the conscious and the subconscious mind. The idea is by no means a new one, but the proof of it has never been given until within a few weeks. That the subconscious mind is a storehouse in which all the information an individual acquires in the course of his life is held, has been considered heretofore and has been accepted as a poetic theory, but without any foundation in fact.

The theory is now shown to be a correct one and the existence of this second mind, which is kept in its passive condition by the great activity of the other mind, is an established truth. In some people the subconscious mind is more susceptible to the conscious mind than in others, and in cases where this greater susceptibility exists more brilliancy is found and the person possessing it is more alert to the affairs of the world.

Incidentally, in these experiments the power of mind reading and the so-called marvels of spiritualism have been more or less proved, but not established in the manner the practitionist of these arts would care to have. The clairvoyant state, according to the Charenton authorities, enables an active mind to read the subconscious mind of another person and gather from it fragments of the information it contains, which are repeated as insights into the past, to the no small amazement of the person whom they concern.

POWER OF HYPNOTISM.

The method of proving this was a very simple one after the scientists had discovered that the subconscious mind could also be reached through hypnotism. With that fact to start upon, several persons were hypnotized and their subconscious minds carefully read. In those instances the person under hypnotic influence showed an acquaintance with subjects that were entirely unknown to the conscious minds of the subject. When that influence was removed the patients were submitted to clairvoyants who were unacquainted with them or with their peculiarities. In some fifty instances the clairvoyants, while in the trance, described the same unusual attribute that had previously been detected by the scientists as having possession of the subconscious mind and being entirely unknown to the conscious mind of the person experimented upon.

Following this indisputable demonstration, the scientists realized they had in their possession a force that could be employed in dragging from the unwilling mind of the delirious patient the secret it guarded in its lunacy, and which its unwillingness to disclose had been the sole obstacle in the road of the mind's recovery. Before exerting this force the scientists satisfied themselves that hypnotism was merely a phase of sleep and they divided all possible phases of mental phenomena in three classes—sleep, insanity and trance. Each of these classes they again divided into normal, partial, hypnotic and ambulatory sleep, subdividing ambulatory sleep still further into auto and suggested. Insanity they divided into casual and primary. Trance was divided into catalepsy, clairvoyance, spiritual sight and alethean.

MADE PRACTICAL TESTS.

Having once established to their satisfaction this theory, the scientists proceeded to make experiments upon various patients. One of the most intractable inmates of the Charenton Hospital was a woman about 35 years old, who was possessed with a fixed idea that she was continually wading or swimming in a sea of blood. The experimenters determined to get her under hypnotic influence and thereby to discover, if possible, from the subconscious mind the real origin of the hallucination. For many weeks their efforts were frustrated by the impossibility of fixing the lunatic's gaze upon the eyes of the hypnotizer.

At last it was decided to place the woman in a reclining chair in the centre of a small room or closet lined with heavy black cloth and kept in utter darkness during the course of the experiment. A small crescent-shaped mirror was hung upon a pivot opposite her and was made to revolve rapidly by a electrical apparatus. The only ray of light permitted to enter was through a small aperture not much more than a pinhole in the opposite wall by which a luminous pencil was projected upon the surface of the mirror as it made its swift revolutions. For some time the patient took no notice of this contrivance, but gradually her attention was attracted by the dazzling disk. At first she glanced at it apathetically, but every moment it fascinated her more and more, till at last her eyes were drawn to it in a fixed stare, and very soon the usual hypnotic effect was produced and the patient reclined in a comatose state.

RATIONAL STATEMENT FROM A LUNATIC.

The consciousness being thus lulled to rest the hypnotist began his operations upon the subconscious mind, leading it gradually by well-considered questions to respond to his suggestions. By this means he obtained a rational statement from the unfortunate woman of the cause that had thrown her into the terrible hallucination from which she suffered, a statement that no course or questioning had been able to elicit from her while her conscious mind was awake.

