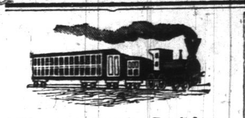

Travellers' Guide.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY (N. N, W. Division

GOING NORTH		GOING SOUTH	
8.50 A.M.	6.00 P.M.	10.15 A.M.	8.05 P.M

CANADA PACIFIC RAILWAY

GOING EAST	
6.47 a.m.,	10.55 a.m. 7.35 p.m.

GOING WEST		
9.42a.m.,	5.12 p.m.	9.16 p.m

Mulholland's Contract.

Rudyard Kipling.

The fear was on the cattle for the gale was on
the sea,
An' the pens broke up on the lower deck an'
let the creatures free—
An' the lights went out on the lower deck, an'
no one near but me.

I had been singin' to them to keep 'em quiet
there,
For the lower deck is the dangerousest, re-
quirin' constant care,
An' give to me as the strongest man, though
used to drink and swear.

I felt my chance was certain of bein' horned or
trod,
For the lower deck was packed with steers
thicker 'n peas in a pod,
An' more pens broke at every roll—so I made
a Contract with God.

An' by the terms of the Contract, as I have
read the same,
If He got me to port alive I would exalt His
Name,
An' praise His Holy Majesty till further
orders came.

He saved me from the cattle an' He saved me
from the sea,
For they found me 'tween two drownded ones
where the roll had landed me—
An' a four-inch crack on top of my head, as
crazy as could be.

But that were done by a stanchion, an' not by
a bullock at all,
An' I lay still for seven weeks convalescing of
the fall,
An' readin' the shiny Scripture texts in the
Seaman's Hospital.

An' I spoke to God of our Contract, an' he says
to my prayer
I never pays on My ministers no more than
they can bear.
So back you go to the cattle-boats an' preach
My Gospel there.

'For human life is chancy at any kind of trade,
But most of all, as well you know, when the
steers are mad afraid.
So you go back to the cattle-boats an' preach
'em as I've said.

'They must quit drinkin' an' swearin', they
mustn't knife on a blow,
They must quit gambling their wages, and
You must preach it so
For now those boats are more like Hell than
anything else I know.'

I didn't want to do it, for I knew what I should
get
An' I wanted to preach Religion hand-some an'
out of the wet.
But the Word of the Lord were lain on me, an'
I done what I was set.

I have been shut an' bruised, as warned would
be the case,
An' turned my cheek to the smiter exactly as
Scripture says,
But following that, I knocked him down an'
led him up to Grace.

An' we have preaching on Sunday whenever
the sea is calm,
An' I use no knife nor pistol an' I never take no
harm,
For the Lord abideth back of me to guide my
right hand arm.

An' I sign for four pound ten a month and
save the money clean,
An' I am in charge of the lower deck, an' I
never leave a steer
An' I believe in Almight God an' preach his
His Gospel here.

The skippers say I'm crazy, but I can prove
'em wrong,
For I am in charge of the lower deck with all
that deck belong
Which they would not give to a lunatic, and
the competition so strong!

A Diver's Dress.

"Under the Sea" is an article about divers in October St. Nicholas. It is written by Hanks Cassidy, who says: The dress of a fully equipped diver weighs, in round numbers, one hundred and seventy pounds. Taking off his every-day garb, the diver pulls on his thick underclothing—a white knitted sweater and trousers, and a pair of ribbed stockings, also white. Should he intend to work in unusually deep water, he puts on two, sometimes three, sets of underclothing, to relieve the pressure of the water.

The woollen clothing donned, the next garment is the diving dress, measuring, for a man of average height, five feet five inches from the collar to the sole of the foot. This dress is made of solid sheet india-rubber, covered on both sides with tan twill. It has a double collar, the inner one to pull up round the neck, and the other one, of red india-rubber, to go over the breast-plate and form a water-tight joint. The cuffs also are of red india-rubber and fit tightly round the wrists, making, when secured by the vulcanized india-rubber rings, water-tight joints, at the same time leaving the diver's hands free. In the outer collar twelve holes are bored for securing the breast-plate. This is made of tinned copper. The outer edge is of brass, and has twelve screws firmly fitted to it at intervals, and projecting upward. These projections pass through the corresponding holes in the outer collar of the dress.

