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TOPICS OF THE WEEK

HERE'S THE NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Tidings from all Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Arranged for Busy Readers.

CANADIAN.

Mgr. Merry del Val will sail for Rome next week.

Lady Aberdeen sailed from Quebec for Liverpool on the steamer Labrador.

The by-law to consolidate with the City of London was carried in London West.

Charles Henry, aged 72, one of Barrie's oldest and most interesting residents, died there Monday.

The list of results of the examinations at the Royal Military College, Kingston, has been published.

The strike of the St. Lawrence pilots is at an end. The men who were engaged in it are now in Montreal and Quebec looking for business.

The new street railway bridge connecting the City of London with London West was opened Monday.

Owing to litigation the court has appointed a receiver for the St. Catharines and Niagara Central Railway.

The 400th anniversary of the discovery of Newfoundland by John Cabot was celebrated at St. John's, Nfld.

Lord Hillsark, a Scotch Baron, has arrived in New York, and will visit Toronto, Montreal and the Northwest.

The Legislature of Prince Edward Island has been dissolved, and the general elections take place on July 21.

Money by-laws to increase the electric light and waterworks systems and to rebuild the Town Hall were defeated at Exeter.

While three small boys named Gilmour, Higgins, and Read were playing on a boom in the River Gatineau, they were drowned.

A blaze on St. Patrick and Murray streets, Ottawa, burned a block of buildings and rendered about one hundred families homeless.

Mr. William Hocking, of Sandwich, has secured a verdict against the officers of Essex county for $400 in his suit for the P.P.A. for boot to the order.

Mr. Duncan Cameron, a farmer, aged 51, and formerly reeve of West Zorra, was instantly killed during a storm at Embro by lightning striking him.

Nineteen garment makers employed by Messrs. Small & Fancher, Montreal, have gone on strike, demanding restoration of reduced wages, longer holidays and unfair competition.

Oxford University has conferred the honorary degree of D.D. upon Archbishop Sweatman, Primate of all Canada, and upon the Most Rev. John Lewis, Archbishop of Ontario.

The gas pipes in Izengoot's house at Fort Erie were frozen through by some enemy of the family, and the result was an explosion that seriously injured the owner.

Extensive preparations are under way for a grand reception to the Highlanders' Militia Band, Toronto, on their return. The Toronto military have a dozen pipers of the 13th Battalion, Hamilton, will take part in the reception.

Robert Fergus, forty-two years of age, a veteran policeman, retired, of Chicago, was instantly killed by a local crossing. Among the works which Fergus set to music was Sir Walter Scott's "Marmion," and "The Lady of the Lake."

Judgment was handed down at Osgoode Hall, Toronto, on Saturday in the London election trial. The petition against Major Leatherdale's return was dismissed, the case being decided by Justice Ferguson as to abuse of the power of the courts.

The Jubilee postage stamps will continue good as postage as long as they continue in circulation. They will not, however, be redeemed at the Department, a distinction being drawn in this respect between them and the ordinary postage stamps.

Sir Richard Cartwright stated in the House that the Government proposed, in view of the action of the Senate, to use the proposed credit of $157,000 for the extension of the Intercolonial Railway to Montreal as an experiment, to be continued if it proved successful.

Gold has been discovered in Oak Point Island, Rainy lake, which will probably lead to international boundary disputes between Great Britain and the United States as the island is claimed on the one side to be part of the State of Minnesota, and on the other to be Canadian territory.

Sam Lindsay, one of the most notorious bank burglars in America, has been arrested in Montreal, and will be taken back to Hamilton by Chief Inspector Murray, of the Detective force. He will be tried for his crime, after having made a former escape from justice after having been convicted of a Burglary.

Benjamin Baker, a man 77 years of age, is in jail at Montreal, charged on a charge of shooting with intent to kill Tom Bowman. It appears that a gang led by Bowman made an assault on his house on Wednesday night, smashed in his windows with stones, after asking them to desist he took down a rifle and shot whole charge on entering the darkness, killing Bowman's son.

UNITED STATES.

The United States has replied to Japan's protest against the annexation of the Hawaiian Islands in a very carefully prepared and grammatically obscure document.

The Secretary of the Treasury has received information of the capture of the filibuster Allianca, unless, on Monday, with men, arms and ammunition on board.

