

# 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.

The duty collected on 390,946 pounds of Canadian grown tobacco last year was \$19,547.

A lad named Charles Grant was drowned on Sunday while bathing in the Dundas canal, near Hamilton.

Fire did \$25,000 or \$30,000 damage to Mr. Fearman's pork-packing establishment at Hamilton, but the firm's business will not be interrupted.

Twenty thousand bushels of wheat were sold in the Winnipeg Grain Exchange on Saturday at one dollar per bushel, about at Fort William.

At Sault Ste. Marie the operators of the Canadian canal have been ordered to report for duty this week. This indicates that the lock will be in operation in thirty days.

The Winnipeg Council will ask the Legislature for power to submit the Sunday street car question to a vote of the electors.

Much of the valuable timber in the Fort Pelly district, in Northwestern Manitoba, is reported destroyed by fire during the last year.

Dr. Montague, Secretary of State, has accepted an invitation to address the Pan-American Congress, to be held in Toronto, July 18 to 25.

Miss Ireland died at the General Hospital, Winnipeg, as a result of blood-poisoning arising from an injury sustained on the journey from Ontario.

The bronze statue of Dr. Chenier has arrived in Montreal, and application will be made to get the statue through the Customs without paying the thirty per cent. duty.

A Patron of Industry storekeeper near Kingston ordered twelve pounds of nutmegs from a Toronto firm. The order was misread, and twelve barrels of nutmegs were shipped.

Russel St. Louis, the Montreal bridge contractor, is to be prosecuted again on charge of robbing the Government of \$70,000 in connection with the building of the bridge.

While assisting at a barn-raising near Harrison, Ont., on Thursday night, Mr. Finlay McLeod was thrown from the building, and received injuries from which he died yesterday morning.

According to a report presented to the Dominion Parliament the premiums paid for life insurance in Canada during 1894 aggregated \$9,909,284, an increase of \$276,805 as compared with the previous year.

Sir Charles Rivers Wilson, the new president of the Grand Trunk Railway Company, is expected in Montreal shortly, and will be accompanied by several members of the Board of Directors. He will make a thorough inspection of the road.

Salmon-fishing is reported unusually good along the Saguenay coast. A spool of strong, northeast wind, which occurred some time ago, is the cause of the abundance of fish. At Tadoussac fifty salmon were taken at one spot during one tide. At Point au Pic, where salmon is rarely caught, the fish are plentiful.

A Scotch Mormon with his three wives arrived in Quebec on Sunday night. The American Immigration Commissioners, who had heard of his expressed intention of starting an establishment in the United States on patriarchal principles refused him permission to cross the line.

Information has been received in Ottawa to the effect that Mr. J. S. Larke, the Canadian commercial agent in Australia, has laid before the Sydney Board of Commerce a scheme for the construction of the Pacific cable by Great Britain, Canada, and Australia, which was very well received.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

It is stated that the Queen is almost an invalid, and that her rheumatism has so increased that she can hardly walk.

Five broke out on Saturday in the Fishers Main colliery, and nine men were killed while trying to quench the flames.

The Rev. John Morrow, formerly of Pittsburg, has started a new religion in Omaha, Neb., the principal feature of which is that all members worship in nature's garb only.

Miss Bouish Kennard, who prepared the missionary calendar of prayer which is in use this year in the Baptist Churches of the United States, died of apoplexy in Philadelphia.

Hugh Gough, First Secretary of the British Embassy at Washington, has been advised of the death of his father, Lord Gough, and of his own succession to the titles, estates and pension.

The new British cruiser Terrible was launched in the Clyde. She is of 14,250 tons, with engines of 25,000 horse-power, and is expected to develop a speed of 22 knots an hour.

St. Patrick was an Englishman, if Dr. Nicholson, of the Bodleian Library, is right. He thinks he has found out from the tripartite life of the saint that he was born at Daventry, near Northampton.

It is admitted that the English Liberals are not ready for a general election, and they will hold on to office as long as they have a majority, no matter how small, rather than face the people at the polls.

