GEMS OF IMPURE RAY.

Ladies Bank Their Jewels and Wear Doubles.

A few generations ago imitation gems were unheard of, and the family heirlooms and costly jewels were worn by women on all State occasions in all their real magnificence. To-day, however, in the smartest of the "smart set" a different state of affairs exists, says the London Express.

Society women rarely wear their real jewels—which are usually kept at the Bank of England or other safe deposits—but have them duplicated in such wonderful imitations that only an expert could detect the substitution.

A jeweler who makes a specialty of what he terms "jewelry of reconstructed gems," has worked up a large business in copying the famous necklaces, tiaras, ropes of pearls, and corsage ornaments belonging to famous beauties, grand dames, and American heiresses. At a stone factory in Vienna he turns out diamonds, rubies, and emeralds to order.

In the first place, he sends a man to his customer's home, who makes a careful drawing of each valuable piece of jewelry, and from this design an exact duplicate af the original is made for, generally, about one-fiftieth of the price of the real gems.

The mounting in this finer class of imitation jewelry is identical with that used in setting the real stones. Often small real diamonds are used for the clasp of a string of pearls which are made by a manufacturing chemist, and sometimes even reconstructed stones alternate with real gems

At the Royal Courts, the opera, and State dinners a large percentage of the magnificent gems worn are products from the chemist's laboratory, costing anything from £50 to £200—perfect imitations of, in many instances, priceless gems.

A JAPANESE VIEW.

In the course of an interview which appears in "Cassel's Saturday Journal," Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Minister in London says:

"There is something solid and dignified about the average Briton that never fails to impress me; England is so progressive. As a city I consider London inique. In the first place it is so large, yet so orderly and well governed. It is an example of what your laws, the love of justice, and the loyal spirit of a great people towards their country and King can produce. As a foreigner from the Far East, I can assure you that London at once arrests attention. I know Paris is a fine city; so is Berlin, and, for that matter, St. Petersburg; but as an example of city governmentship, if I may use that term, London is a study."

The real secret of Britain's position amongst the nations of the world, in the Viscount's opinion, is her love of justice and her laws and the sincerity of her citizens.

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The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

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Love may laugh at locksmiths, but he who laughs last laughs best.

Mr. Kidder: "Ah, how-de-do, doctor? If you have a few minutes to spare I wish you would come over to my house and chloroform my youngest boy." Dr. Price: "What is the matter with the lad?" Mr. Kidder: "Oh, his mother wants to comb his hair."

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BRIGHT'S DISEASE BEATEN AGAIN.

Mary Malcolm's Life Was Measured by Days and Hours.

Dodd's Kidney Pills Had Her Able to be Out in a Week.

Another Remarkable Cure Brought Out by the Collingwood and Eglington Cases.

Toronto, Feb. 15.—(Special).—The interest in medical circles here over the cures of Mrs. Adams, of Collingwood, and Mrs. Philip, of Eglington, of Bright's Disease, has been given fresh fuel by another and yet more startling cure of that same terrible ailment. This latest case is that of a young girl, Mary Malcolm, who lives with her parents at 199 Maslborough Avenue, this city.

DEATH SEEMED SURE.

This cure is little short of miraculous. Miss Malcolm was in the clutches of Bright's Disease from May until September, and had sunk so low that her life was measured by days if not by hours. Hope had given place to a certainty of death, and her friends had turned to the sad task of preparing her grave clothes. These last ghastly garments are now in the house, but Mary Malcolm is a strong hearty maiden who can look on them without even a shudder of fear. Dodd's Kidney Pills effected the change. Here is the story as told by the girl's mother, Mrs. W. Malcolm:

"My daughter, Mary, who is now fourteen years old, was taken suddenly ill with Bright's Disease in May, 1902. We had the doctor and continued with him till September, 1902, when he said he could do nothing more for her. She was so swollen with Dropsy as to be almost unrecognizable.

CURE WAS QUICK.

"From a book dropped in at the door, we learned of Dodd's Kidney Pills and as a last resort determined to try them. They gave her relief from the very beginning, so much so that in one week we were able to take her out to Munro Park for an afternoon.

"After taking four boxes, she was entirely cured and she has never had the slightest relapse. We can never say too much for Dodd's Kidney Pills, as they certainly saved my daughter's life."

And Mary, the daughter on whom Bright's Disease had pronounced the sentence of death, now a picture of healthy girlhood, smiled a cheerful assent to her mother's statement and chimed in, "If I am ever sick again I will take nothing but Dodd's Kidney Pills."

It is hardly necessary to add that proof piled on proof has convinced the public that Bright's Disease is curable and that Dodd's Kidney Pills are the cure; that if the disease is of the Kidneys or from the Kidneys the one unfailing remedy is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

CORK IN EUROPE.

While Spain still yields 32,800 tons of cork annually, worth $6,000,000, Italy's production has decreased to 4,000 tons ($250,000 worth). Italy used to have splendid cork forests, but they have been felled for charcoal and for potash. Seventy-five years ago England's supply of corks came altogether from Italy.

If a girl really and truly loves a man she doesn't try to find out what the ring cost.