At Topeka, Kansas, a terrific hailstorm did a lot of damage. Stones as large as eggs fell, and several persons were severely injured by the storm. Glass was broken and many buildings damaged.

While Senator Peffer was speaking on the Dingley Tariff bill in the United States Senate on Saturday he was suddenly seized with paralysis of the vocal cord. He was at once removed to his home.

The General Executive Board of the Knights of Labor has adopted a resolution requesting the House of Representatives and the Senate of the United States to at once take action recognizing the belligerency of Cuba.

It has been announced in Hartford, Conn., that the Mercantile National Bank is about to go out of business. The liabilities, including capital of $500,000, aggregate about $1,000,000, and the assets amount to $1,500,000.

Mr. Chauncey M. Depew is of the opinion that the arbitration treaty, which was recently defeated, although a year that England would extend her land-grabbing propensities to the American continent, will be ratified before the end of President McKinley's term of office.

According to advices from Tacoma more tea is now afloat on the Pacific Ocean than ever before at one time. The importers have made large purchases in China and Japan for immediate delivery and are having it carried across the Pacific in order to get it before the Dingley bill goes into effect. It is said that 1,000 tons have already been landed and 12,000,000 pounds are on the way.

President McKinley intends that his Administration shall be an active one. On the heels of his proposition to annex Hawaii comes the announcement that he has determined to revive the abandoned treaty of general arbitration between the United States and Great Britain. Under the direction of Secretary Sherman the matter has progressed to the extent that a new treaty has already been drafted to serve as a basis of negotiations. In this draft there are none of the points which caused the failure of the Olney treaty. The treaty will not be submitted to the Senate before next December. It is to be hoped that the Senate will be of little broader gauge then than it was in the spring. The Hawaiian treaty, too, will probably not come up for consideration before next December. The friends of annexation in the Senate are found to number, at present, three less than the necessary two-thirds majority. So all that will be done at present is to report the treaty to the Senate from committee and then let it wait until the next session. The longer consideration it receives, the better.

FOREIGN.

The insurrection in the Philippine Islands is practically over.

It has been decided at the Admiralty to build a new yacht for the Queen.

The Prince of Wales has started a new type of hat with a broad curled brim.

Mrs. Oliphant, the English authoress, died on Friday of cancer. She was sixty-nine years of age.

Herr John Meyer, a director of the Hamburg-American steamship line, is dead at Hamburg.

At the Ashburnham library sale in London Monday the famous Mazarin Bible was sold for £4,000.

The election for the States-General of the Netherlands has resulted in the defeat of the protectionist party.

The condition of Bob Prior, of the Canadian contingent of troops, who met with an accident, is much improved.

The German Reichstag has adjourned for the summer, but the Prussian Diet will remain in session until late in July.

Prof. C. M. Gayley, of the University of California, is in London engaged on a new edition of the British dramatists.

Gen. Weyler is calling for more troops, and promises to make a supreme effort of his life to crush the Cuban insurrection.

The advance movement of the Anglo-Egyptian expedition will commence in August, and Khartoum will be the objective point.

By the invitation of Sir Henry Irving 700 of the colonial troops now in London witnessed a special performance at the Lyceum Theatre.

A set of the works of Aristotle, the Greek philosopher, printed on vellum in 1495, was sold in London on Friday for eight hundred pounds.

It is announced that over 6,000 lives have been lost in the earthquake disturbances which have recently visited the Province of Assam, India.

It is learned from a good source that the entire Belgian expedition under Baron Dhanis, to the head waters of the Nile, has been massacred.

It is reported at Madrid that serious rioting has taken place at Meres, in the Oviedo province, though not to be due to the increased taxes on food.

It speaks volumes in praise of those who had the carrying out of the jubilee programme that the proceedings from first to last were without a single contretemps.

The naval review which was held on Saturday and concluded the week's jubilee programme was a magnificent demonstration of Great Britain's supremacy on the waves.

The design for the monument to be erected to the late Lord Leighton in St. Paul's cathedral, has been submitted to the Prince of Wales and approved by his Royal Highness.

It is stated in London that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's acceptance of knighthood was due to the personal urging of the Queen, who desired to honor the representative of the Dominion of Canada.

Prince Charles of Denmark, husband of Princess Maud of Wales, will shortly receive an appointment in the British navy, as the Princess prefers living in England among her own people.

