IN MERRY OLD ENGLAND

NEWS BY MAIL ABOUT JOHN BULL AND HIS PEOPLE.

Occurrences in the Land That Reigns Supreme in the Com-

It is stated that 228 persons in the borough of Stepney died of old age during 1904.

Rochdale is known to the world as the home of John Bright and the cradle of co-operation.

The White Star and Cunard lines are fitting their ships with the submarine signaling apparatus.

The English money denomination a pound was once a pound weight of silver in its pure state.

The first life insurance society was started in London in 1698, and another in 1700. Neither was successful.

There are 336 places of public entertainment in London, with a combined seating capacity for 400,000 people.

An aristocractic looking man, the grandson of a duke, is selling matches in London in very shabby clothes.

A parcel of tea has been sold at Mincing Lane for 25s 6d per pound, said to be the highest price paid for several years.

With the retirement of Gen. Sir Charles Warren, G.C.M.G., a notable name disappears from the active list of the army.

Mr. Samuel Wilson, 82 years old, stated to be the oldest Oddfellow in England, died at Bury St. Edmonds on the 26th ult.

Col. Romilly, C.B., will next month take over command of the Scots Guards, in succession to Col. Jones who retires.

Roberts' career as a billiard player has lasted over 30 years, and now he is to retire, not in the Sims Reeves' sense, but forever.

Not one of Blackpool's numerous municipal enterprises showed a loss last year, and the rates were reduced by £21,000 from the profits.

In the course of eight hours' point duty, a London constable avers, that he is asked, on an average, 250 times where such-and-such a street is.

The late Mr. John Innes of Merton, Surrey, who left estate of the gross value of £338,026, has bequeathed £200,000 for charitable purposes.

Southport has a bowling green which is lighted by electricity in the evenings, in order to allow working men to play bowls after dark. It is carried on by the corporation.

General Booth, so far as food is concerned, lives a simple life. Toast and tea for breakfast, soup, toast and a few vegetables for lunch; tea the same as breakfast, and rice and milk for supper.

By his will the Rev. Francis Slater, M.A., of Oxford, directed that in the event of his dying abroad his heart should be cut out and placed on his wife's coffin at Disley churchyard, near Macclesfield.

A large number of London's discarded horse tramcars have been sent to Lincolnshire, where they are used as sleeping rooms for potato pickers. One has become a small Sunday school at Sputterton Dowdyke.

The bagpipe is now being introduced into the navy. That well-known Scot, Lord Walter Kerr, was the innovator. Several battleships are equipped with bagpipes, while a trio are attached to the Royal Naval Barracks at Portsmouth.

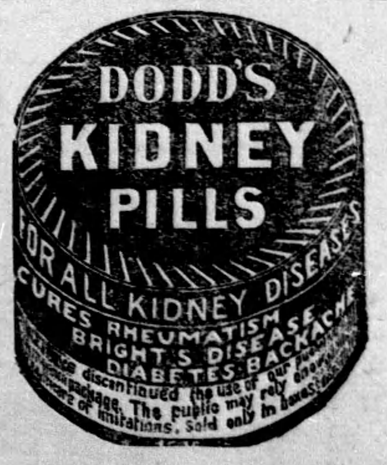
British fishing fleets sweep the seas from the shores of Iceland to the coast of Portugal. At the present time there are at least 27,000 vessels, manned by over 90,000 fishermen, engaged in fishing from the ports of the United Kingdom.

A clergyman at Yarmouth, who was attending a "rummage sale" that was being held for charity, laid a new straw hat on a stall, and when he turned round to get it a minute or two later, found that the energetic stallkeeper had sold it to an unknown purchaser.

A speaker at the North-east Lancashire Conference of Women's Co-operative Guilds, said she had been told by a nurse that the number of whiskey babies in workhouses was appalling. They had the utmost difficulty in getting them to take food unless it tasted of whiskey.