The band of the dress plate is in four sections, and the holes in the sections pass over the projecting screws, and are secured in place by wing-nuts or thumb-screws. A little careful consideration will make it clear that the dress is held in position by its rubber collar, with the aid of the breast-plate flange and wing nuts.

The upper edge of the breast plate is fitted with a neck ring and a segmental screw. The use of this we shall presently explain.

The boots are of stout leather, with leaden soles, and are secured over the instep by buckles and straps. The pair weighs thirty-two pounds—four pounds over the quarter of a hundred-weight. The lead soles are firmly attached by copper rivets. The tongues of the boots are very wide. Boots intended for rough work ware fitted with metal toe-caps. Thus far—underclothing, dress, breast plate, and boots—is our diver arrayed. He has now to be weighted. Lead weights of forty pounds each, shield or heart-shaped, are suspended back and front by means of gun-metal clips, and studs or tabs, and lashings. He has now only to put on his helmet and to affix the air-pipe.

The helmet, like the breast-plate, is of tinned copper, and is fitted with a segment bayonet-screw at the neck, corresponding to that mentioned as belonging to a breast plate. The eighth of a turn, and the helmet is firmly secured, being both air and water-tight. It has three strong plate-glasses in brass frames, protected by guards, two oval at the sides, and a round one in front. The front can be unscrewed to enable the diver to give orders without removing any other portion of the dress. An outlet-valve is provided at the back or side of the helmet, which the diver can close should he wish to rise to the surface. This valve allows the breathed air to escape, yet prevents the entrance of water.

At the side of the front glass is a mechanical arrangement for getting rid of the excess of air, and it also assists, when the back outlet-valve is closed, in regulating the expansion of the dress in rising to the surface. There is also an inlet-valve, and this is constructed so as to allow the air to enter, but not to escape in case of break in the air-pipe. The air-pipe is made in lengths of from forty-five to sixty feet, fitted together by means of gun-metal joints. Securely connected with the helmet by means of the inlet-valve and an elbow-tube, the other end of the air-pipe is fitted on to the nozzle of the air-delivering diving-pump.

His leather belt is buckled on; his knife, well sharpened, and of good, strong steel, covered with a metal case to keep it dry and intact, is clung upon it; and after taking a drink, or a little refreshment, the word is given, "All right," the face glass screwed on, and receiving a tap on the helmet as a signal to descend, down he goes by rope or ladder, either of which must be weighted at the bottom.

The Farmer Becoming More Independent.

There can be no doubt that the condition of the farmer has improved very much during the past year or two. Not only is this so in regard to the Canadian farmer, but also in regard to the farmer of the Western States. A few years ago the farmers of the States west of the Mississippi were in a much worse position than they are to-day, and were practically in the power of men who manipulated the prices on the Chicago wheat exchange. But this condition of things has changed, and to-day the farmers of the Western States, instead of being at the mercy of the wheat manipulators, are to a very great extent in control of the wheat market. Especially is this so in the State of Kansas, where it is reported that one hundred flouring mills have beem compelled to shut down because the farmers of that State are holding their grain for better prices. It is claimed that the farmers of that State alone are holding 70,000,000 bushels of good wheat, and that to a large extent the same condition of things prevails elsewhere.

Whether the policy of the farmer holding his wheat is a wise one or not, it is gratifying to know that he is in a position to do so if he wishes. The very fact that he is able to hold his wheat, and is independent of those who at this season of the year make effort to get the prices down as low as possible, will have a tremeudous effect upon the market. When the farmer is compelled, owing to a mortgage or floating debts, to dispose of his wheat as soon as it is threshed, he is sometimes taken unfair advantage of by the speculators, who very often manipulate the markets to suit such circumstances. But, if he is independent and can say to the dealer that he does not have to sell at his prices, the speculator and manipulator of the wheat ring will not have things so much his own way, and will have to come to the farmer's terms if he wishes to get his product.