The Queen gave a garden party on the grounds of Buckingham palace, for which 6,000 invitations had been issued. Her Majesty remained on the grounds from 4 until seven o'clock, when she returned to Windsor.

A deputation, accompanied by the Duke of Abercorn, Lord Lieutenant of Donegal, waited upon Sir Wilfrid Laurier to advance the claims of Londonderry as a port of call for the new Atlantic service. Sir Wilfrid promised to carefully consider the suggestion.

During a jubilee celebration at Wembley Park, a favorite London resort, a tornado struck the place and tore down several buildings. There was a panic among the 500 children present, and others taken ill from the festivities. Several were injured in the rush for shelter.

It is stated on high authority that the Queen thinks that at sixty years' reign she deserves a well-earned rest, and in so far as a sovereign can, she now proposes to let the Prince and Princess of Wales in future hold all drawing-room and levees, and perform other public functions appertaining to Royalty.

Colonel Davidson, of Edinburgh, who, besides being the inventor of the elongated bullet with centimetres of telescope sight for sporting guns, and of the method of laying guns and mortars by the collimator, was an officer of distinction in the East India service, and the father of the Edinburgh Rifle volunteers, has had to wait till he was 86 years of age before receiving a K.C.B.

The Best Man.

An actor told a story the other evening about a fencing master in London, who had two sons. Both of them, like the father, were physical giants.

Which was the stronger and better fighter was a disputed question until a burglar got into the house one night. One of the sons, opening the front door with a hatchkey late at night, found the intruder in the hall. They immediately clinched.

The other brother, hearing the noise, rushed down stairs, and, not being able in the dark to distinguish a burglar from a worthy and honest citizen of London, proceeded to pound both men whom he ran against.

Meanwhile brother number one, thinking there were two burglars in the house, turned half of his attention to the new enemy, and the fight became desperate.

The father, awakened by the uproar, rushed down stairs with a heavy walking stick. Then the fight was something to admire, but to avoid.

When it was all over and the gas was lighted by the aged fencing master, it was discovered that he had whipped not only the burglar, but his two sons. —Pearson's Weekly.

The Drop Business.

"Come in, Patrick, and take a drop of something," said one Irishman to another. "No, Mike; I'm afraid of drops ever since Tim Flaherty died." "Well, what about Tim?" "He was one of the liveliest fellows in these parts. But he began the drop business in Barney Shannon's saloon. It was a drop of something out of a bottle at first. But in a little while Tim took a few drops too much, and then he dropped into the gutter. He lost his place, he lost everything but his thirst for strong drink. Poor Tim! But the worst is to come. He got crazy with drink one day and killed a man. And the last time I saw him he was taking his last drop with a slipping moose around his neck. I have seen too many good fellows when whiskey had the drop on them. They took just one drop from the bottle, then they dropped into the gutter, and they dropped into the grave. No rumseller can get a drop in me any more, and if you don't drop him, Mike, he will drop you."—Truth.

On the Golf Course.

She—These bundles of sticks always remind me of those things the Romans used —fasces, you know.

He—That's right; golf is a fascenating game.—Boston Transcript.

On every quarter turned out the Mint makes a profit of about five cents. On every ton of pennies produced there is a profit of over $1,200.

OUR OTTAWA LETTER.

TAKING STOCK OF THE LEADING OPPOSITION DEBATERS.

Other Conservative Leaders—Sir Richard Cartwright—The New Men—The Outlook for Mr. Foster—Mr. Blair.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Ottawa, June 23.—Now that the session is over we can take stock of the reputations that have been made, of the reputations that have been damaged and of the reputations that have not been seriously affected either way.

To begin with the Opposition, Mr. Foster has come to the front with a rush. He is a first-class debater, having the advantage of great readiness of tongue as well as of practical knowledge of the working of the departments. He is probably as good a party cash critic as ever sat in the Dominion Parliament; it was worth a journey to Ottawa to hear and see him handling the estimates. Like most fluent men, however, he has a proneness for quibbling. He argued one day that the Government should grant bounties on pig iron exported abroad. This, he said, would not be giving an export bounty which might lead other countries, the United States for instance, to augment their duties on Canadian-made pig. Not at all. It would be merely granting a bonus to secure Canadian labor employment in Canada; foreign countries, therefore, could not object. He hammered at this bit of casuistry for quite a while. Of course if his glibness had not run away with him he would have seen that this is precisely the excuse advanced in behalf of every export bounty, namely, that it promotes home industry; nevertheless that it promotes home industry does not prevent it from being regarded by other protectionist countries as a menace to their interests which has to be met by high or customs tariffs. Germany gives the equivalent of a bounty on exported beet root sugar. Her object is to promote home industry, to encourage refining in Germany. But if when Mr. Foster was Finance Minister the Germans had said, "This is not an export bounty, it is simply a means of benefiting German labor, hence you have no moral right to treat it as a menace to the refineries at Montreal or to regard it as unfair competition," he would have laughed them to scorn.