The London Daily News, commenting upon the attack upon the representatives of Christian powers at Jeddah, says:—"It is not too much to say that there are many signs of a holy war against all Christian communities and all Christian rights in the Turkish Empire."

Nazrulla Khan, the second son of the Ameer of Afghanistan, is being honored and feted in London, but he is not regarded as a social success. He is as stolid as a wooden image, and the members of his suite have an unpleasant taste for pocketing the silverware of their hosts.

The advices contained in the reports of Dun's and Bradstreet's commercial agencies

continue to be of an encouraging nature. Prices in most of the leading staples are steadily advancing, wages are going up, employment is more general, and business all round is better throughout the United States. Labor troubles are less talked of, and "damage done by frost" is assuming daily smaller proportions. Monetary conditions are favorable. Cotton continues strong; additional woolen mills have opened during the week, and in some cases wages have been raised. The manufacture of iron is progressing, prices are tending upward, and it is expected that the wages trouble at Pittsburg will terminate without a strike.

### UNITED STATES.

Superintendent of Police Byrnes of New York, has been allowed to retire on a pension of \$3,000.

A monument to the Confederate dead, the first erected in the Northern States, was dedicated on Thursday in Chicago.

A man named Archie Spofford, Canadian, whose relatives live at Camden East, Ont., committed suicide on Tuesday night by jumping into the Charles river at Boston, Mass.

An ordinance was introduced in the Chicago City Council which is intended to prevent women from wearing "blometers," or knickerbockers, within the city limits. It was laid over.

Loretta Mooney, who also calls herself Addis in the variety theatres of California, is now Lady Sholto Douglas, daughter-in-law of the Marquis of Queensberry. They were married in San Jose by Justice of the Peace Demais. The new Lady Douglas is eighteen years of age.

Mr. M. C. D. Burden, of New York, whose colored butler, Ferdinand Harris, was murdered on Monday in the basement of Mr. Burden's house, has offered ten thousand dollars reward for the arrest of the murderers.

The \$7,500 bond of Mr. John T. Lyons, the Montreal druggist charged with smuggling drugs, was forfeited at New York, as the defendant failed to put in an appearance before United States Commissioner Shields when his case was called. Mr. Lyons is said to be sick.

### GENERAL.

Six persons were killed by the explosion of the boiler of a steamer in Lisbon harbor.

A law has been passed in Russia permitting commercial transactions to be concluded on a gold basis.

Bands of Bulgarian brigands are awaiting a favorable opportunity to invade Macedonia, thereby reviving the Macedonian question.

On Monday last Emperor William, with his own royal fingers, pulled out Prince Oscar's first loose tooth.

Six persons were blown to atoms on Saturday by an explosion at Major de Roth's gunpowder factory at Felixdorf, Austria.

A young unemployed workman was arrested at Dresden on the charge of threatening to kill the King of Saxony with an infernal machine.

The Crispi Government was sustained by an increased majority in the Italian Parliamentary elections. Ex-Premier Giolitti is one of the members returned.

M. Louis Pasteur, the distinguished French chemist, has refused a German decoration that has been awarded him as a result of his labours in the cause of humanity and science.

It is understood that the Government of India advises the permanent occupation of Chitral by British troops, and the building of a road there to connect with other British military routes from the south.

There is a belief in some quarters that the Formosa Republic is a Chinese manoeuvre, backed by France and Russia, to trick Japan out of the fruits of her victory. It is feared it will re-open the war.

The torpedo boat built at the Germania wharf at Kiel for the Turkish Government was making her trial trip when her boiler exploded. Six of the crew were instantly killed and fourteen mortally wounded.

Three British warships have left Alexandria for Jeddah in order to insist upon the punishment of the Bedouins who were concerned in the murder of the British Vice-Consul.

Prof. Leyden, the famous specialist, who attended the late Czar Alexandria II. at Livadia has been summoned to attend the Grand Duke George, whose condition has become very much worse.