Though the conditions in Canada outside of Manitoba are somewhat different from what they are in the Western States, there is every reason to believe that the farmer here is in a more independent position than he was a year or two ago. In this fact every one should rejoice, for if the farmer is in a more independent position, it means that he is more prosperous, and that others will enjoy the same blessing. Whether it is a wise policy on the part of farmers to hold their wheat, though they are in a position to do so if they wish, is something that they will have to decide for themselves after sizing up the situation as best they can. Statistics show that this year's wheat crop is a large one, and that there is likely to be a big surplus when next season's crop is ready. True, stocks were run pretty low before the new crop was ready, but whether this is sufficient to counteract the effect of a big crop remains to be seen.—Farming.

An Epileptic Sufferer.

A FENLON FARMER TELLS OF HIS REMARKABLE CURE.

At Regular Intervals He Was Subject to Fits, and Doctors Told Him the Trouble Was Incurable—Now Free From the Malady.

From the Warder, Lindsay, Ont.

Mr. Robert McGee, of the 9th concession of Fenlon, Victoria county, says in speaking of his cure from this terrible malady:—"I am 35 years of age and live on the old homestead where I was born and have lived always since, and where my own little family were born. This part of Fenlon is known as McGee's Settlement, there are so many of that name living in the vicinity. Never in my life did I know what a day's sickness was until March, 1895, when without any known cause and without any warning I was stricken down with an epileptic fit. It came on in the night, causing great consternation in the household, as my wife, who never saw anything of the kind before, thought it was my end; as for myself I never felt or knew anything that was going on about me. After coming out of the convulsion, which they tell me usually lasted from fifteen to thirty minutes, I would fall into a heavy sleep from which I would awake with a dull, heavy feeling, and all the muscles of my body would be sore. This would pass away and in a day or two after the attack I would be able to attend to my farm work, but strange to say every four months after as regular as a clock I would be seized with a fit, which always came on in the night. Various doctors and specialists were consulted and I took several different medicines, but without effecting a cure. Several doctors said the disease was incurable. I read of Dr. Williams's Pink Pills in the newspapers and was advised by friends who had experienced cures from other seemingly incurable ailments, to try them. In November, 1896, I commenced and kept on taking them regularly for a year. The dreaded period passed and passed again and again without a repetition of my trouble, and I felt that I was at last released from this terrible malady. I am now in the best of health, and I attribute my cure to Dr. Williams's Pink Pills. In conversation with Mrs. McGee she said that her husband's trouble was the cause of most seriously affecting her nerves and general health, as she was always living in dread, and could never enjoy a night's rest. The slightest noise would startle her, and if it had not been for the kindest of a neighbor who always came and stayed at the house over night, she believes she would have broken down altogether. She also is thankful for the great change that has been wrought, and is only too glad to let others with similar afflictions know that there is a remedy for this terrible disease.

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A Bold Campaigner.

Major M. B. J. Marchand, the French army officer who has been causing England trouble in Africa, is a fiery, energetic soldier. Three years ago he was merely captain of marines, but in 1896 he laid before the French war department his scheme for an African campaign, and not only was it adopted, but he was given a major's commission and put in charge of the enterprise.

It was a bold and audacious plan, this dash into the heart of the dark continent, and it was extremely doubtful if he would succeed, as he took with him but a few hundred Senegalese. His men were loyal blacks, however, and skilful sharpshooters. Fashoda was the destination which two years ago he picked out.

In his three thousand mile march to the upper valley of the Nile Major Marchand left a trail of blood such as other African military expeditions have done before. Unable to transport his 3,000 loads of supplies to Brazzaville, he burned every village on the road, killed several hundred natives and took their live stock for food. At daylight the inhabitants of a village would be awakened by the blast of a trumpet and they would issue from their huts to be shot down. That was the last heard of Marchand on the west coast.

From time to time there were reports that Marchand's expedition had been wiped out, and as nothing definite had been heard from him sometimes these were believed. But news travels slowly from the heart of Africa, and so Major Marchand's appearance at Fashoda was hardly a surprise.

Cold Barns.

Those whose cattle barns are not warm enough to work in comfortably without an overcoat and mittens in the winter or even without any coat in ordinary winter weather may be sure they are not warm enough for the cows to do their best in, or calves and young stock to grow rapidly without extra allowances of heating food. Covering up cracks and seeing that windows and doors shut snugly will help some, but we remember when a boy and when cows were kept in a barn with unshingled sides and ends having to help line the walls back of stock with old boards and slabs nailed on the inside of the posts and stuffing the space between this lining and the outter boards with bog hay, so that no wind could come through. Taking out the old board slide window where the manure was thrown out into the yard and putting in a larger half window from an old building so that we had light enough to take care of the cows without leaving door or window open was another improvement, and all was done at small expense and but little labor, which were important considerations in those days to poor farmers, trying to do the best they could with with what they had.—Boston Cultivator.

