How She Did Her Duty.

The big liner came up the bay and up the river and was soon tied up at the dock. The customs officers were on hand. Champignon Aloute, the celebrated traveler, was aboard. They had been apprised of her coming. She was known to have with dutiable articles they had declared. She must not escape. Down the gangplank came Mme. Champignon. She had a French poodle and a smile of singular originality. The officers one and all gathered around her.

"Have you anything dutiable, madame?"

"Yes, messieurs. I have 10 bottles of Bordeaux whisky, 30 bottles of champagne, 300 pairs of kid gloves, 20 watches, 20 chatelaines, 27 rings, 6 bracelets, 9 pairs of earrings, 1 string of pearls, 941 diamond studs, 19 pairs of cuff buttons, 61 packages of cigars"—

"All right, madame. Ze gentil has all fainted."

"I thought they would. Come, let us go."—New York Journal.

The Dress Suit Case.

The dress suit case, originally intended for the uses implied in its name, has long ago a regular traveling bag, and is now extensively used as such. It is made not only in various lengths and breadths, but in various depths, adapting it to the needs of the traveler. As this has in large measure superseded the old style valise.

These suit cases may now be seen covered with steamer labels. There is perhaps no other marks of distinction the promotion of the dress suit case has rank as an article of equipment.—New York Sun.

ITEMS.

Fort Dalhousie and St. Catharines are to be connected by an electric railway.

The Yukon military expedition will be brigaded at Ottawa about the middle of April and sent forward from there for inspection.

Charles Campion, of Hamilton, convicted of breach of the Lord's Day Act for working at his usual calling, was let off with suspended sentence.

The Committee on Agriculture of the Manitoba Legislature will prepare a memorial to be sent to Ottawa on the subject of elevator monopoly.

An acetylene gas generator exploded during a theatrical preformance at the Opera House City Hall. A lot of scenery and other properties were destroyed.

The first serious baseball accident of the season is reported from Hamilton where Ralph Le Barre, aged 6, is now dead, the result of being struck on the side with a baseball.

Among the reports received from farmers along the line of the G. T. R. of the coming season will be that the fruit. The frost and the crop prophets are artists will now be out of business.

Archbishop Lewis, of Kingston, will have served the Anglican Church as bishop 30 years, and will be second in the record of long service in the bishops. The event will be celebrated by a commemoration service.

The Times publishes a letter signed "Shanghai," whose writer alleges that Li Hung Chang and Chang Yin Huan, who are representing China in the negotiations with M. Pavloff, are definitely committed to support the Russian claims.

A dispatch from Vienna to the London Daily Mail says the agrarian revolt in Hungary is spreading. In a conflict between the peasants and gendarmes on Sunday at Duna Foldvar seventeen persons were killed and forty injured.

The late Government of Newfoundland, succeeded by its successors of the same name, is charged with bribery and corruption. The most glaring case is that of a customs official on the west coast who received a special stipend of $2,000 for collecting.

Mr. George W. Ross, Minster of Education, has been invited by the Executive Committee of the British Association for the Advancement of Science to attend the next meeting of the association to be held in Bristol in August next. The invitation is conveyed by one from the Mayor, Robert H. Symes on behalf of the citizens of Bristol.

A party of Scotch settlers from Dundee, Parry Sound District, Ont., passed through the Union Station, Toronto, last Sunday night, on their way to Clifton, where they will take up their abode. Clifton is an obscure hamlet from the maddening crowd, and the men had never seen a railway train before. At Sundridge these unsophisticated fellows had to get at work for the first time, and were turned out of a year's provisions.

The lumber trade at Montreal is assuming enormous proportions. It is stated that for the past season the larger part has been in deals and boards, as the Canadian manufacturers advantage they have seldom known a year, and the mills are working night and day to catch up to orders. The demand for pine is also a large one, and that can be disposed of is anticipated being prepared this winter and sold in quantities to meet expectations.

Spring is a little. A deputation is coming to Ottawa to confer with the Ontario Government for a model farm, education and township surveys in the Canadian Pacific Railway, the granting of lower telegraph rates and more railway aid. Also, the establishment of experimental exhibition of minerals in England which will be managed by the Dominion Government and paid for by the provinces. Algoma's coat of arms is a dark couchant on a field argent, the motto: if there is anything else you don't see, ask for it.—Toronto Star.