The presence of hatless women in the Canterbury Cathedral was brought recently to the attention of the chapter of the cathedral, who decided that this departure from the rule laid down by St. Paul was not to be tolerated. The exclusion of several bareheaded women created a mild sensation in England.

Scalds—"You say he left no money? Baggs—"No. You see, he lost his health getting wealthy, and then lost his wealth trying to get healthy."



THE POSTMASTER IS THANKFUL

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS ENABLED HIM TO SLEEP IN PEACE.

Grand Work they are Doing For Thousands of Canadians Every Year.

Tabucintac, Cumberland Co., N.B., Oct. 2.—(Special).—Mr. H. J. Lee, postmaster here, is one of the great army of Canadians who, rescued from pain and weakness by Dodd's Kidney Pills, are shouting the praises of the great Kidney Remedy.

"Yes," the postmaster says, "I want to express my thankfulness for the great benefit I have received from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"My trouble was having to urinate too freely. I had to rise eight or ten times each night so that my rest was broken. My feet and legs also swelled. Then I got Dodd's Kidney Pills and I took six boxes all told. Now I am all right.

"It will be a comfort to me if by making my case public I can lead some other sufferer to find relief in Dodd's Kidney Pills."

Dodd's Kidney Pills always cure Bright's Disease. They also annually bring relief to hundreds of thousands of Canadians who are bothered with earlier Kidney Troubles.

RICE CROP FAILS.

Blow Suffered by Japan as a Result of Incessant Rains.

The rice crop of Japan has been almost totally ruined by incessant rains. Less than a quarter crop will be gathered. This is a very serious calamity for Japan, as a large proportion of her inhabitants gain their livelihood from its cultivation. Even with a good crop Japan is obliged to import more and more rice each year to supply the ever-growing demand. Last year, for example, the rice harvest was one of unprecedented abundance, being twenty-one per cent. above the average. The crop realized 264,000,000 bushels.

Nevertheless, the value of rice imported was considerably higher than the previous record level, reached in 1903. The figures were $30,000,000, as compared with $25,000,000. Of this amount India's share was more than one-half.

The cultivable area being limited, the increase in population and prosperity largely accounts for the marked increase in the amount of imported rice. The cultivatable area is about 7,000,000 acres. The last serious deficiency occurred in 1902, when the crop was but 183,184,242 bushels. In 1903 it rose to 230,516,188 bushels.

Tailor—"You have recently inherited a nice lump of money from your uncle; why don't you pay me?" Customer—"I hate all outward show. I don't want it to be said that my newly-acquired wealth has caused a departure from my former simple habits."

Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart acts directly and quickly, stimulates the heart's action, stops most acute pain, dispels all signs of weakness, fluttering, sinking, smothering, or palpitation. This wonderful cure is the sturdy ship which carries the heart-sick patient into the haven of radiant and perfect health. Gives relief in most acute forms of heart disease in 30 minutes.—11.

"Some men say," remarked the beautiful heiress, "that I have no heart." "Oh, that doesn't matter," replied the poor but willing youth. "I'll give you mine."

A SKIN THAT BURNS with eczema, and is covered with eruptions that discharge a thin fluid, may be made smooth and sightly with Weaver's Cerate. It is an ointment that has brought relief to thousands.

FRESH AIR AND SUNSHINE.

How much better it would be, certainly in the interests of their children, if parents, and mothers especially, realized more than they appear to do the importance of fresh air and sunshine. Children should live out of doors, they ought to be brought up in the fresh air and sunshine. Without it they droop and die, for "life is a sun child," and its beginnings cannot thrive deprived of its native element. In childhood the foundation is laid for mature life. Pale, delicate, hothouse children, when brought up in the heated atmosphere of the luxurious modern home, have no stamina for the future. A robust, hardy childhood, secured by plenty of outdoor life, even in cold weather, simple nourishing food at regular hours, without meat, cake, pastry, or sweets, clothing that permits of perfect freedom in the making of mud pies and other childish delights, besides the early to bed of the old nursery rhyme, would help to lessen the terrible mortality among children, and ensure to them some backbone for the needs of adult life.