Eye Massage.

Whenever your organs of sight feel weak, do not claw at them with the knuckles, so to express it. You must not massage your eyes the same way you would the stronger parts of the body. They need help from the hands, but this help must be administered in a very gentle and delicate method.

John Quincy Adams had a way of treating his eyes, which, it is said, preserved their vision to old age, without the help of spectacles.

This was to place his thumb and forefinger each upon an eyelid and gently rub them toward the nose a number of times each day. The action encourages circulation of blood in that locality, does away with the tiny spots that sometimes float before the vision and prevents that flattening of the lenses which causes dimness of sight at a certain focus.

It is wonderful how much good can be done the eyes of people of all ages by using this simple exercise 10 or 15 minutes each day.

If you are where it may not be convenient to measure time, as in the dark, it is well to count the number of passes made by the fingers over the eyes until you have reached the number that you have demonstrated by experiment that time will allow.

At What Age Is Man Strongest.

The muscles, in common with all the organs of the body, have their stages of developement and decline. Our physical strength increases up to a certain age and then decreases. Tests of the strength of several thousands of people have been made by means of a dynamometer (strength measurer), and the following are given as the average figures for the white race:

The "lifting power" of a youth of 17 years is 280 pounds. In his twentieth year this increases to 320 pounds, and in the thirtieth and thirty-first years it reaches its height 356 pounds. At the end of the thirty-first year the strength begins to decline, very slowly at first.

By the fortieth year it has decreased eight pounds, and this diminution continues at a slightly increasing rate until the fiftieth year is reached, when the figure is 330 pounds.

After this period the strength fails more and more rapidly until the weakness of old age is reached. It is not possible to give statistics of the decline of strength after the fiftieth year, as it varies to a large extent in different individuals.—Strand Magazine.

Oil on Manitoulin.

The Petrolea drillers who are at present operating on Manitoulin Island for an American comany, have struck oil at a depth of 450 feet, or 45 feet in the Trenton rock. They intended to go still deeper, but the pressure of gas kept up such a continual strean of oil and water that the well was abandoned for another which is expected to be down next week. Mr. John Frazer, who left here for the scene of the operations yesterday, says he has hopes of finding a nice field on the island.—Petrolea Topic.

W. T. Stead, who is at present making a tour of the European capitals to ascertain the attitute of the various countries in regard to Czar's disarmament proposals, gives the Russian emperor full credit for sincerity, and declares, moreover, that the Czar alone is responsible for the pronunciamento. In the words of Mr. Stead, "the scheme was conceived in a mind imbued from childhood with the horrors of war, and the passion for peace which distinguished the Czar's father. It was fostered continually by the increasing evidence of the fatuous, suicidal policy of 'beggar my neighbor,' and found congenial environment in the personal and domestic entourage of the Czar, and was finally launched with the splendid audacity of youth." Britain's reply has not yet been received at St. Petersburg. We presume that John Bull is watching the bear too closely in China to have much time to spare to consider his gambols at the Russian capital.—British-American.

Scribner's Magazine for November.