Plutarch relates that a Lacedæmonian having plucked the feathers from a nightingale and seeing what a little body it had, "Surely," said he, "thou art voice and nothing else." Mr. Foster is the only man on the Tory side to lead, yet it is doubtful if he possesses many of the requisite qualifications beyond his highly developed capacity for talking. His judgment is not good; he is not popular, he deals too much in small things. All the same he is master of great ability, and, so far as I know, perfectly clean-handed. His followers in the House are highly pleased with his performances this session, and during the recess he will go on a stumping tour, taking "Get extravagance" as his text, notwithstanding that he approved of the biggest item in the estimates, to wit, the Crow's Nest subsidy.

The Leading Conservatives.

Mr. Bell, of Pictou, has done pretty well this session, and, though he has talked altogether too much, Mr. Davin has made a distinct advance. Mr. Quinn, of Montreal, posing as the Irish Catholic leader on this side, has a good presence and is a tolerable speaker but as a rule his speeches contain nothing but words. Mr. Clarke Wallace, who is getting back his old time vim, is the best lieutenant Mr. Foster has. He is a hard worker, shrewd, full of ready humor and invariably well up in the question under discussion. Mr. E. F. Clarke, his rival amongst the lodges, has not said much. Mr. Bennett, of Simcoe, has talked a good deal and Dr. Sproule is as persistent as ever; I regret to say he and Sir George Taylor are regarded by both sides as nuisances. The bright particular star of former days, Dr. Montague, has gone out in darkness. Mr. Haggart does not speak often. He is a man of marked ability, however, indeed has more natural talent than any other man in the Opposition.

In the Senate Sir Mackenzie Bowell has been trying to prevent the country from getting all fun out of him. The old gentleman is consistent with vanity. It was a sight to see him strutting like a peacock about the corridors during the "crisis" on the Intercolonial extension. He had an awful time with his colleagues when he was Premier:—

There rose one day, there rolled one hour,
Of pleasure unalloyed;
And not a trapping decked my power
That galled not while it glittered.

He is willing, however, to fetch and carry for Mr. Foster, who engineered the "bolt" against him, or to do anything else in the way of self-annihilation if he can only bring himself once more into public notice. But no one takes him seriously. If the Tories returned to power to-morrow their first care would be to exclude him from the Cabinet. This, at least, is what the Tories themselves say. One feels sorry to see an old man trying so hard to humiliate himself and not succeeding. Senator Ferguson, of Prince Edward Island, is the coming man amongst the Tories in the Senate, that is, if there is any one in that some future of the aged. The general belief is that the Senate will pension, from the sheer parsimony, from the Government, thwart the measures of the Government till the Government dissolves and goes to the country on the question of Senate abolition, when the storm of Senate abolition will make short work of the stupid chamber. The presence of such inveterate partisans as Messrs. Bowell, Miller, McMullen, etc., in that body, and, as such, services of necessary, as a brake on the other House, is ridiculous.

Sir Richard Cartwright.

To come to the Government benches, Sir Richard Cartwright has added to his reputation this session, and is now the strongest man in Parliament. In Mr. Laurier's absence he has displayed consummate tact and made himself popular by his urbanity and kindness. There is no need of speaking about his ability as a debater or of his grasp of public affairs; he is universally regarded as the ablest and best equipped man in politics at the present time. The Liberal members from Ontario are prouder of him than ever and desire to see him given a larger control within the Cabinet when a shuffle takes place.

Mr. Fielding came here with a good reputation for ability and has lived up to it. As I said in a former letter, he managed the tariff measures well and more than held his own in the debates. Mr. Sifton has not spoken much, yet stands away up. The House was quick to detect his tact, skill and energy. A Tory paper in Winnipeg contends that he has no influence in the Cabinet or but of it. As a matter of fact, outside of Mr. Laurier himself and Sir Richard, no member of the Government has so much influence. He is a long-headed man and is steadily growing in the estimation of both sides. A leading Tory said the other day that Sifton was the best Minister of the Interior he had ever known, and, aside from his Administration success, he is an exceedingly wise man in the party councils. The Winnipeggers who are seeking to belittle him are talking at random and as mere Tory organists.