Prison Worker: "My man, what is the cause of your being here?" Convict: "Well, my lawyer knew too little, an' the jury knew too much."

"Regular Practitioner—No Result."—Mrs. Annie C. Chestnut, of Whitby, was for months a rheumatic victim, but South American Rheumatic Cure changed the song from "despair" to "joy." She says: "I suffered untold misery from rheumatism—doctors' medicine did me no good—two bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure cured me—relief two hours after the first dose."—50

Caller: "And this is the new baby?" Fond Mother: "Isn't he splendid?" Caller: "Yes, indeed." Fond Mother: "And so clever. See how intelligently he breathes."

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A TREE THAT GROWS DISHES.

There is a tree in the West Indies that the natives say "grows dishes!" It looks like an apple tree. They call it the calabash. It bears very queer leaves and large white blossoms that grow right from the trunk and larger branches. After the flower comes the fruit, just as our apples or peaches do. But this fruit is in the shape of a goard, only stronger and much larger, sometimes a foot in diameter. Now, see what a use the the people of that country make of this fruit. The shell is so hard that all sorts of big and little dishes and drinking cups can be carved out of it. Even pots and kettles are made and used over the fire, but, of course, they cannot, last as long as our iron ones.

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Teacher: "All things that can be seen through are called transparent. Fanny, mention something which is transparent." Fanny: "A pane of glass." Teacher: "Quite correct. Now, Fanny, mention some other object through which you can see." Fanny: "A keyhole."

"My Heart was Thumping my Life out," is the way Mrs. R. H. Wright, of Brockville, Ont., describes her sufferings from smothering, fluttering and palpitation. After trying many remedies without benefit, six bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart restored her to perfect health. The first dose gave almost instant relief, and in a day suffering ceased altogether.—51

Tommy: "Mamma, I want to ask you an important question." Mamma: "Well, what is it, dear?" Tommy: "If a boy is a lad and has a stepfather, is the lad a stepladder?"

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Little Ethel: "Mamma said she hoped you would call to-day." Mrs. Caller: "That was nice of her. Where is your mamma?" Little Ethel: "Oh, she's spending the day in the country."

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The only regiment of regulars in the British army that has never yet been "blooded," that is, that has never been under fire, is the Irish Guards. This regiment was only formed in 1900, as, it will be remembered, the outcome of Queen Victoria's visit to Ireland, and in honor of the splendid work performed by Irish regiments at the front.

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—HOME OFFICE—

112-118 King Street, West, Toronto,

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1903

Dec. 31 1902.—To Net Ledger Assets		$4,773,785 35
RECEIPTS.		
Dec. 31, 1903.—To cash for Premiums	$1,132,616 91	
—To Cash on Investments	248,746 78	
		$1,381,363 69
		$6,155,149 04
DISBURSEMENTS.		
Dec. 31, 1903.—By payment for Death Claims, Profits, etc.	$423,217 86	
—By all other payments	355,720 43	
		$ 778,938 29
		$5,376,210 75
ASSETS.		
Dec. 31, 1903.—By Mortgages, etc		$1,003,604 06
—By Stocks, Bonds, and Debentures (market value $3,170,047.47)		3,148,345 88
—By Real Estate, including company's building		374,896 62
—By Loans on Policies, etc.		368,969 63
—By Loans on Stocks (nearly all on call)		443,310 34
—By Cash in Banks and on hand		42,584 22
		$5,376,210 75
—By Premiums outstanding, etc. (less cost of collection)		208,937 14
—By Interest and Rents due and accrued		40,652 89
		$5,625,800 78
LIABILITIES.		
Dec. 31, 1903.—To Guarantee Fund	$ 60,000 00	
—To Assurance and Annuity Reserve Fund	4,974,197 00	
—To Death Losses Awaiting Proofs, Contingent Expenses, etc.	41,367 02	
		$5,075,564 02
NET SURPLUS		$550,236 76

Audited and found correct—John N. Lake, Auditor.
Wm. T. Standen, Consulting Actuary.

*New insurance issued during 1903 ..... $ 5,884,890
Being the best year in General Branch in the history of the Company.
*Insuranre in force at end of 1903 (net) $32,452,977
*No monthly or Provident policies were issued—this branch having been discontinued.

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The report, containing the proceedings of the Annual Meeting, held on Jan. 28th last, showing marked proofs of the continued progress and solid position of the Company, will be sent to policy-holders. Pamphlets explanatory of the attractive investment plans of the Company and a copy of the Annual Report, showing its unexcelled financial position, will be furnished on application to the Home Office or any of the Company's Agencies.

Fred: "Frank is in a terrible fix." Georgie: "How so?" Fred: "Jessie's father threatens to disinherit her if she marries him, and she says she will sue him for breach of promise if he doesn't."

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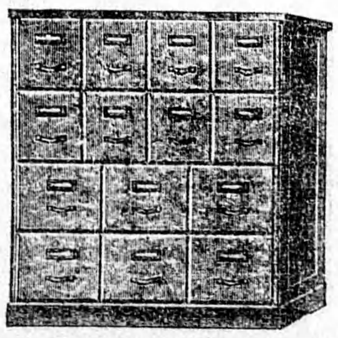

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