The King of Saxony during the past six months has received menacing or scurrilous letters. The author of some of these epistles has been discovered in Dresden in a youthful labourer with unfavorable antecedents.

The French Chamber of Deputies has voted urgency upon the Government's demand for a credit of 250,000 francs to erect a monument to the memory of the French soldiers killed in the Franco-Prussian war in 1870.

Ninety-five houses were wrecked by earthquake and many people buried in the ruins in the District of Baku, Russia. A shock was also felt at Mombassa, on the Zanzibar coast, and several houses in the Town of Malindi were destroyed.

The Embassies of Great Britain, France and Russia at Constantinople have demanded the punishment of the Turkish police at Moosh who broke into the residences of delegates of the Armenian Commission for the purpose of arresting a servant.

### A Soft Answer.

Mrs. Newcomer—Good morning! Is this Mrs. Teachem's private school?  
Mrs. Blinks (hotly)—Indeed it isn't. This is a private house, and these are my own children.

Mrs. Newcomer (hastily)—I thought it must be a school, because the children looked so cultivated, and educated, and scholarly, and—and refined, you know.

Mrs. Blinks (genially)—Oh, yes, of course. Come in and sit down. Lucy, call in your six brothers and five sisters, and introduce them to the lady, while I get ready to go around with her and show her where Mrs. Teachem's school is.

### Once She Was a Soldier.

A well-known character in Paris is an old woman whose breast is one glittering mass of crosses and decorations, and who is now peacefully engaged as a flower-seller. Her name is Jane Bonners, and her honors were gained in the Crimea, at Rome, Gravelotte and at Orleans.

# THE HOME.

## Cleaning.

When we remember that we spend about one-third of our lives in our bed-rooms, it would seem very essential that these rooms should receive careful cleaning as each season for this kind of work appears.

When there are carpets on rooms these ought to be taken up, well shaken and aired every spring.

If insects infest these rooms it is well to fill all cracks in the walls and around base boards, casings and in the bedsteads with insect powder, and then fill the air in the room with it; close windows and doors for about half a day before any of the furniture is removed from the rooms.

If there are no bugs in the rooms it will be only necessary to use the powder as a preventive after the cleaning is done. It is a more certain remedy than all the old-fashioned and furniture-ruining processes of scalding or application of kerosene everywhere.

The first thing necessary will be to remove all movable articles from the rooms; then take up carpets and rugs and sweep and dust thoroughly. All dust may be easily removed from ceilings and walls by means of a broom with a soft cloth pinned over it; as fast as one gets dirty replace with a clean one. Then clean windows, doors and other woodwork, leaving floor to be mopped last of all.

In the meantime all bedding should be out of doors airing. Mattresses and comforters will be benefited by being exposed to the sunshine as well as fresh air, but not so anything containing feathers; they should be aired in the shade only, as the sunshine acts unfavorably upon the oil in the feathers.

If possible let the rooms dry all night, otherwise do the cleaning as early in the morning as practicable, replacing carpets and furniture in the afternoon. Nice clean hay is excellent to put under carpets, as it allows the dust to settle on the floor and not grind the carpets as it will when carpet lining is used.

Many decay carpets for sleeping rooms, as they harbor so much dust, but in this cold climate they seem a necessity. However, matting with warm rugs is better than the regulation carpet for such rooms.

Every article put back into clean rooms should be made as clean as possible. Everything that can be should be washed first. After carpets are tacked down, furniture in place, put a little powder around the edge of carpets, around bed-slats and the work is done.

## Bleaching Hats.

Cleanse them in warm soap suds by brushing them well inside and out, then rinse well in cold water and dry thoroughly.

Into a tight barrel, put a saucerful of sulphur. From a stick set through holes near the top, suspend the hat or bonnet to be bleached, and set fire to the sulphur. Cover closely immediately, and leave several hours. The only objection to this method (for it whitens the material beautifully), they soon turn yellow, but there is not this result if bleached with oxalic acid. Cleanse as before, put a small quantity of oxalic acid into a wooden receptacle, pour on sufficient scalding water to cover the hat, put it in and hold it under the liquor with a stick about five minutes, as the acid water will make the hands sore. Do not put in very much acid or it may rot the straw. Dry in the sun or before a hot fire. Stiffen white hats or bonnets with what is called parchment size.