The New Men.

Mr. Fitzpatrick has made a capital beginning and is bound to rise to high rank in the Administration. It is not necessary to speak of Mr. Paterson or Sir Henri Joly, both old parliamentary hands. Mr. Mulock has been a decided success as a Minister, and so has Mr. Tarte. The latter is the bete noir of the Tories, who hate him most cordially, but at the close of the numerous encounters they have had with him this session they have always been free to admit in private that he is full of pluck and singularly well-informed about the affairs of his large department. Mr. Fisher is also a good administrator and one of the most popular men in the House. Among the rank and file, Mr. James Sutherland and Mr. Lister have done excellent service, while Messrs. McMullen, Bain and Somerville have exercised a wholesome influence in repressing the tendency to spend more money than is absolutely necessary which always manifests itself when big projects are on foot and localities not directly benefited are clamoring for something in the shape of compensation. Mr. Britton, of Kingston, has been a most useful member; he is held in high esteem by both parties. So is Mr. Lount, of Toronto, who never addresses the House except when he has something to say and says it well. Mr. Lount has a large practice at the bar and, like Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Britton, cannot afford to make politics a business, but such men exert a good influence in raising the tone and standard of the debates.

Dr. Rutherford, of Manitoba, is a first-class all-round man, Mr. Richard has done well; he is of an independent turn and the Government is all the better for such friendly criticism as he offers. Mr. Jamieson, of Winnipeg, is another first-rate man—a good speaker, sensible and industrious. Dr. Douglas and Mr. Maxwell, the two clerical members, have made a good impression; in fact, Manitoba and British Columbia are better represented than they have ever been before. There is just a little suspicion that those provinces want too much.

The Outlook for Mr. Foster.

The Opposition consider that they have made headway. Hope springs eternal in the breast of every Opposition, Tory or Liberal. No doubt it is true of Governments as of individuals that they are no sooner born than they commence to die, yet the fact remains that the present Government is stronger both in the House and in the country than it was on June 23, 1896, and the Opposition correspondingly weaker. The reaction against the long nightmare of Tory rule seems to be increasing in force. It is scarcely possible for it to spend itself till after the coming Ontario elections; after that, perhaps, the pendulum may begin to swing towards Toryism again. Mr. Foster has a weak platform. If unemployment should improve it will be next to impossible for him to demand a return to high duties. The crash arising over silver discredited the Wilson tariff in the United States and brought the high protectionists back. If, on the contrary, the reduction made in our tariff should be followed by a revival of trade, of which there seems to be some probability, Mr. Foster cannot hope to do very much with the cry that we should revert to excessive taxes on iron and steel, coal oil, cottons, woolens, and so on. In case of a regular burst of prosperity, and one is about due, we would have to take a wholly different tack.

Some persons believe that, to catch the farmers and fishermen, he may go in for reciprocity with the United States. It is difficult to say what he may do; in all likelihood he does not know himself. But this may be safely predicted—that Mr. Foster will follow what he considers the shortest cut back to the Treasury benches with the traditions of the Tory party or not. I do not mean to imply that he is unscrupulous, but merely that he is an opportunist of the first water. There is a strong feeling in British Columbia and Manitoba in favor of closer trade relations with the States, which has always been popular in the seaboard provinces. This must be admitted, notwithstanding all the Jubilee illuminations, and Mr. Foster would not hesitate to cater to the feeling if he fancied he could regain office by so doing. Tory loyalty is evaporating rapidly. We see how bitterly the party is criticising the tariff reduction in favor of Britain. In a year or two more of the cold shades it will be ready for reciprocity with the States or anything else.

For the present Mr. Foster will devote himself mainly to attacks on the so-called extravagance of the Government and its alleged introduction of the spoils system. The spoils system has not been introduced. The number of dismissals for offensive partisanship amount to a very small percentage indeed of the number of public offices in the Dominion. The general view, I think, is that officials who take off their coats and work at elections as canvassers, chairmen of committees or stump-speakers deserve to be decapitated. The rule, of course, should apply all round, to Provincial officers in Provincial as well as to Federal officers in Federal elections.