WOOD FOR PENCILS.

The amount of wood which is used every year for the manufacture of pencils is almost incredible. Nearly 4,000 acres of cedar trees are cut down annually for this purpose alone, and of these 2,000 acres are in Florida. In Bavaria alone there are some forty pencil factories.

Sunlight Soap will not burn the nap off woolens nor the surface off linens.

SUNLIGHT SOAP REDUCES EXPENSE.

Ask for the Octagon Bar.

BIGGEST THEFT ON RECORD.

Three thousand million gallons of water have been stolen from the Brooklyn Water Department, and detectives are being employed to search for unauthorized connections to the mains. The loss to the borough is estimated at $400,000. It is suspected that large consumers have tapped the mains without applying to the Water Department for the installation of meters.

MONTH AFTER MONTH a cold sticks, and seems to tear holes in your throat. Are you aware that even a stubborn and long-neglected cold is cured with Allen's Lung Balsam? Cough and worry no longer.

"According to this paper," said Mrs. Naggs, "widows make the best wives." "I don't doubt it, my dear," replied Naggs; "but, nevertheless, I don't feel justified in shuffling off at the present moment merely for the sake of making a good wife of you."

A Pleasant Medicine.—There are some pills which have no other purpose evidently than to beget painful internal disturbances in the patient, adding to his troubles and perplexities rather than diminishing them. One might as well swallow some corrosive material. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills have not this disagreeable and injurious property. They are easy to take, are not unpleasant to the taste, and their action is mild and soothing. A trial of them will prove this. They offer peace to the dyspeptic.

GIFT TO JAPAN'S EMPRESS.

President Roosevelt Sends an American Sewing Machine.

The Singer Sewing Machine Company, of Elizabeth, New Jersey, has just completed a sewing machine for the Empress of Japan on the order of President Roosevelt. It is a present to the Empress by the President in recognition of the courtesy extended to his daughter, Miss Alice Roosevelt, during her recent visit to Japan.

The selection of a sewing machine as a gift came about from a conversation Miss Roosevelt had with the Empress. The latter expressed a desire to have an American sewing machine, and Miss Roosevelt communicated the wish to her father, who immediately gave the order. The machine is of the V. S. pattern and is probably the most costly that has ever been turned out of any factory. Every part of it where there is no friction is gold plated.

On one end of the machine attached to the gold plated ironwork is the American and Japanese coat of arms. Underneath the coat of arms of the two countries in Japanese characters is the date and then follows the reason for the presentation.

From the time that the machine was started until it received its final test in the operating room the utmost care and secrecy was maintained and none but the most trusted employees were allowed to do any part of the work upon it. The machine will be placed in a mahogany cabinet inlaid with silk and push in Japanese colors. It is said that it will be sent to Japan by a special messenger.

TOOK HIM AT HIS WORD.

"Now, Miss Caustique," said young Borem, who had dropped in to spend the evening, "pray do not put yourself out on my account. Just act as if I were not here."

"Thank you, Mr. Borem," she replied. "I will do as you suggest and proceed to enjoy myself."

NOTICED IT.

A Young Lady From New Jersey Put Her Wits to Work.

"Coffee gave me terrible spells of indigestion which, coming on every week or so, made my life wretched until some one told me that the coffee I drank was to blame. That seemed nonsense but I noticed these attacks used to come on shortly after eating and were accompanied by such excruciating pains in the pit of the stomach that I could only find relief by loosening my clothing and lying down.

"If circumstances made it impossible for me to lie down I spent hours in great misery.

"I refused to really believe it was the coffee until finally I thought a trial would at least do no harm, so I quit coffee in 1901 and began on Postum. My troubles left entirely and convinced me of the cause.

"Postum brought no discomfort, nor did indigestion follow its use. I have had no return of the trouble since I began to drink Postum. It has built me up, restored my health and given me a new interest in life. It certainly is a joy to be well again." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in each pkg.