## Some Good Recipes.

**Caramel Custards.**—Have 6 custard cups all ready for the sugar, melt  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup granulated sugar in an iron pan and pour into the bottom of the cups, beat three eggs without separating, add 4 tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla and  $\frac{1}{4}$  cups milk. Pour into custard cups, stand them in a pan of boiling water and cook in moderate oven 15 minutes, turn from the cups while hot but serve cold.

**Crumb Griddles.**—One pint of milk, 1 cup bread crumbs, soak overnight, then add  $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 2 tablespoons molasses, 1 tablespoon melted lard, 1 teaspoon soda, flour enough to make a batter.

**Oranged Strawberries.**—Place a layer of strawberries in a deep dish, cover the same with pulverized sugar, then a layer of berries and so on till all the berries are used. Pour over them orange juice in the proportion of three oranges to a quart of berries. Let stand for an hour and just before serving sprinkle with powdered ice.

**Loaf Cake.**—Take 18 oz flour, 14 oz sugar, 12 oz butter,  $\frac{1}{2}$  pint (scant) of milk, 1 teaspoon soda, 1 lb raisins, nutmeg and little mace; 5 eggs, keeping out the whites of 2 eggs for frosting. Makes two good-sized loaves.

**Batter Pudding.**—One pint cold milk, 4 tablespoons flour, 2 eggs, a little salt, stir the flour in a part of the milk, add the eggs without beating and beat them all together. Pour into a hot buttered dish and bake  $\frac{3}{4}$  hour. (Put into the oven as soon as mixed.)

**A Delicious Plum Pudding.**—Pick and stone a pound of the best Malaga raisins, which put in a basin with a pound of currants—well washed, dried and picked—a pound of good beef suet chopped not too fine, three-fourths of a pound of white or brown sugar, 2 ounces candied lemon or orange peel, 2 ounces candied citron, 6 ounces of flour and one-fourth pound bread crumbs, with a little grated nutmeg and salt. Mix the whole together with 8 whole eggs and a little milk. Have ready a plain or ornamental pudding mold; well butter the interior. Pour the above mixture into it, cover with a sheet of paper, tie the mold in a cloth, put the pudding into a large steppan containing boiling water and let it boil quite fast for four hours and a half, or it may be boiled by tying it in a pudding cloth well floured, forming the shape by laying the cloth in a round bottomed basin and pouring into it. It will make no difference in the time required for boiling.

When done, take out of the cloth and turn out upon your dish, sprinkle a little powdered sugar on it and serve with this sauce: Put the yolks of 3 eggs in a steppan with half a cupful of powdered sugar and a gill of milk. Mix well together, add a little lemon peel and stir over the fire until it becomes thick. It must not be allowed to boil. Flavor to taste and serve very hot.

## HUNTING A LEOPARD.

An Amusing Account of How Some Hunters Sought Their Game in a Big Drain.

The inhabitants of Seoul, in Korea, do not need to stir from their door-steps—if indeed they have any—in search of game. Tigers and leopards visit the town every night for food, and woe to the unarmed native who crosses their path! Mr. Henry Savage-Landor, in a recent work on Korea, furnishes an amusing account of how some hunters sought their game in a big drain of masonry leading to a disused palace. A ferocious-looking leopard was seen one day taking an airing in the grounds on this old palace.

Perplexed and terrified, the unarmed natives ran for their lives, all except one who, from a distant point of vantage, watched the animal and saw him enter the drain. This happened to be staying in Seoul an Englishman, a Mr. S., who possessed a rifle, and who had often astonished the natives by his skill in hitting the bull's eye. To him they went in a body, begging him to do away with the unwelcome visitor.