A GREAT REMEDY

For Burns, Cuts, Old Ulcers, Sores, Salt Rheum, Cracked Skin, and Piles unequalled, is our

COMPOUND CARBOLIC OINTMENT.

MRS. M. TUCK, Nelson, says:

I have been troubled with a very severe hand, with pain and itching salt rheum, and had become unfit for work. I heard of Higginbotham's Compound Carbolic Ointment, that it was a sure cure. I got a box and proved it so in my own case. I have found it a grand remedy for sores, ners of the muscles and joints, and have recommended it to others. It has never failed to give satisfaction.

LARGE BOX ONLY 25c. OR 5 FOR $1.00.

HIGGINBOTHAM & CO.,
Druggists, Milton.

Mr. Storey's Business and Bequests.

Acton Free Press.

The business, of which the deceased was the founder, will go on without interruption, and, while it was always regarded as strong financially and was given unlimited credit, it is to-day—owing to the terms of the will, and the bequests from Mr. Storey's large aggregate of life insurance—placed upon a firmer basis than ever before.

The real and personal property comprised in the estate is bequeathed as follows: The two daughters, Mrs. Alex. Secord and Mrs. A. E. Nicklin, are each to receive a $5,000 interest in the business; the daughters, Mrs. Dr. Dryden and Mrs. Dr. Payne, are each to receive a $4,000 interest in the business; the grandson, Fred. H. Storey, is to receive a $2,000 interest in the business. All the remaining interest of deceased in the real and personal property is willed to the son, W. A. Storey, who will in future manage the business.

In addition to the above, Mr. Storey left life insurance aggregating $53,000. Of this amount W. A. Storey receives $30,000; Mrs. James Firstbrook $3,000, and Mrs. Storey, the widow of deceased, receives the balance. Sunderland Villa, the family residence, is left to Mrs. Storey.

The executors of the estate are W. A. Storey, Mrs. Storey, A. E. Nicklin and Geo. W. Beardmore, of Toronto.

From the above it will be seen that the members of the family are all well provided for, and the financial standing of the large and well organized business is materially enhanced.

Mr. Storey was an ardent believer in life insurance, and it may be of interest to the public to note that for the past twenty years his payments for premiums on the policies held have averaged upwards of $2,000 per year. This sum compounded will give an idea of the aggregate cost of his life insurance.

Burglaries

The Acton Free Press says that on the night of the 10th inst. thieves broke the window of Goodeve & Co's store and stole a quantity of goods.

Sunday evening, while Wm. Couse and family were at church, thieves entered and ransacked their residence, taking away with them Mrs. Couse's seal sacque and hat, several rings and other articles, amounting in value to about $75. The Sibbald estate was also entered and articles belonging to Rev. J. McD. Kerr, who is conducting revival meetings in the Methodist church, taken. It is supposed to be the work of tramps.—Streetsville Review.

The robbery two weeks ago at Mr. Ballantine's was followed last week by a similar plunder at Moore Bros. It was during Thursday night some intruder boldly smashed the plate glass in the front door, and having thus got an entrance, proceeded to carry away jackknives, razors, revolvers, scissors, etc., to the value of at least $75. The safe, which was not locked, was attacked, the inner drawers pried open, and papers scattered about the floor. A watch lying on the desk was taken; and indeed it is not yet known what number of small, but valuable, articles may have been stolen. It's a pity that something couldn't be done to punish the lazy scoundrels who are carrying on this work.—Georgetown Herald.

LOWVILLE.

Jackson Aguew is improving after his severe attack of la grippe and inflammation of the lungs.

George Ramshaw entertained a number of persons who have recently been married. An enjoyable time was spent.

H. F. Naisbitt sold his entire stock of horses and implements on Wednesday. George Andrew, of Oakville, was the auctioneer.

Mrs. Dix has returned home from Fergus, where she had been visiting her sister.

Lawrence Bell is recovering from his recent illness.

W. H. Bennett is the guest of Thos. Langton, on his way from South Africa to Peace River, N.W.T.

Emerson Bros. leave for British Columbia on the 29th inst.

Farmers are hiring men and preparing for spring work.

Messrs. J. F. Richardson and John Readhead, Jr., attended the spring assizes at Milton on Monday.

Song service at the E. L. of C. E. on Thursday evening here.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Council met for regular business on March 21st.