A Pleasant Surprise

For tea drinkers is to give them a hot, steaming cup of **fragrant**

Blue Ribbon

TEA instead of the ordinary kind. They'll notice the difference quick enough, then nothing will do them but **Blue Ribbon Tea.**

TRY THE RED LABEL.

"Why do the roses fade slowly away?" she inquired poetically. "Well," replied the baldheaded young man, "when you think it over it's all for the best. It's more comfortable to have them fade slowly away then to go off all of a sudden, like a torpedo."

It is the Farmer's Friend.—The farmer will find in Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil a potent remedy for wounds or pains in the body or for affections of the respiratory organs and for household use generally. He will also find it a convenient friend in treating injured horses, cattle, etc., or relieving them when attacked by colds, coughs or any kindred ailments to which they are subject.

"What are you studying now?" asked Mrs. Cumrox. "We have taken up the subject of molecules," answered her son. "I hope you will be very attentive and practise constantly. I tried to get your father to wear one, but he couldn't make it stay in his eye."

Kidney Duty.—It is the particular function of the kidneys to filter out poisons which pass through them into the blood. When the kidneys are diseased they cannot do their whole duty, and should have the help and strength that South American Kidney Cure will afford in any and all forms of kidney disorder. It relieves in 6 hours.—14

"What nonsense all this is about men getting on their knees when they propose," said Mrs. Parslow to her dear friend. "My husband didn't do any such absurd thing when he asked me to marry him." "He did when he proposed to me," said the dear friend, without thinking.

Nearly all infants are more or less subject to diarrhoea and such complaints while teething and as this period of their lives is the most critical, mothers should not be without a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Dysentery Cordial. This medicine is a specific for such complaints and is highly spoken of by those who have used it. The proprietors claim it will cure any case of cholera or summer complaint.

"You can't imagine," said the musical young women, "how distressing it is when a singer realizes that she has lost her voice." "Perhaps not," replied the plain man; "but I've got a fair idea how distressing it is when she doesn't realize it!"

Great Things From Little Causes Grow.—It takes very little to derange the stomach. The cause may be slight, a cold, something eaten or drunk, anxiety, worry, or some other simple cause. But if precautions be not taken, this simple cause may have most serious consequences. Many a chronically debilwith in time. Keep the digestive apparatus in healthy condition and all will be well. Parmelee's Vegetable Pills are better than any other for the purpose.

He—"I presume you carry a memento of some kind in that locket of yours?" She—"Precisely. It is a lock of my husband's hair." He—"But your husband is still alive!" She—"But his hair is all gone."

Those Worrying Piles. — One application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will give you comfort. Applied every night for three to six nights and a cure is effected in the most stubborn cases of Blind, Bleeding or Itching Piles. Dr. Agnew's Ointment cures Eczema and all itching and burning skin diseases. It acts like magic. 35 cents.—15

DON'T GIVE ADVICE.

It is a good scheme to act on the theory that people not only don't know what is best for them, but don't want to.

DO NOT ALLOW yourself to become alarmed because you have lost your appetite and are losing flesh, but commence taking "Ferrovim" *the best tonic.* It will build you up quickly.

INCENTIVES TO MARRIAGE.

Apparently the German town of Haschmann does not believe in a state of single blessedness. Annual prizes are offered to the men who wed the ugliest, the most deformed, and the oldest woman in the town. Eighty dollars is paid to the man who marries the ugliest, while but $60 is the reward for the one marrying the cripple. All women over forty who have been jilted at least twice bring their spouses sums which vary according to the state of the fund which was left by a rich resident of the town. The average price paid is $50 to each, unless they should be unusually numerous; while the trustees are empowered to pay a larger sum when, in their judgment, it seems wise to hold forth a special inducement to procure the marriage of some particularly undesirable woman.

NEGROES ARE LONG-LIVED.