Mr. S., who wished for nothing better, went that same night, accompanied by his faithful native servant, and hid near the hole whence the leopard was likely to spring. It was a lovely moonlight night, and several hours passed in perfect silence.

At length a bright idea struck the servant. Certain that the leopard was no longer there, and wishing to retire to his warm room, he proposed that he should poke in the drain with a long bamboo and rouse the beast into coming out, when the master could shoot him.

"Very good," said the Englishman, who was getting rather tired of the discomfort and cold, and who, though he did not say so, shared the native's opinion that the beast had gone.

Thus encouraged, the servant proceeded with firm step to the drain, about thirty yards off. When he reached the opening he seemed to hesitate. He stood and listened. He carefully peeped in, and listened again. He heard nothing. Then, bringing all his courage to bear, he lifted his bamboo and began poking in the drain. Two or three times, as he thought, he had touched something soft. He dropped his bamboo as if it had been a hot iron and fled to his master's side, where he lay shivering with fright.

"You are frightened, you coward; there is nothing. Go again."

After a few minutes the faithful valet, who had then made quite sure there was no leopard in the drain and that he had shown himself a coward, slowly returned to the charge and picked up his bamboo.

"I am trembling with cold, not with fear," he said, as he was getting up again. "I shall enter the drain this time and rouse the animal, if he is there."

So he really did. He went in, holding the bamboo in front of him, and pausing at each step. The farther in he went the more his self-confidence failed him. The drain was high enough to allow of his standing in it with his back and head bent down; wherefore, if an encounter with the spotted fiend were to take place, the retreat of the man would not be an easy matter.

"Master must think me very brave," he was soliloquizing on his subterranean march, when he received a sudden shock that nearly stopped his heart. He had actually touched something soft with the end of his bamboo, and he fancied he heard a growl. He turned quickly to escape, when the leopard leaped upon him and knocked him down, almost senseless and bleeding.

"Bang" went the rifle outside just as the screams of "Master, sahi, sahai, kill, kill" were echoing in the drain; and the leopard with a broken hind leg rolled over on the ground, groaning fiercely. The poor Korean lay perplexed, looking at the scene, all lighted up by the beautiful moonlight; and his heart bounded with joy when, after the second or third report, he saw shot dead the animal that had already crawled back to the mouth of the drain.

As his master approached, rifle in hand, and touched the dead beast, the native's valiant qualities returned to him in full, and he got up out of the drain. He strutted round and round the great leopard, overcome with admiration of himself, and to this day can always draw a crowd about when he tells of his prowess in leopard hunting.

## Wealth of Chitral.

The Chitral expedition will prove a costly undertaking to England, but the country of the Chitralis is rich in gold and yellow arsenic, and if it comes under direct British control, as it is very likely to, a new Indian gold field may be opened up. Yellow arsenic is a sufficiently valuable commodity of itself to make the conquest now being undertaken an important one, but the country being also a gold-bearing one will make it doubly so. It has been known for years past that gold exists in good paying quantities in the streams of Chitral, but no attempt has been made to develop the industry, owing to the obstacles placed in the way by the chief, who suspected that if it became known that his country produced gold Chitral would be lost to him. A traveler who visited the country in disguise some years ago worked up specimens of gold with the aid of mercury and on being subsequently tested the precious metal proved to be of 21-karat quality.

At the last meeting of the Hamilton City Council a motion was passed, recommending a by-law to separate billiard, pool rooms and bowling alleys from places where liquor is sold.

Mr. Ed. Tinsley, the well-known G.T.R. locomotive engineer, of Hamilton, has been appointed Head Game Warden of Ontario, in place of the Mayor of Hamilton.

# PURELY CANADIAN NEWS.

## INTERESTING ITEMS ABOUT OUR OWN COUNTRY.

Gathered from Various Points from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A brewery is being erected at Perth. Victoria Harbour has a lacrosse club.

Belleville needs more school accommodation.

A new school is to be established at Bunyan.