By degrees he found out that the hallucination was caused by a frightful shock the patient had encountered while walking in one of the narrow streets of old Paris at a time that she was peculiarly sensitive to sudden external impressions. As she was walking along a sudden wild cry rang out from the top window of one of the high houses immediately above her, and a woman sprang out of the casement, whirling in the air, and was dashed upon the pavement at her feet, spattering her dress with blood and brains. This horrible accident had such an effect upon her mind that she screamed violently, fell to the ground in convulsions, and from that moment was a manic possessed with the idea that she was surrounded with blood.

Acting upon this suggestion the scientists devised a plan by which to continue the impression of the subconscious mind, and thus to overcome the hallucination which had so long and so terribly occupied the conscious mind. She was taken, still under the hypnotic influence, into the courtyard of the hospital, and out of one of the upper windows of the building the figure of a woman, cunningly constructed of a broom, furnished with a bonnet and cloak, was dashed to the ground before her. She started violently, gave a wild scream and exclaimed:

"There, see there! There is a woman dashed to pieces. Oh, the blood! the blood! the blood!" and suddenly awoke from her hypnotic state and began to weep hysterically.

SHOWS HER THE DUMMY.

The hypnotist seized the opportunity and picking up the clothed broomstick flourished it before the patient's eyes, taking off the bonnet and cloak and discovering the naked truth in the shape of a simple broomhandle. The patient stared at it in amazement.

"There," said the hypnotist, "see what a fool you've been making of yourself, there's your woman, but where's the blood? You can't get blood from a stone, nor a broomstick, so you see you have been simply dreaming."

The patient accepted this explanation with docility and immediately cried out after the received fashion of one awaking from a trance:

"Where am I?"

"Where are you?" said the hypnotist. "Why, don't you remember you were taken suddenly ill while out walking and we brought you into the first place that came handy? Your stomach's out of order, that's all, come along home and we'll give you something to put you right."

The woman was taken home and kept quiet for some days, and from that time showed no sign of an aberration of mind nor could she recall any of her sufferings.

HIS BRAIN WAS ON FIRE.

Another instance of transferred consciousness occurred in the case of a man who insisted that his brain was on fire. This man was put into the hypnotic state by the experimenter, who caused him to fix his eyes upon the brass nozzle of a pipe through which a small stream of lukewarm water was poured upon his head, the experimenter telling him that this was done to extinguish the flames. In this case the cure was a very simple one, for the man seeing the stream of water come out of the pipe became convinced that the right means were being used to quench the flames and, on the hypnotist relieving him from the influence by the usual means, he walked out of the hospital utterly unconscious that he had ever been subject to any such hallucination, complaining merely that he had a bad headache.

Space will not permit of a full description of the cures wrought at the Charenton Hospital up to the present time, but the scientists engaged in the experiments have fully convinced themselves that the principle holds good and that, with further developments, still more extraordinary cures of insanity and its correllative diseases will result.

AN APPARENT MYSTERY CLEARED.

Why a person should be subject to the will of another in one state of being, while in another he is utterly independent of outside influence, has puzzled many wise brains, but this theory of consciousness and subconsciousness goes far to clear up the apparent mystery. Thus, when a hypnotist puts the subject to sleep he simply draws upon the stores laid up in the mental receptacle provided for them, and uses them at his will. This may explain several things, the absolute truth of which cannot be doubted, but the reason of which has hitherto eluded research.

Hypnotism in the hands of experts is no doubt proved to be a valuable remedial agent, but is no more a fit object for unauthorized investigation and experiment than the various poisons of the pharmacopeia would be in the hands of an amateur chemist. The experiments at Charenton, therefore, should be hailed with satisfaction as a true and scientific attempt, well safeguarded and in the hands of competent people, to bring into use as cautiously and safely as may be some hidden powers of nature, pregnant, as all powers of nature are, with good and evil, with safety and danger.

PURELY CANADIAN NEWS.

INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Gathered from Various Points from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Seaforth has whooping cough and measles.

A Jackson's residence, Bala, has been burned.

Counterfeit money circulates freely in Chatham.

Bradford firemen will have a celebration May 24th.

The Vancouver Rifle Association has been re-organized.

A new wheelmen's club has been organized in Stratford.

Almonte will have a mammoth celebration May 24th.