Full board.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

A communication was read from A. Peck, grocer, asking permission to build a verandah in front of his new store on Main St. Allowed on condition of proper troughing and water conductors to the ground.

Tenders were asked for the necessary lumber for the year—scantling and clear planking, all for sidewalks.

The finance committee recommended the payment of the various bills that had been presented to the committees.

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Printing and Contingencies..	21 16
Town Hall.....	10 00
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Several by-laws were put through, one reducing the grant to the band from $100 to $50, another abolishing the office of town solicitor, while a third reduced the remuneration to the water work's Inspector to 50 per cent. of their la st year's amount.

Wood's Phosphodine,

The Great English Remedy.

Sold and recommended by all druggists in Canada. Only reliable medicine discovered. 6 *packages guaranteed* to cure all forms of Sexual Weakness, all effects of abuse or excess, Mental Worry, Excessive use of Tobacco, Opium or Stimulants. Mailed on receipt of price, one package $1, six, $5. *One will please, six will cure.* Pamphlets free to any address. The Wood Company, Windsor, Ont.

Wood's Phosphodine is sold in Milton by J. McCollom, Druggist.

Local News.

SEE Higginbotham & Co's adv.

THOS. CONWAY'S family intend moving to Toronto shortly.

GOOD SERVANT WANTED.—Apply to Mrs. Wm. Panton, Milton.

If you want Hats, Ties, Scarfs, Shirts and Underwear, latest spring style, go to Treble's, cor. King & James Sts., Hamilton.

JOHN T. ELLIOTT, late of Esquesing, has taken up his residence in Acton. He reports a very successful sale of his stock, &c., on the 15th inst.

2,000 bush. Seed Corn, 1,500 bush. Feed Corn, Seed Oats, Wheat and Barley, all for sale at Hume Bros.' store, Main St., Milton.

NATHANIEL REED, of Brandon, Manitobs, son of Wm. Reed, of Nassagaweya, has been visiting his relatives and friends in that township and at Acton.

You should see the magnificent stock of English and American hats just imported for spring at Treble's, cor. King and James Sts., Hamilton.

THOUSANDS of bushels of potatoes are being shipped from Hillsburg to New York, price 35cts. G. J. Thorpe has just shipped two car-loads.—Guelph Advocate.

HATS! HATS!! NEW HATS!!!—Latest shapes in Stiff and Fedoras. The newest shapes are always to be found in our stock. This season we have exercised special care to have our Hat stock quite up to date.—Bastedo & Co.

MESSRS. HIGGINBOTHAM & Co. have their drug store brilliantly illuminated by acetylene gas, which they manufacture on the premises. It is an excellent light and is cheap and safe.

FOUND.—About three weeks ago, in East Ward, Milton, a gold chain. The owner can have same on proving property and paying expenses. 39-3t

A moment has been started to amalgamate Streetsville and Brampton west circuits. If this takes place, a number of churches will be closed, and the service of local preachers done away with.

All alive at Bastedo's, ready for business with a new stock of Dress Goods, Prints, Laces, Edgings, Flannelettes, Cottons, Wall Papers and Crockery, and a large and well assorted stock of Groceries.

WM. HARRIS and his brother, of Kilbride, and Mr. Stevenson, of Nelson, left on Tuesday by C. P. R. for Edmonton, N.W.T., where they intend securing land. They took along some stock, implements, etc.

POTATOES FOR SALE.—200 bags of Choice Potatoes. Apply to D. SHUERT, Milton P.O., or on lot 11, con. 4, N.S., Nelson. 39 4t

NOTWITHSTANDING the bad condition of the roads the farmers of the outlying districts brought in a large number of hogs for Mr. Featherstone's weekly shipment on Monday. Several of the wagons were drawn by three and four horses.

WE notice that Messrs. Bastedo & Co. have received their stock of American Wall Papers. This enterprising firm have laid in a well assorted stock in this department. This season's patterns are superior to those of former years. The prices are lower than ever.

LICENSE COMMISSIONERS W. F. W. Fisher, Alex. Waldie and H. W. Cook, with License Inspector Reynolds, held a meeting here yesterday to make arrangements for their annual meeting to receive applications for hotel licenses.

FOR SALE.—Durham cow, 5 yrs. old, due to calve in April; 15 thoroughbred Plymouth Rock roosters and 6 thoroughbred Silver Dorking roosters; also a quantity of Mangolds at 6c. a bushel. —CHAS. MCGREGOR, Milton P.O.