The surplus of Ottawa's winter carnival is \$1,150.

Guelph printers have organized a baseball club.

The Salvation Army have opened out in North Bay.

The tax rate at St. Thomas this year is ten mills.

The St. Thomas Bicycle Club will build a new track.

Tramps are seeking work on the Trent Valley canal.

Listowel stores close at 7 p.m., except on Saturdays.

A beer bottle factory will be established at Langton.

Ingersoll tried to organize a lacrosse club but failed.

Petrolia young ladies are going in for physical culture.

Frogs legs are selling in Ottawa for 15 cents per dozen.

A co-operative bakery is to be established in Stratford.

The Woodhouse Methodist church has a fine new pipe organ.

Bicycle clubs are being formed in all parts of the country.

Carlton is the name of a new post-office north-east of Uthoff.

Woodstock water-works receipts last year were \$13,414.53.

The assessors report the population of Brockville to be 9,073.

Quoit pitching is the popular spring sport in Port Lambton.

The Charles street Sunday school, Ingersoll, has a baseball club.

It is said that the harbour at Kingsville is practically useless.

Last week oil property worth \$25,000 changed hands at Petrolia.

An extensive evaporating plant will be established at Owen Sound.

The Ingersoll Collegiate Institute young ladies have a baseball club.

Woodstock will raise \$1,000 in debentures for local improvements.

The Kingsville Preserving Company's plant has been sold for \$6,000.

The electric road between London and Springbank is nearly completed.

The trout pond at Locke Springs is to be stocked with 10,000 trout fry.

The Pembroke fire brigade will hold a demonstration on July 19 and 20.

A steamer this summer will run between Port Stanley and Montreal.

Towns about Toronto are visited by hundreds of wheelmen every Sunday.

Prospects for a large crop of wheat throughout Ontario are said to be good.

Rev. Mr. O'Neil has assumed the pastorate of the Cheltenham Baptist church.

Retrow is moving in the direction of securing fifteen acres of land for a park.

Many farmers are giving up the raising of wheat and going into the dairy business.

Experimental work at the Guelph Agricultural College is being extended this year.

The G. T. R. waiting room at Tecumseh was recently robbed of a number of articles.

Belleville declines the offer of the Dominion Bridge Company to establish its plant there.

An anti-tobacco league has been organized in connection with the Teeswater Public school.

The price of beef cattle in Manitoba has gone up the past month, and there is a scarcity.

Owen Sound is thinking about the appointment of a committee to show visitors about the place.

Prof. Cuff, from Bournemouth, England, has been engaged as organist of St. George's church, Goderich.

A new lighthouse has been built by the Victoria Harbor Lumber Company at the edge of the shoal off Burgess Point.

A farmer delivered a spring lamb in Drayton the other day, just eight weeks old, which weighed forty-four pounds.

George Jackson, of Peel, had a sick cow and he killed her. When opened a knitting needle was found lodged in the heart.

A St. Catharines hen laid an egg weighing four ounces, and a few days later another weighing only one-eighth of an ounce.

In August the binder twine factory at the Kingston Penitentiary will have six hundred tons of twine ready for the market.

Miss Lillian Littlehales, of Hamilton, has received the degree of "Associate of the Royal College of Music," at Kensington, England.

Last year bicycles and tricycles to the value of \$333,473 were imported into Canada. A tax of \$100,040.41 was collected on them.

The wife of John Mutrie, of the 12th concession of Greenock, has presented her liege lord and master with triplets—two boys and one girl.

Mrs. Crane, Guelph, recovered \$900 in a suit against hotel-keepers who sold her husband liquor, under the influence of which he was drowned by falling into a mill-dam.

Times are very lively at Whitney, the new lumber point on the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound railway. Over 100 men are employed in putting in the machinery of the mill.

A curious feature in connection with the erection of a new wing to the Protestant Hospital at Ottawa is that it will be called after the late John Roberts, who left a bequest with that condition. Yet the largest proportion of the cost will come from the bequest of Allan Gilmore.