Richard Harding Davis, who was one of the few war correspondents to follow the army from Cuba to Porto Rico, and who was with the advance from the time of landing until the close of hostilities, gives his impressions of "The Porto Rican Campaign" for the November Scribner's. He pays high tribute to the generals and troops who made the closing campaign of the war seem more like a triumphal parade than an aggressive advance through an enemy's country, and shows that both regulars and volunteers did the work before them in a way to satisfy the most exacting military demands. Capt. F. E. Chadwick, Commanding the Flagship "New York," and Chief of Staff to Admiral Sampson, writes of "The Navy in the War," and presents for the first time a deliberate professional account of the way the situation was met and the lessons learned regarding modern types and classes of vessels. The article on "The Woman's Paris," by Ada Cone, deals with those aspects of the French Capital that are socially and commercially typical of its fame as the world's centre of fashion, and presents much entertaining information about the methods of some of the famous dress-making and millinery establishments. In going "From Denver to the Pacific" Walter A. Wyckoff reaches the end of his long journey across the continent as a day laborer. This instalment, which closes "The Workers—The West," describes his adventures in the Coloeado mining camps and across the plains. C. D. Gibson further illustrates phases of New York City life; this time dealing with "Night." In his paper on "Torpedo Boats in the War with Spain," John R. Spears discusses the whole question of torpedo boat use and draws some instructive conclusions from recent events regarding the kind of service that they are not fitted for. In Senator Lodge's fine chapter on "York-town" he describes the events that led up to the surrender of Cornwallis. Another naval article is a vivid account of "A Night Escape," an Episode of The War, told by Stevens Vail, of the New York Naval Reserves, who served on the cruiser "Yankee." The stories of the number include "The Great Secretary of State Interview," by Jesse Lynch Williams, a newspaper story of a cub reporter, and "The Pelican," by Edith Wharton, a study of a type of woman lecturer. Thomas Nelson Page's fine story of "Red Rock," his first long novel ends in this number. The Point of View deals with "Imperialism and Industrialism," "Defective Dictionaries," and "The Spanish Manuer." The Field of Art discusses "Photography and the Stage."

Thanksgiving.

Ladies' Home Journal.

The Thanksgiving Ladies' Home Journal marks the fifteenth anniversary of that widely read magazine, which now sells 850,000 copies each month, and its editor reviews its past under the unique heading, "Fifteen Years of Mistakes," reavealing his plans, for its improvement and for its great usefulness in the future. A page of illustration admirably typifies "Thanksgiving in the Church." "The Anecdotal Side of Mr. Moody" reveals the chief characteristich of the great Evangelist in a succession of interesting stories, and "My First Fight in the Jungle" is Henry M. Stanley's narrative of the first of his journeys into Africa. "How Richard Wagner Wrote His Operas" gives the nearest, clearest and most interesting view of the famous composer that yet has been written. In "A Polish Fantasy' is told in a beautiful and pathetic story, the early career of Padrewski.

The first chapters of Mary E. Wikins' new serial are among the fiction features. Miss Wilkins reverses the novelist's usual order, and makes ludicrous the mistakes of city people in the country. Another that will be followed with keen interest is "The Girl of Camp Arcady," also beginning in the November issue. It is a sparkling vivacious narrative of four girl breadwinner who live together in New York flat. "The Minister of Carthage" grows in interest, and "The Silk-Lined Girl" is a fascinating short piece of romance. There are innumerable, useful, practical articles. Of special interest to women is "Prize Dollar Dinners" for four people. By The Curtis Publishing Company Philadelpia. One dollar per year: ten cents per copy.

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According to the latest statistics there are in Canada only 4 divorces to to each 10,000 marriages; in the United Kingdom, 11; Queensland, 18; South Australia, 44; New Zealand, 58; and Victoria, 71. In France, where the reasons for divorce are various, the proportion goes up to 180; in New South Wales, to 180; in Roumania, to 204; in Switzerland, to 432, and in the United States to 612.

The expenses of the State of New York has risen from $17,000,000 under extravagant Democratic managoment to $32,000,000 under economical Republican management. The extra $15,000,000 has fattened many a machine hanger on, if we may believe the Democrats. At least the showing seems to cause the Roosevelt men not a little alarm.

Great Britain imports annually about six hundred million dollars' worth of the twelve main food products which Canada is able to supply. These are breadstuffs, animals, dressed meats, cheese, butter, eggs, fish, fruit, lard, milk, potatoes and poultry. Of these twelve main food commodities Canada exported to Great Britain forty million dollars' worth in 1895. In 1897 this trade had grown to sixty million dollars' worth. Farmers can keep this market only by superiority of quality, by regularity in supplying what it wants and by putting the goods up in the nicest form.

Judge a farmer by the team he drives. If he drives scrub horses and mules his farming is done on the scrub plan and he will raise scrub colts, because he will breed his scrub mares to the cheapest stallion, with no regard to improvement; only the color must suit his taste, but he cares nothing for size and quality that go to make up the market requirements; he cares nothing for the market—he does not breed to suit the market, but to suit himself, and never has a good horse to sell.