REV. MR. MILNE, of Mansewood, preached his farewell sermon on Sunday last, and has removed to Ottawa. He has been the pastor of Boston Church for ten years, is an able preacher and an energetic worker, and his departure is regretted by all denominations in this neighborhood.

GEO. ANDREW, auctioneer, will sell by public auction on Wednesday, 30th March, all the farm stock, implements, &c., of Thos. Wilson, lot 11, con. 6, N.S., Trafalgar (near Agerton). No reserve, as Mr. Wilson's lease has expired and he is giving up farming. Sale at 1 p.m.

HALTON'S REGIMENT.—The following appears in Saturday's militia general orders —

20th "Halton" Battalion "Lorne Rifles."—To be Lieutenant-Colonel: Major George Stewart Goodwillie, vice Kerns, retired. 14th March, 1898.

Col. Goodwillie is thoroughly qualified to command the "Lornes" and the regiment will lose no prestige while he is at its head.

IMPORTANT AUCTION SALE.—M. Howson, of Ashgrove, Co. Halton, will sell on Thursday, March 24th, twenty of his noted Cleveland Bay Carriage Horses, including brood mares, geldings and fillies. Also cattle, implements, &c. Sale at 10.30 a.m. Lunch at noon. Terms: 9 months. 2

GEORGE E., eldest son of W. S. Hall, Hornby, died on Tuesday of consumption, contracted by over-work while studying at the Streetsville high school and the model school here to qualify himself as a teacher. His father took him to California about a year ago, hoping the change of climate would restore him to health, but the young man continued to fail and came home not long ago to die. He was a general favorite among his acquaintances and had many friends in this neighborhood.

WE are pleased to note that our large advertisement in the CHAMPION of two weeks ago announcing our determination to sell all goods at prices that will save the pockets of all customers, old and new, is being appreciated. We will sell cheap and at the same time will guarantee all goods to be the very best.—HIGGINBOTHAM & CO., Druggists.

Wall Papers

Now is the season to think about Wall Papers and where best to buy. For various reasons we would suggest our own store right here in Milton as the very best place for the people of Halton to get their supply.

We carry the largest stock between Toronto and Guelph and if there are those who think they can buy better value in either of those places than here, they have only to be shown our stock and prices to have any such fancy removed. It is much easier to return a roll you have left or get another roll from us than to have to send to Toronto for it.

Along with Wall Paper stock we carry choice goods in

CARPETS, CURTAINS, HANGINGS AND WINDOW SHADES.

Grand Millinery Opening!

SATURDAY NEXT, MAR. 26.

Our Dressmaking Rooms are again open and dressmakers at work.

In reference to **DRESS GOODS,** it is scarcely necessary to waste words, as it is well known that we do the fine dress goods trade of the town.

New Spring Felt Hats just received.

Boots & Shoes and Rubbers in endless variety.

HEMSTREET BROS.

New Springs Goods

Just received from Glasgow per steamer "Norwegian"

SPECIAL!

- Scotch Tweed Suitings -

The newest colorings and designs direct.

Now is your chance for Nobby Goods. Value Unsurpassed.

At W. BEWS' SONS.

BICYCLES...

They have formed a ring! Who?

Why the bicycle manufacturers. Well, what about it? Well, its just this: The buyer has to pay $70 and $75 for the high grade wheels and a guarantee for 60 days, when they should get the highest grade for $50 and a guarantee for the calendar year.

THE CAPITAL is a high grade wheel, only $50; second grade wheels $40 and $45; 3rd grade, $35. All 98 makes guaranteed for the year by the makers.

JOHN T. MOORE.

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To Cash Purchasers

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J. R. JOHNSTONE.

Ten Cent Cure cures Toothache. Sure and Painless Corn Cure.—Higginbotham & Co's.

HEMSTREET BROS.' grand Millinery Opening on Saturday next. Ladies, don't miss it.

Finest stock of Ties and Scarfs for spring, Treble's, cor. King and James Sts., Hamilton.

REV. MESSRS. CROSSLEY AND HUNTER are holding largely attended evangelistic meetings at Burlington.

MR. RICHARDSON, of Whitby, who has been spending a few days in town, sang a solo in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening.

CHAS. ELLIS was thrown from a horse on Commercial St. last Friday afternoon, and had the small bone of his left forearm fractured.

