HOW DIFFERENT NATIONS EAT.

The Numerous Idiosyncrasies of Various People While at the Table.

The English are admitted by all unprejudiced foreigners to be the most refined eaters in the world. To see a well-bred Englishman go through the various stages of his dinner is to have a lesson in the art of graceful eating.

Very different is the behavior of the Russian, who does not disdain to use nature's weapons when he considers the latter more convenient than knife and fork.

The Frenchman will use a piece of bread in nearly all cases where he should use a knife. The German, on the other hand, plunges his knife into his mouth in a way that is terrifying.

The Swede cuts up all his food into tiny pieces first of all, and then, having laid aside his knife, proceeds to take up piece by piece with his fork.

The Italian uses a spoon quite as often as a fork. He will employ the former for vegetables, and sometimes even for fish. The latter use of the spoon is somewhat curious.

The Japanese diner uses chop-sticks, a form of implement somewhat difficult to manipulate without considerable practise, while the Chinaman tears his food with his long nails in a manner thoroughly repulsive.

The Greek swallows his meat in huge mouthfuls, and would probably devour a steak weighing half a pound in half a minute. Taking a very sharp knife, he divides the meat into four or five great sections, each of which he flings into his mouth in rapid succession. It is not to be wondered at that the Greeks suffer much from indigestion.

When all is said and done, the English beat the other nations in the art of refined eating.

The Golden Klondike.

AN ENORMOUS RUSH OF GOLD SEEKERS GOING IN.

Some Sound Advice from One Who Has Made the Trip and Knows Something of the Hardships the Gold Seekers Must Undergo.

In the rush towards the golden fields of the Klondike, there are thousands who are ill-fitted to stand the strain of hardship and exposure, which are inseparable from that trip. Illness, disease and death is almost certain to claim many of the ill-prepared adventurers. The following letter from one who has undergone the hardships of the trip, will prove interesting to those who intend going into the desolate but gold laden north:—

Skagway, Dec. 12th, 1897.

Dear Sirs,—My object in writing this letter is to give a word of advice to those who contemplate going to the Yukon gold fields. For ten years I have followed the occupation of prospecting, timber estimating and mining, and the hardships and privations which one has to undergo, are enough to wreck the strongest constitution. In the spring of 1897 I was stricken with pleurisy, as the result of exposure. I recovered from this, but it left behind the seeds of disease which manifested themselves in the form of heart and kidney troubles. I managed to reach Vancouver, but did not have much hopes of recovering. I was advised, however, to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial and at first purchased but two boxes. Before these were gone I found beyond a doubt that they were helping me, and their continued use "put me on my feet again," to use a common expression. I then engaged to go to the Yukon country and only those who have made the trip to Dawson City can form even the faintest conception of the hardships that have to be borne in making the trip. Before starting I added to my outfit two dozen boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I can honestly say no part of my outfit proved of such invaluable service to me, and I would strongly urge every man who goes in to take a supply with him, as he will find the need of such a tonic and upbuilder of the system on many occasions. I went in and returned to this place by the Dalton trail, which consists of 350 miles of old Indian trail, starting at Pyramid Harbor. In going over the trail one has at times to wade through mud more than a foot deep, and ford streams waist deep in ice cold waters. When I started for the Yukon my weight was only 149 pounds, and I now weigh 169 pounds, thanks to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

I am soon starting for another trip to Dawson by the same route. This time, however, the travelling will be on snowshoes, and you may depend upon it Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will again form part of my outfit.

I write this letter for the two fold purpose of letting you know what your medicine has done for me and urging those who go in to take a supply with them. Every man, whether he is sick or well, who undertakes the trip to the Yukon will require something to brace him and keep his constitution sound in that country. I may say that my home is at Copper Cliff, Ont., where my wife now resides.

Yours very truly,
John Piche.

OUT OF SIGHT OF LAND.

Hazel—Weren't you awfully afraid the first time you crossed the ocean?

Nutte—Well—er—for a time I did feel a sort of groundless apprehension.

CATARRH CANNOT BE CURED

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.
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Could Not Eat Without Pain.

"For many years I have been a sufferer from a severe case of Dyspepsia. I could not eat without great pain in my stomach and would be sick and vomit up what I did eat. One day I read of a case cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. I told my husband I believed this medicine would help me. He went right away and got a bottle of Hood's Sarsaparilla. I took four bottles and I was cured." Mrs. Allen Stivers, Makanda, Illinois.

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Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pills, aid digestion. 25c.

WEIGHTED SILK.

To show the manner in which silk is adulterated, an English chemist recently analyzed a piece of silk with the following results: Real silk, 28; water, 11; ash, mostly tin oxid and silica, 14.30; organic matter, not silk, 46. Such "silk" becomes shabby in a few weeks, but so rapid are the change of fashion that it is said to be preferred by many purchasers.

British America Assurance Company.

SIXTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the British American Assurance Company was held in the company's offices, Nos. 18, 20 and 22 Front street east, Toronto, on Friday, the 18th February.

The President, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, occupied the chair.

Mr. P. H. Sims was appointed to act as Secretary, and read the following report, which, on motion, was adopted:

ANNUAL REPORT.

In presenting the Sixty-Fourth Annual Financial Statement of the Company, the Directors have pleasure in calling attention to the following results of the year's business.

The balance of income over expenditure, as shown by the Revenue Account, is $100,832.74.

There has been a net appreciation in the market value of Securities of $14,147.93.

The Reserve Fund has been increased from $528 863.84 to $591,364.51, after providing $52,500 for two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of seven per cent. per annum.