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TOWN TOPICS.

Chicago is eager to welcome Hall Caine. They claim to have not only a Manxman's society there, but several Glory Quayles as well. How sad!—Boston Herald.

Boston can hardly go wrong on art, judging from the make up of her new art commission. Fake artists will do well to comprehend the situation.—Boston Exchange.

The world does move. Chicago actually contemplates the appointment of a commission to devise a new form of government for that badly managed city.—Minneapolis Tribune.

The Pittsburg Dispatch declares that the ancients played baseball. Cleveland fans are willing to wager something handsome that Cleveland wasn't in the circuit.—Cleveland Dispatch.

A London magistrate fined an offender against the smoke nuisance law $50 and refused an appeal. In Chicago—but why compare the one and progressive city of Chicago with effete old London?—Chicago News.

Hartford finds it hard work to maintain the claim that one of its citizens discovered the anæsthetic properties of sulphuric ether and is now failing on the proposition that the baseball curve originated in that city.—Boston Transcript.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

If you spill oil on the carpet, cover the spot with cornmeal as quickly as you can. The meal will take up the grease.

Wooden skewers are convenient to clean the hairs and dust out of hairbrushes; also to loosen the dirt which sometimes gets caked in the corners of floors or window sills.

If dishes become discolored from fruit or tea stains, take a little fine ashes on a cloth and rub off. See to it that there is not a stain of dust and dishwater where the handle joins the cup.

If a hassock be taken up by both ears, it will last much longer than if carried or pulled around by one, the weight being more evenly divided. It is not the easiest thing in the world to put back and fasten an ear which has come partly out.

POPULAR SCIENCE.

The moon revolves from one point in the heavens to the same point in 27 days 7 hours and 43 minutes.

A train of gun cotton that would stretch 400 miles could be fired in two minutes, so rapid is the transmission of detonation from one part to another.

A determination of Professor Barnard with the Lick telescope places the diameter of Neptune at 32,900 miles—from 2,000 to 4,000 miles less than is stated in most text-books.

Red light is not the lowest kind visible to the eye. When a body is heated up, it emits first a "gray" glow and then a red glow. Herr Lummer finds that this gray light is perceived by the "rod" formation and the red light by the "cone" formation in the nervous structure of the eye.

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THE LISTENER.

S. Dow Elwood, the Detroit banker who died, was a grocer's clerk in Rochester 54 years ago.

Norman B. Ream, the Chicago business man who was prominent in the late Baltimore and Ohio deal, is a Pennsylvanian and began life as a schoolteacher at $17 a month.

William Manchester of Bristol R. I., who celebrated his ninetieth birthday recently, was one of the "beaconmen" on the Rappoosesquaw road during the Dorr rebellion.

Henry Wood of Boston, who has already given a church and a town hall to his native town of Barre, Mass., has now announced his intention of giving it a handsome high school building.

Admiral Schley should have great quantities of blood relations if death has not made great inroads on their number. He is one of 13 children, and two brothers of his father have each had 13 children.

Colonel J. J. Van Horn of the Eighth infantry, who insisted on going with his men to Cuba in spite of his years and died as a consequence, was to have been retired as a brigadier general in February next.

Bishop Leighton Coleman (Episcopal) of Delaware loves to go on pedestrian trips dressed roughly. Several times he has been taken for a tramp, and good housewives have set their dogs on him when he approached their gates.

J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska has been invited by President Julio Roca of the Argentine Republic to spend the coming year in that country as the adviser of the government in matters that concern the development of its agricultural resources.

In the appointment of Francisco de Renzis, Baron de San Bartolome, as Italian embassador to Great Britain the Italian government seems to be entering on the policy of making diplomatists of literary men, the baron standing high among the writers of his country.

Rector Ahlwardt, the anti-Semitic agitator, has come to grief financially. His cigar store in Berlin has been closed by the sheriff for nonpayment of rent. He intends to start in business again at Friedeburg, the chief town of the district that elected him to the reichstag.

Professor J. W. Johnson, recently president of the University of Oregon, whose death is announced, did not know the alphabet when he was 10 years old, but by great exertions managed to prepare himself for college and worked his way through Yale. He was graduated fifth in a class of one hundred.