A full grown wildcat was recently captured near Fergus.

A 24-pound pike was caught the other day at Kingston.

Guelph ratepayers object to the building of a new firehall.

Thorold is to have an old time ball, for married people only.

The canteen of the Mounted Police at Regina has been burned.

Three hundred Swedes are coming to settle in the North West.

The German Evangelical Church of Listowel has been remodeled.

Spencerville may soon have telephonic connection with Brockville.

Vancouver got 40 applicants where but one fireman was required.

The new Baptist church at Cariboo is to be finished in cherry wood.

The circulation of Dominion notes increased $100,000 during February.

John W. Lewis, proprietor of the Cadillac Hotel, Montreal, is dead.

The "County of Perth Humane Society" has just been organized.

Over 2,000,000 logs have been cut during the past season in the upper Ottawa.

An effort will be made to organize an Odd Fellows' lodge at Kettle River.

The number of hotel licenses in Vancouver has been reduced from 53 to 48.

Ingersoll taxes hawkers and peddlers $50 and $75 if they have a horse and waggon.

This spring, 7,000,000 salmon fry have been turned loose from the Frazer river hatchery.

Two students were recently expelled from Queen's University, Kingston, for stealing books.

Ed. Guerin, a Montreal barrister, has been left $50,000 by the will of Mary Ann Hayes.

It is reported that some parties from Belgium are coming to Canada to buy horses

Over thirty churches have been burned in Canada this winter. The loss will be $300,000.

Recently a steamer from Halifax, for London, carried away 105,000 barrels of Nova Scotia apples.

The oldest woman in Belleville is Mrs. Mary Ashley, who, a few days ago, celebrated her 94th birthday.

In one of the Hamilton churches last Sunday the Jockey Club was condemned as being a source of much evil.

Middlesex county has a female constable whose duty it is to look after witnesses of her own sex called at the assizes.

Larger fields of ice are seen on Lake Huron this year than the oldest inhabitant ever remembers to have seen.

The annual regatta of the North Pacific Association of Amateur Oarsmen will take place in Victoria, July 19th and 20th.

Chatham Town Council has voted each of the newspapers of that town $100 for reporting their proceedings during the past year.

Over 1,200 persons were added to the churches of St. John's N.B., as a result of the labors of Evangelists Crossly and Hunter.

A pine tree from which 255 large rails were split from three logs, was cut on the farm of Mr. John Robson recently at Thompsonville.

The International Ice Company has erected a freezing plant at Vancouver of a capacity of 10 tons in 24 hours. Four cold storage rooms will be built.

Christopher Karn, of Woodstock, has in his possession a Lutheran Bible, printed in 1552. It belonged to his ancestors in the old country over 200 years ago.

Among the wants of Golden people are county court sessions, a public park, a new schoolhouse, a new bridge, more street works, and dyking works.

A woman from Vercheres, testifying in the circuit court at Montreal, gave her age as 72 years, and declared that her mother, aged 104, was waiting in the corridor.

At Fort McLeod, in the North-West, it has been summer weather for over two weeks. All the snow has gone, and the mercury some days has been 90 degrees.

A wealthy Canadian lumberman has, it is said, decided to raft 20,000 feet of logs from the Georgian Bay to the Saginaw River, to be manufactured, by reason of the better advantage of handling and disposing of the manufactured stock in the Saginaw market.

A serious split in the Local Council of Women, Hamilton, over the way the recent reception to Lady Aberdeen was managed, has developed. It is claimed that the affair was run by Church of England and Presbyterian ladies, to the exclusion of the Methodists, and the feeling is very bitter.

The Governor-General has granted permission to the Chippewa Indians to sue the Dominion Government for the recovery of some land and money which they claim was wrongfully taken from them. The dispute involves some 2,468 acres of land in the Muncey reserve in Caradoc township, and also a certain sum of money which it is alleged was misapplied by a former agent of the Government. The total sum at stake is said to be $100,000.

The Summit.

Speaking of drawing, remarked the artist, I reached the acme of the draughtsman's ambition to-day.

Ah, indeed?

Yes, I drew a check and it was honored.