The estimated liability on current policies is $511,982.86, an amount more than ample, according to the Company's past experience, to run off all existing risks, and after providing for this there is a net surplus over capital and all liabilities of $79,381.65.

In all departments a decrease is shown in loss ratios as compared with those of the previous year.

The Directors express their appreciation of the efficient services of the Officers, Special Agents and Representatives of the Company during the past year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Total cash income	$1,470,339 40
Total expenditure, including appropriation for losses under adjustment	1,369,506 66
Balance	100,832 74
Dividends declared	52,500 00
Total assets	1,510,827 88
Total liabilities	169,463 37
Surplus to policyholders	$1,341,364 51

The following gentlemen were elected to serve as Directors for the ensuing year: Hon. George A. Cox, J. J. Kenny, Hon. S. C. Wood, S. F. McKinnon, Thomas Long, John Hoskin, Q.C., LL.D., H. M. Pellatt, R. Jaffray, A. Myers.

At a meeting held subsequently Hon. George A. Cox was elected President and Mr. J. J. Kenny, Vice-President.

THE LIMIT.

Impassioned Lover—Tell me, my angel, what to do to prove my love.. Oh, that I might, like some knight of old, battle for you, suffer for you, die for you.

Sweet Girl—I wish you would give up smoking.

Impassioned Lover—Oh, come, now, that's asking too much.

PROBABLY.

Hargreaves—What are you looking so absent about?

Ferry—I—I was trying to collect my thoughts.

Find that sort of collection pretty dull don't you?

SPARING HIS FEELINGS.

After the young composer had played his piece twice he dried the perspiration off his brow and expectantly looked toward Rossini, awaiting his comment. Rossini stepped over to the piano and asked:

Are you through?

Yes, replied the young musician.

What was that you have just played?

It was a funeral march which I composed after Meyerbeer's death. How does it please you?

Well, replied Rossini, it will do, but I can assure you of one thing—it would have been far better had you died and Meyerbeer composed the music.

The Probabilities

Are, that your temper will improve, and you will enjoy walking and skating in real earnest once that sore corn is removed. Pitnam's Painless Corn Extractor never fails, gives no pain and will relieve you in twenty-four hours. Give Putnam's Corn Extractor a trial and be happy.

A REGENERATION.

It seemed very strange and curious to Bennie that his little sister was born without any teeth. A few days after the baby's birth the cook was obliged to go to the dentist to have her teeth extracted. Oh my! exclaimed Bennie on her return, what do you think? Cook's been to the dentist to get reborned.

WHAT IS YOUR TRADE?

Each Trade or Occupation Has Its Special Disease.

It is well known among medical men that certain diseases are more rapidly developed in certain occupations than in others. That each occupation has its attendant physical weakness. Engineers, railroad men, and similar occupations suffer mostly from kidney troubles, and men who are often exposed to the weather suffer from rheumatism, while clerks and professional men, in fact the army of people whose business keeps them indoors, are oftentimes great sufferers from piles and constipation. In this connection the following letter is of interest to people whose occupation will not allow sufficient outdoor exercise.

A prominent Grand Trunk railroad man says:—"Having suffered intensely for years with piles (not being able to sleep for nights), and having tried different ointments with only temporary relief, I was advised to give Trask's Magnetic Ointment a trial, which I did, and feel thankful. After using three bottles, I feel that I am completely cured. I consider its astonishing efficacy truly marvellous. Wherever I have recommended this ointment, the results proved as satisfactory as in my case. Any sufferer should give this wonderful remedy a trial, and I feel certain they will say as I do, that it cannot be spoken of too highly."—J. C. Frasier, Toronto.

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HENS HATCH FISH EGGS.

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GIRLS AND BOYS.

Old Friend—I s'pose girls are a good deal more expensive to rear than boys, ain't they?

Old Family Man—Wall, they is fer a while, but mo' generally so scon as a girl marries the expense is through with; but just as quick as a son get's married he wants to borrer all you've got.

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NATURAL GAS IN ENGLAND.

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TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

What is that old saying about proclaiming the truth from the housetops?

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ANOTHER VICTORY

WON IN GREY COUNTY BY DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Mrs. Thomas Hughes Tells Her Story, N. Leflar, J. P., Corroborates It—Dodd's Kidney Pills, and They Alone, Cure All Kidney Diseases.

Morley, Ont.,—This little town is excited over an occurrence that would, in early days, have been looked upon as a manifestation of magic. The circumstances are clearly detailed in the following letter sent by Mrs. Thomas Hughes of this place to The Dodds Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto:—

"I cheerfully testify to the wonderful work done by Dodd's Kidney Pills, believing that too much praise cannot be given them. I was for four years a great sufferer from pains in my back, along my spine, in my head, especially over the eyes, in my left, and occasionally in my right side.

"Five doctors treated me, and I also had the care and advice of an American specialist. All failed to help me. I tried nearly all the patent medicines I could get, but none of them did me any good.

"For two and three nights at a time I could not close my eyes in sleep. I was bloated so terribly that I could neither sit nor walk. My agony was simply indescribable. For nearly three years I was bed-fast.

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"I have known Mrs. T. Hughes for a number of years, and I can truthfully state, that the foregoing statements are strictly true."—N. Leflar, J.P.

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ROUGH ON AUNTIE.

Tommy—That church is over 200 years old.

Gracie—My auntie says it's only 100.

Tommy—Oh, well, I s'pose that's as far back as she can remember.

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THEIR OWN TAILORS.

Dorothy (noticing the brass knobs on the horns of grandpa's oxen)—I see the oxen do their own sewin' by the looks of their thimbles.

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