CHOICE SEED PEAS FOR SALE.—Said to be Golden Vine; big yielders.—FRANK TURNBULL, Lowville P.O., or lot 12, con. 4, Nelson. 38 3t

THE Free Press speaks highly of W. C. King, an Actonian who has purchased Mr. Peacock's dwelling at Peru and who removed to it last week.

JOHN A. ROBINSON, of the Colling farm, adjoining Milton, has rented a farm in the vicinity of Beachville, near Woodstock, and will remove to it shortly.

THE MILTON WIRE & ROOFING COMPANY (Limited).—A general meeting of the shareholders of the company will be held at the office of J. W. Elliott, Dewar's Block, Milton, on Tuesday, the 5th April, 1898, at 7 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of perfecting the organization of the company, electing directors, receiving financial statement and transacting other general business of the company, at which all shareholders are requested to be present.

Rev. G. and Mrs. Grigg left Guelph for the mission fields in Burmah.

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FRIDAY & SATURDAY,

This Week, 25 & 26.

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We take no back ground when we tell you that our MISS MALLOY and her helpers are in the forefront in their ability in this department.

We have the most eligible Show Room for light and convenience, being easy of access; you have no stairs to climb. Our display in style and work are unsurpassed by the city establishments.

We also make a special display of

- - Latest Novelties - -

in Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Goods, Laces, Ribbons, Trimmings, Etc.

Our friends and customers are cordially invited to inspect our opening display.

Wall Papers and Blinds—close prices.

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We are out for business. Buy from us—it will pay you to trade at our store. Special Bargains in Crockery.

97 pc. Dinner Sets, $8.00 for.....	$6 50	Chamber Sets	2 00
108 pc. Dinner Sets, semi-porcelain, $8.50 for	7 00	White Plates	75
97 pc. Dinner Sets, with gilt.....	7 75	White Cups and Saucers	85
		Odd Tea Cups	70

Bowls, Jugs, Fancy China, &c., the best value ever offered in Milton.

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White and Colored Carpet Warps.	
Wide Factory Cotton	$0 05
Heavy Flannelettes	07
Men's Blue Overalls, with bib ...	60
Men's Tweed Pants	1 50
Men's Linen Collars, all kinds ...	15
Cotton Shirting, fast colors, h'vy	12½
Better quality	15
Manitoba Cottonade, extra value	25
Wire Tweed	20
Fancy patterns, fast colo'd Prints	8 & 10

GROCERIES

3 lbs. Dates for	25c	Viking Blend Blk Tea, very fine...	25
5 lbs. Figs for	25	3 Pkgs. Corn Starch	25
Gillet's Powdered Lye.....	10	5 lbs. Tapioca	25
Cox's Gelatine	12½	Our own B. Powder (lb. tins), qual-	
Canned Salmon (red)	10	ity guaranteed	20
Good Coffee, ground fresh	25	Fine quality Cheese	10

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DIED.

HALL.—At Hornby, on the 22nd inst., George E., eldest son of W. S. Hall, aged 21 years.

LAIRD.—On the 18th inst., at the residence of her father, No. 353 Hughson street north, Hamilton, Aggie, youngest daughter of T. W. Laird, and sister of Mrs. (Rev.) H. A. MacPherson, Acton.

For Sale or To Let.

The Stone House on Martin St. lately occupied by John Head.

Apply to VICTOR CHISHOLM,
16-tf Solicitor, Milton.

WASN'T WORTH MORE.

Chicago Boy Told Marshall Field So and Got a Raise.

It is said that nerve and Chicago are synonymous terms. Here is a story which proves the truth of the idea, and which goes to show that a Chicagoan develops his nerve early:

Everybody knows Marshall Field, the multimillionaire—the man who gave $1,000,000 to a library. Everybody has heard of his big store. In this store there is a cash boy who is making more money than his confreres, and the story tells how he earned the raise. The regular salary of a cashboy is $3 a week. The youngster in question thought he was worth more and hunted up the manager to tell him so.

"I would like to get a raise," said the boy. "I think I ought to have it."

"My boy," said the manager, "you are making just what is given all the cashboys, and I don't see how I can accommodate you."

The boy's assurance amused the manager, who jokingly advised him to see Mr. Field. Now, Mr. Field's visits to his store are few and far between. He is rich enough to be above the details of business, and when he entered the store an hour or so after the conversation between manager and cashboy his coming was in the nature of an event. The boy heard of his arrival and at once headed for the millionaire proprietor. Watching his chance, he slipped upon the magnate and said:

"Are you Mr. Field?"

