GOING FOR A SOLDIER.

At a police court situated near a garrison town in the west of England a few days ago a prisoner was brought up charged with being drunk and disorderly and with fighting in the street.

He was a tall, well-built, strapping young fellow, but evidently an old offender, for the magistrate, after inflicting a fine, which was paid by a friend of the prisoner's in court, asked him if he had any work to do.

The prisoner replied that he was out of work.

"You seem to be frequently getting into trouble by drinking and fighting," said the magistrate. "Why don't you go for a soldier?"

"Not me," was the answer. "I did once, your worship, and he very nearly killed me."

WIDEMAN TALKS.

THE CLAY POTTER WHO ESCAPED BEING CRIPPLED FOR LIFE BY ALMOST A MIRACLE.

A. N. Wideman of Duntroon, Ont., Interviewed in Toronto—The Most Hopeless Case of Rheumatism on Record—A Living Monument to the Power of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—The wonderful escape of A. N. Wideman, which found its way into the newspapers a few weeks ago, is still a subject of interest here. He will be remembered as the man who was so frightfully crippled with Rheumatism, being twisted and contorted out of shape.

He was fairly snatched from a miserable death by Dodd's Kidney Pills, and he has been one of the greatest upholders of Dodd's Kidney Pills in Canada ever since.

Mr. Wideman still has to use a stick when he walks, as the disease left him with one leg shorter than the other.

With this exception, and with the defect due to the breaking of his teeth from taking mercury medicines, Mr. Wideman is as well as ever he was in his life.

"I never heard of anything like the way Dodd's Kidney Pills worked in my case," said he. "They drove the Rheumatism clean out of my system. You know work was slack in earthenware works, and I took a chance to work in the harvest field. I got soaked several times with rain and that brought on the worst attack of Rheumatism I ever heard of. I was in bed five months. My legs were twisted out of shape, the toes pointing inwards. Well, nothing the doctors could do did me the least good. My teeth broke off from the mercury he gave me, that was all."

"How did you come to take Dodd's Kidney Pills?" Mr. Wideman was asked.

"A neighbor of mine, Mrs. Boyer, got me to try them. I did so to please her, but continued their use because they were curing me."

"And you ascribe your present health and strength to Dodd's Kidney Pills?"

"I certainly do. If it hadn't been for Dodd's Kidney Pills I would be in my grave at this minute," said Mr. Wideman emphatically.

NO CONSUMPTIVES IN 10 YEARS.

Statement of Dr. John Ferguson—The New Free Consumptive Hospital an Immediate Helper to This End.

The statement of Dr. John Ferguson, one of Toronto's well-known physicians, that, "if consumption patients were properly isolated and treated, within ten years from now tuberculosis would be one of the rarest of known diseases," ought to prove an encouraging stimulus to friends of the new Free Consumptive Hospital to hurry along subscriptions towards the furnishing of this hospital, capable of admitting at once fifty patients—and without any charge.

The curability of tuberculosis is clearly in evidence in the records of the Muskoka Cottage Sanitarium under the management of the National Sanitarium Association, and under whose auspices the new Free Consumptive Hospital has been built. In four years 422 patients have been treated and more than 852 have been cured, or so helped that they could go back to work, caring for wife or children dependent upon them.

The new Free Consumptive Hospital is situated in Muskoka, not far from the Muskoka Cottage Sanitarium, the two gentlemen who have generously borne the cost of constructing the building desiring that the same benefits that have come to patients of the Muskoka Cottage Sanitarium, by virtue of its excellent situation, should come to the poorer patients whose only hope is in admittance to the Free Consumptive Hospital.

All that is wanting now is the furnishing of this hospital with beds and other necessary appointments. The National Sanitarium Association, because of their heavy debt, are unable to undertake this part of the work. Only let the many whose hearts are touched by the distressing cases chronicled in newspaper columns from day to day send their contributions of $1, or, if possible, $5, $10, or $50, and no time will be lost in opening wide the doors of the new hospital.

Is not the suggestion a timely one on the opening of a new year? The pleasures of the season will be heightened in an immeasurable degree by the thought that one's gifts have been of the kind to help those who are most needing help—the poor consumptives whose sickness is doubtless the reason for depriving wife and children and other loved ones of the blessings that would otherwise come to them. Contributions will be received by Sir William R. Meredith, Chief Justice, 4 Lamport avenue, Toronto; W. J. Gage, 52 Front Street West, Toronto; or the National Trust Company, limited, treasurer, 22 King Street east, Toronto.

THE VULNERABLE POINT.

Percy—"I've made Pauline sorry that she threw me over."

Guy—"In what way?"

Percy—"Why, I'm attentive now to a girl five years younger than she is."

HEARTLESS WOMAN.

"Poor Bickers has a very hard-hearted wife," said Trivvet.

"What's the trouble now?" asked Dicer.

"She not only broke the broomstick over his head, but made him go to the store and buy another."

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Black, Mixed and Green.

Japan tea drinkers try "Salada" Green tea.

HE GAVE 1,000 CROWNS.

The Emperor Joseph II. was in the habit of walking about incognito. One morning he went into a coffee shop and asked for a cup of chocolate. He was plainly dressed, and the waiters, being ignorant of his rank, insolently refused it, saying it was too early.

Without making any reply, he walked out, and went into a little coffee-house hard by, and asked for a cup of chocolate. The landlord answered that it should be ready in a moment.

While he waited for it he walked up and down, and was conversing on different subjects, when the landlord's daughter, a very pretty girl, made her appearance.

The Emperor wisher her good-day and observed to the father that it was high time a flower in full bloom should marry before it faded.

"Ah!" replied she honest old man, "if I had but a thousand crowns, I could marry her to a fine young man who is very fond of her. But, sir, the chocolate is ready."

The Emperor called for a pen, ink and paper. The girl ran to fetch them, when he gave her an order on his banker for a thousand crowns.

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During the year the space devoted to advertising MINARD'S LINIMENT will contain expressions of no uncertain sound from people who speak from personal experience as to the merits of this best of household Remedies.

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Of 12,525 criminals convicted in one recent year in England and Wales, 34 were sentenced to death, 10 to penal servitude for life, and 91 to over 10 years' penal servitude.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surface.

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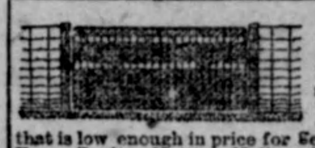

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