As for the extravagance charged, it is well to remember that the former Administration left many embarrassing legacies and also that the principal expenditure this year, that on the Crow's Nest, could not have been avoided without endangering the future of British Columbia. The expenditure on the Intercolonial extension, if approved by the Senate, will, it is thought, result in a saving. The officials of the Railway Department believe that entrance to Montreal will enable the road not only to pay the cost of operating the extra mileage but to wipe out the deficit on other sections. They may be mistaken, but, whether or not, it is scarcely fair to blame the Government in advance for acting on their matured opinion.

Mr. Blair.

Here I ought to say a word about Mr. Blair. He has had an immense deal to do and has done it well. He is a man of affairs, an impressive speaker, a kind and obliging gentleman. The post he holds is a difficult one. If a road is to be built there are always rival routes and rival companies, consequently more or less dissatisfaction with the ultimate decision of the Government. Mr. Blair has shown much firmness as well as very great capability. He is a pillar of strength to the Administration, and if he lives and keeps his health has a good future before him.

GATINEAU.

In the Interest of Science.

The Professor—George.
George—Yes, sir.
The Professor—Go out and ask that fat woman on the bicycle if she won't have the kindness to ride on some other street. She disturbs the seismic needle.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Diplomatic.

"Do you think you are expert enough to take dictation for that author?" asked one typewriter of another.

"I guess so. If I find I am falling behind, I'll tell him it was because I got interested in his story."—Washington Star.

At the Penitence.

Pat—How many shamps does that take?
Clerk—What's in it, lead?
Pat—Faix good silver dollars for the folks over the say, begob.
Clerk—Why don't you send paper money? This will be lost out of the envelope before it reaches its destination.
Pat—Begorra, it's hard to satisfy yez. Look at that sign—"Post No Bills."—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

Man.

Man!
Whoever heard of him?
Where be his glory dim?
What's he
To bow the knee
To? Man!

Where
Are his achievements great?
Why doth he rule the state?
How, now!
Why bow
To man?

Man!
What a poor thing!
To him pity bring!
Why, he
Can't even be
Without woman!
—Woman's Edition Bangor Commercial.

AN ARTISTIC SUCCESS.

Mrs. Kate Collins Has Blazed the Way to a New Employment For Women.

Mrs. Kate Collins, well known as the manufacturer of drawing room novelties, dinner souvenirs, collation favors and the like, has perhaps the most artistic shop in New York. It extends over some two floors, where a number of employees are at work in the painting of china, the designing of embroideries and the gathering together of certain articles for the ornamentation of woods and decorations of toilet accessories, which are picked up in the buying season.

Mrs. Collins made her first venture in a decorated calendar which was presented to a publisher, and so pleased was he with this novelty that he ordered a number, which, when put on the market, scored a success.

About this time the students of Yale gave their yearly dance, and this designer of choice ornamental specialties received the order to make for them a class memento, and from that beginning sprang up a business which admitted her into the fashionable set.

When a social function is in question, Mrs. Collins is generally sent for. She offers suggestions, which are carried

MRS. KATE COLLINS.

out in an artistic way. This clever woman designed the favors for the Bradley Martin ball and was also the maker of the Whitney wedding cake boxes. In the winter much of her time is spent in Washington designing souvenirs for the great balls of the season.

Mrs. Collins declares that the colors and shadings of brocade and satin are to be like beautiful music, and that the inspiration of ideas is often given by the gathering together of lace, ribbons and delicate materials whose hues are charming and refreshing to the eye. It is said she is the first person who adopted denim for draperies and covering of furniture.

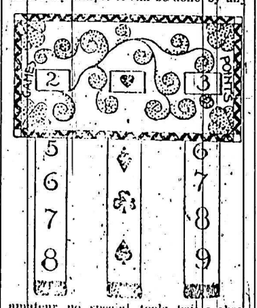
Mrs. Collins is a tall, well formed and rather distinguished looking woman of a French type, with large, dark eyes and rich complexion. She has an agreeable manner and is very modestly inclined when asked about her work. She and her sister, Mrs. Ederling, have a small but pretty studio in the same building where work is planned and artistic lines are carried out. These women labor early and late, but with all their cares are essentially feminine in their tastes and are artists who believe that simplicity of form is one of the principles of true decoration.