"I am, my son. What can I do for you?"

"You can raise my salary, please. I can't work any longer for $3 a week."

"I don't attend to these matters. You will have to see the manager."

"I have already seen the manager, sir, and he referred me to you."

The boy's manner impressed the millionaire, and he said: "My boy, you are making $3 a week. That is pretty good salary for a youngster. It is more than I was making when I was your age."

"Well," said the boy, quick as a flash, "maybe you weren't worth any more."

Mr. Field laughed. Then he saw the manager. "That boy," he declared, "has too much pluck and wit to work for $3."

The next week the juvenile hero of this tale drew $4, and promotion isn't far off. —Kansas City Journal.

A DIFFERENCE IN PRICE.

The Member of the Legislature Rises to Express His Surprise.

Four or five Washington correspondents were telling stories of their experiences with statesmen, local and national, when one of them from a state in the southwest swung into line with something a little out of the ordinary.

"I was doing the legislature," he began, "for a syndicate of newspapers, with some free lance work on the side, and was making a potful of money out of it. During the course of my ministrations I discovered a case of vote selling by a rural representative that was astonishing for its smallness. I couldn't find out what the member got, but it couldn't have been much, for the whole matter at issue wasn't worth more than $4.50 or thereabout. After exhausting all my sources of information I thought I would try the member himself and see how guileless he was on a little thing like that. I didn't dare ask him his price, but I did dare to talk about it, and I went at him directly.

"'Say, young feller,' he said after I had talked awhile, 'how much do you git fer a news item like that?'

"'It's a pretty big thing for me,' I replied persuasively, 'and I'll get $25 for the story if I can get it complete.'

"'How much?' he asked, with an eager air.

"'Twenty-five dollars,' I repeated.

"'Gee whiz! I'd like to have your job.'

"'Why? It isn't an easy one. Not so easy as yours anyway.'

"'P'raps it ain't,' he said slowly, 'but it pays better.'

"'How do you mean?'

"'Why, you git $25 fer jist telling about what I done fer $5.'

"The syntax mightn't have been perfect perhaps," concluded the speaker, "but the fact was, and that was what I wanted."—Washington Star.

The Water Bottle.

It was at a dinner party in Chinatown. It was a large party, and the tables were set in festive array, with mandarins, bananas, delicious Chinese preserved pineapple, lichee nuts in the shell, canned lichee nuts, looking like small onions, roasted beech nuts and other dainties. The party had arrived a little ahead of time, and the glasses, which stood at each plate, were not filled. A pretty girl, in front of whom stood a good sized Chinese vase, reached for it and poured out water for herself and neighbors.

"Isn't this a queer Chinese idea to use a vase for a carafe?" she said, and raised her glass to her lips.

Large glass goblets were serving as bowls for sugar for the tea, which the Chinese themselves never sweeten, so it was not strange that there should be anomalies in other things. But just as the pretty girl lifted her glass, a fat Chinaman came in with a big and very American bouquet, which he carefully placed in the supposed water bottle.

"Alice clean," he said, as the pretty girl stopped drinking, with a look of displeasure on her face.

"But it isn't," she exclaimed, examining the glass more closely. "I am sure that vase has just come from the shop and has the dust of Chinese ages in it."—New York Times.

How Memory Saves Life.

"You say," said the captain as the rescued man was handed up from the lifeboat, "that you have been floating in the water for five days and nights. You must be the most remarkable swimmer in the world to have kept up so long."

"I can't swim a bit," said the rescued man as he wrung a few gallons of water from his garments and drank the glass of grog the steward brought him.

"Then why were you not drowned?"

"Well, you know, before a man drowns, his whole past life has got to rise up before him. I had only reached about my fourth year when your boat picked me up, you see?"—Strand Magazine.

Two Points of View.

Diggs—Senator Poser seems to be a man of very broad views.

Biggs—Yes, indeed. I don't believe it is possible to bring up a question that he can't straddle.—Chicago News.

There is an old philosopher, prophet and poet in California who claims that he has solved the problem of living forever. He lives a hermit's life, eats only three times a week and never expects to die.

In all the world there are in coin 716,521,000 pounds of gold, 3,540,000 pounds of silver and 327,000,000 pounds of copper.

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