Jean de Reszke has had his customary good fortune on the Polish turf this year, and the tenor has in his best years cleared as much as $60,000 from his entries. None of M. de Reszke's horses has ever been seen in this country, even through the medium of a photograph. His head stableman is superstitiously opposed to having a horse photographed.

THE ROYAL BOX.

Queen Christina of Spain has given up her country house for the accommodation of Spanish sick soldiers returning from Cuba.

The czar has appointed the dowager empress of Russia honorary colonel of the Peroyaslav regiment of dragoons, of which the Emperor Alexander III was colonel in chief.

In one of his recent speeches, that at Minden, in Westphalia, the emperor of Germany asserted that he followed the governmental precepts of the great elector of Brandenburg more closely than those of any ruler of his line.

The smallest queen in the world is Djihan-Begum, who rules over a million souls in the Hindoo vassal state of Bhopaul. Her majesty is about 50 years old and is no larger than a child of 10. It is said that in her realm quiet and order are supreme.

That extraordinary woman, the beautiful and athletic Princess Laetitia, duchess of Aosta, who is a fervent devotee of the wheel and a good deal of a "crack" at the sport, recently won a race against the most famous professional woman rider of Italy, Signora Barato, who had been promised $5,000 if she could beat her royal rival.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Men judge women by the things they fail to say.

Any man who is bilious is more or less a pessimist.

All's fair in love except flirtation; that's only half fair.

Uneasy lies the feminine head that wears a last year's bonnet.

Some men are born liars, while others are compelled to acquire the art.

About the most impossible thing possible is the milkmaid in a comic opera.

Deliberation is a mighty good thing in its way, but it has broken mighty few records.

Women would never make successful prizefighters. It would take them too long to put on the gloves.

When a girl tells a young man that he may have a kiss if he can catch her, she always manages to get caught.

Some men would rather be right than be president, but there are others who never make an effort to be either.

The only difference between meddling and investigation is that you always investigate and the other fellow meddles.—Chicago News.

PLANT LIFE.

Some of the string beans which grow in Peru are as long as a man's arm.

The fir tree is the commonest of all trees, being found in every part of the world.

Some large pines near Copper City, N. M., have emerald green sap, due to copper from waste solutions reaching the roots.

A turnip seed increases its own weight 15 times in a minute. On peat ground turnips have been found to increase by growth 15,999 times the weight of their seed each day they stood upon it.

The marigold is a little weather prophet. If the day is going to be fine, the flower opens about 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon, but if wet whether is in store the marigold does not open at all.

CHINA CHIPS.

The emperor of China is bounced. Long live his mummer!—Boston Herald.

Li Hung Chang will not be downed for long at a time while either he or the empress dowager is above ground.—Boston Transcript.

Li Hung Chang's financial circumstances indicate that every time he parted with a yellow jacket he got full value for it from some source.—Washington Star.

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County of Halton Local Courts Calendar for 1898.

Place of Sitting and Addresses of Clerks.	CLERKS.	January.	March.	May	July.	Sept.	Nov.	Jan. 1899	Hours of Opening
Milton	Wm. Panton	Friday, 14th.	11	6	8	2	11	13	10 a.m.
Oakville	Chas.B. Patterson	Tuesday, 11th	8	3	5	6	8	10	10 a.m.
Georgetown	Lachlan Grant	Wednesday, 12th.	9	4	6	7	9	11	9.30 a.m.
Acton	S. J. McNabb	do. 13th.	9	4	6	7	9	11	2.30 p.m.
Campbellville	Neil McPhail	Saturday, 15th.	12	7	9	3	12	14	9 a.m.
Burlington	James Robinson	Monday, 10th.	7	2	4	Thurs., 1	7	9	11 a.m.

General Sessions of the Peace and County Court Sittings, with or without Jury, 14th June and 13th December—on opening day at 1 p.m.
County Court Sittings, without Jury, 5th April and 4th October.
County Court Sittings, formerly Terms, 10th January, 4th April, 4th July and 1st October.
Audit of Criminal Justice Accounts, 4th January, 2nd April, 2nd July and 1st October.
The Judge will hold Chambers on Mondays and Thursdays of each week at 11 a.m., on which days make all Notices of Motions returnable.

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