MRS. OLIVE BELL BUNCE.

A WHIST COUNTER.

Ornamental Tally For Cards—A Useful Trifle.

Progressive euchre and whist parties being the fad of the day, every hostess endeavors to find some pretty trifle to serve as a tally, while something a little odd or unique is sang to be in demand. The advantage of the one here given lies in the fact that it may serve as a permanent tally or be used as a souvenir of the occasions. The first requisite for making is a piece of heavy sole leather 7 inches by 4 in size, which can be purchased from any shoemaker. On this the design is etched with a hot iron or etching tool, but as the work is extremely simple it can be done by any



amateur, no special tools being absolutely necessary, as is the case with larger pieces of work. An ordinary slate pencil and a spirit lamp are all that is really essential and can be made to do the work with satisfaction. The point of the pencil, heated hot, will burn the surface of the leather to a sufficient depth for the purpose, whereas for wood or any hard substance the platinum point must be employed.

After etching the design cut slashes large enough to admit one inch ribbon, as indicated in the drawing. Select a golden brown tone in a good quality of satin and cut three strips each 15 inches in length. On two of them paint numerals up to ten; on the third the characters representing the four suits, hearts, spades, clubs and diamonds and finish the ends of each ribbon by fringing to the depth of one-half inch. Slip them through the slashes cut in the leather so that they can be easily drawn back and forth, and by a little manipulation the players cannot only keep tally but avoid the embarrassment of uncertainty as to what is trumps. MARY EARLE.

What Did They Mean?

"Did he carry any life insurance?" they asked the widow.

"A little," she replied.

"Too bad you didn't take out a little fire insurance on him, too," they suggested.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Poor Taste Responsible.

"Why don't yez grace our dances wid yer presence any more?"

"Sure it's me mistress' fault. She is that dowdy and old fashioned that not a single dress anywhere kin I wear, at all, at all!"—New York World.

KEPT HIS WORD.

A Railroad Promoter's Promise to His Dying Man Who Lived on It.

A. B. Smith, of the Baltimore & Ohio, was talking about railroad building, and he told of a most malignant bit of false promising in any railroad advance agent was ever guilty of. It was somewhere in West Virginia, and the scheme of business it was to go across the mountains and win the favor of the residents so that they would vote bonds. It struck into a mountain region, and found in that particular county was practically ruled by an old farmer named Sally. The road wanted some right of way from the county, and the promoting party appeared unto the farmer Sally with a request for his assistance. The old fellow, whose name was Sally, was willing, on one condition, to help them. He wanted the road to come to his own place. Cushman, the promoter, agreed over the situation, and after all was promised.

"The line," he said, "will run within 100 yards of your front gate. Is that satisfactory?"

Sally said it was, and an agreement was signed. Then Sally began to [illegible] one cry of the bond proposition, and the concession was voted with hardly a word of opposition, but with a good understanding.

Two years later Mr. Smith happened to be traveling in that region and stopped at Searles' house. It was the season turned upon railroads, and the old man, pointing to a long [illegible] remarked, said:—

"The next railroad man that comes into these hills I'm going to shoot on sight!"

Mr. Smith, who had not disclosed his identity or occupation, asked the reason. The mountaineer told the [illegible]

"But," said Mr. Smith, "there was an agreement the bonds for [illegible]"

"No, they ain't," the [illegible] said sadly. "He done it. He ran it within the prescribed distance. She's [illegible] 100 yards."

"But I don't see, any railroad near here."

"Nope. Ye can't. But [illegible] was through this hill by a [illegible] starts a mile away. She runs to the natural distance, but [illegible] ground hog or a rabbit can get [illegible] access to her."

Could Hear Webster Smile.

Marshfield is noted for [illegible] live to a green old age. Aunt Sally Baker, who is 98 years old, can claim the distinction of being the oldest inhabitant by quite a margin. She resides in a pretty farm on the Neck road, which has been in the family 141 years. The buildings are painted, the surroundings attractive, and the barns indicate a thrifty business. Mrs. Baker was born June 9, 1799, and was a daughter of Oliver and Sally (Magoun—good old colony stock—) Thomas of the house.