Among the negro races centenarians are extremely numerous, and it is merely because they unconsciously obey the laws of Nature. They sleep so much, for instance, that a negro centenarian only spends fifty or sixty years out of his 100 awake, while a white man would be awake for seventy-five years of the time.

CHENILLE CURTAINS and all kinds of house Hangings, also **LACE CURTAINS** DYED & CLEANED LIKE NEW. Write to us about yours. BRITISH AMERICAN DYEING CO., Box 168, Montreal

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FARMERS, ATTENTION.

Do you want to sell your farm? If so, send us a description of it and lowest price. We will list it in our next Farm Bulletin, which will be issued soon. If we sell we charge two and one-half per cent. commission. If we do not sell we make no charge.

Do you want to buy a Farm? Before doing so, write us for our Farm Bulletin. There are hundreds of Farms to choose from. We can satisfy you and save you money besides.

RUTHERFORD & RILETT, Hamilton

LUMINOUS SHRIMPS.

Luminous shrimps have been discovered by the Prince of Monaco in the course of his deep-sea fishing in the Mediterranean. They live at a depth of from 1,100 to 1,600 fathoms. They are of the size of fine prawns, and are studded with small phosphorescent spots. These light their way in the gloom of the deep waters.

THE JAPS did it. They supplied the Menthol found in the "D & L" Menthol Plaster, which relieves instantly backache, headache, neuralgia, rheumatism and sciatica.

Bank Teller—"This cheque has your husband's name signed to it, Mrs. Nuwed, but he has neglected to fill in the amount wanted." Mrs. Nuwed—"Oh, that doesn't matter. Just give me all there is to his credit."

Nervousness, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, and kindred ailments, take wings before the healing qualities of South American Nervine. Thomas Hoskins, of Durham, Ont., took his preacher's advice, followed directions, and was cured permanently of the worst form of Nervous Prostration and Dyspepsia. He has recommended it to others with gratifying results. It's a great nerve builder.—12.

Miss Passaye—"I prize that book very highly. It is a very old edition." Miss Budde—"Yes, dear, I thought it must be when I saw on the fly-leaf that it was presented to you on your twenty-first birthday."

Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has the largest sale of any similar preparation sold in Canada. It always gives satisfaction by restoring health to the little folks.

She—"Mr. Riche says very bitter things about those lazy sons of his, but his wife is always making excuses for them." He—"Yes, she makes excuses, but he has to make allowances for them; that's what angers him."

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder dusted in the bath, softens the water and disinfects.

Old Grabbenheimer (tearfully) — "Bromise, bromise me, mein dear boy, det you vill make mein daughter happy." Young Nickelbaum (briskly)—"I guarantees berfect sadisfaction, Meester Grabbenheimer, or I returns der goots."

It is only necessary to read the testimonials to be convinced that Holloway's Corn cure is unequalled for the removal of corns, warts, etc. It is a complete extinguisher.

Lady of the House—Well, Professor, I hope you are enjoying your dinner. Professor—Oh, yes; I have to-day an appetite worthy of a better cause.

For 33 Years

Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, has been before the public, and this, together with the fact that its sales have steadily increased year by year, is the best proof of the merit of

Shiloh

as a cure for Coughs, Colds, and all diseases of the lungs and air passages. Those who have used Shiloh would not be without it. Those who have never used it should know that every bottle is sold with a positive guarantee that, if it doesn't cure you, the dealer will refund what you paid for it. Shiloh

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thousands of the most obstinate cases of Coughs, Colds and Lung troubles. Let it cure you.

"Last winter I coughed for three months and thought I was going into Consumption. I took all sorts of medicines, but nothing did me any good until I used Shiloh's Consumption Cure. Four bottles cured me. This winter I had a very bad cold, was not able to speak, my lungs were sore on the side and back. Six bottles of Shiloh made me well again. I have given it to several people and every one of them have been cured.—D. Joseph, St. Hyacinthe, Que." 60z

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