On April, 1818, Sally Thomas was married to Captain Calvin Baker, a mariner by occupation, but, Parson Zephaniah Thomson, performing the ceremony. Baker had been a privateersman in the war of 1812, being then a boy of 17 years old. His widow now lives alone, and is the only person living in this section who was present at Captain Baker and his bride's wedding. Mrs. Duxbury to Marshfield and Daniel Webster's home, where she has resided ever since. The farm was a mile long, running from the county road to Green Harbor river, on the north side of which lay the estate of Daniel Webster. Mrs. Baker used to tell a good deal of her distinguished neighbor. She said he was always hail fellow well met with the townspeople. Mr. Webster in particular has impressed the old lady's memory.

"You could hear him for a mile," she said.

The Websters attended the Congregational church at Marshfield, and being of Episcopalian faith were a source of wonder and curiosity to the deacons as they filed into their seats at public worship, says the Globe.

A GOSPEL SHIP.

It Is to Be Built in San Francisco for Religious Services.

The boasts of a gospel ship are being raised in a vacant lot, in San Francisco, says Herbert Martin, known in several quarters of sensational notoriety as the [illegible] name of "Rev. Mr. Martin."

The ship will find its resting place not on land instead of water. It will, in short, a church in the form of a ship. One of its recommendations is cheapness. For $2,400 it is proposed to construct a building that will be seating capacity of 1,000 of the same capacity would cost a thousand more. It is expected that the novelty of the location and the methods proposed will attract crowds of people who would never think of going that way to the ordinary church.

The plans are for a building 150 feet long in length by 25 in width and 75 feet beam. Two masts will rise to the height of 90 feet, with a [illegible] rigging, with spars and sails. Two [illegible] stacks each rising from the deck will be connected with the engines. When services are in progress or not in progress, clouds of smoke from the stacks will [illegible]

Forty windows in the sides of the ship will have the form of portholes. The general appearance of the building, otherwise sustaining the ship, in common will [illegible] Upon the decks of the ship, which will depend [illegible] the captain will raise its [illegible] castle.

Entrance to the auditorium is given through a gangway [illegible] abolition of naval architecture necessary in the modern navy. The auditorium will be [illegible] full length of the hull. The pulpit will be placed on the [illegible] pass to rest.

In conducting the [illegible] idea is to be adhered to. The [illegible] in contemplation the organization days of the Sunday schools [illegible] naval cadets, clad in blue and [illegible] naval band will be formed. [illegible] nautical melodies prepared. [illegible] hymns will be sung to the [illegible] sea, and the illusion of the [illegible] wise carried out.

No provisions, however, are made for the issue of grog, having expected to waive the [illegible] item of the menu.

An Historic Horse.

Among the historic [illegible] names share the deathless fame of [illegible] owners and riders, is Copenhagen, the gallant war steed of the Duke of Wellington. He survived his master a great ease and comfort twenty years after the battle of Waterloo, and at the venerable age of 36 the grounds of the fine estate of the "Iron Duke," as he was called at Waterloo, there are two monuments, an imposing marble column in honor of the Duke; the other a plain marble stone, shaded by an oak, marks the spot where Copenhagen was buried with military honors. The inscription is:—

"Here lies Copenhagen, the charger ridden by the Duke of Wellington during the entire day of the battle of Waterloo. Born, 1803; died, 1836.

"'God's humbler instruments to [illegible] manner clay,
Should share the glory of the day.'"

In the Persian Way.

The shade of Daniel Webster, "Ichabod," yes," he said," after the Persian manner pictured Babylon they could go empty-handed for me. In fact, the [illegible] quite acceptable.

A titter ran through the ranks of the assembled shades.—New York Press.

As long as the devil has a saloon going, he will come back to [illegible] thousand years he is to be [illegible] long way off.—Ram's Horn.

FROM A RURAL CYCLIST.

An Original Kansan's Inquiry Concerning Tires and a "Doo-dad."

The subjoined letter is said to be an order sent by a Kansas man to a bicycle company:

"DEER SIRZ—I live on mi farm near Hamilton, Kan., am 57 years old and just a little sporta. My neffew in Indiana has himself a new bisicle and sent me his old one by frate, and ive learned to ride some. Its a pile of fun, but my bisicle [illegible] siderable. A feller come along yesterday with a bisicle that had 1 oflow the injun rober tires stuffed with wind. He let me try hissen and mi, it run like a kadi. He told me you sell injun robber just the same as hissen. How much will it be to fix mine up like hissen? Mine is all [illegible] wheels. Do you punch the injun robber, or will I have to do it myself? How do you stik them together