SCIENTIFIC MATTERS.

In Reimann's process for rendering cloth waterproof the fabric is passed slowly by machinery through a tank divided into three compartments, the first contained a warm solution of alum, the second a warm solution of lead acetate, and the third pure water, which is constantly renewed. The cloth on passing from the latter is brushed and beaten to remove the salt adhering to the surface, and finally hot-pressed and brushed. In this case lead sulphate is deposited on the

To destroy the black-points, flesh-worms, or cemedones which are found on the face, and especially near the nostrils, Dr. Unna prescribes the following: Kaolin, four parts; glycerine, three parts: acetic acid, two parts; with or without the addition of a small quantity of some ethereal oil. With this pomade the parts affected are covered in the evening, and if need be, during the day. After several days the comedones can be easily pressed out of the skin. Bandaging inegar or lemon-juice or diluted hydrochloric acid has much the same effect.

THERE is a statement in the Giornale de the train a statement in the troomage to the ori Publico of Jan, 4, to the effect that the Italian Minister of Public Works has granted permission to the Societa Veneta di Construzioni to make the necessary surveys and investigations regarding a projected tun-nel under the Straits of Messina. It is in-tended that a branch line from the Eboli-Reggio Railway in Naples will descend by a spiral to the tunnel itself, and in a similar panner ascend on the other side to join the Messina-Patti Line. The tunnel proper is to be about two and two-thirds miles long, and 100 feet below the bed of the straits.

It is well known that a black object on a white ground will appear to be much larger than it really is. A white stripe, for instance on a black surface seems broader that a black stripe on a white surface, although both be of the same width. This phenomenon of simultaneous contrast is physiologically explained by Pater Scherfler in this way: When one of our senses receives a double sensation, one of which is active and strong while the other is weak, it will be found that the latter is not felt. This must be particulary the case when both impressions are of the same kind, or when a strong effect from an object on one of the senses followed by another of the same kind which is milder and weaker.

Mr. J. H. Pillsbury has the following letter in the Science: "A friend of mine who is a reliable observer relates an incident which forcibly illustrates the power of parental affection to overcome fear. The gentleman found a nest of young mice and removed them to the ground near by. The mother mouse made her appearance and carried away one of her young, and while she was gone the gentleman took the re-maining mice in his hand. When the mouse again appeared and could not find her young she seemed to hesitate a moment and then ran up the gentleman's clothes, took one of the young and carried it away. This was repeated until all the young were removed to a place of safety.

A new gas regulator, which ought to give good results, is described by Mr. Harold B. Wilson, of the University of Michigan, in No. 5, Vol. 3, of the American Journal of Chemistry. It consists essentially of three parts: A small glass flask, used as an airchamber; a U-tube, one end of which is of rather small bore compared with that of of rather small bore compared with that of the other, to which latter is attached the apparatus for regulating the temperature; and, lastly, the tube through which the gas passes. Both limbs of the U-tube are nearly filled with mercury when the regulator is to be used. When it is to be employed with an air-bath, the flask is placed in the bath, and by having recourse to a plunger (inside of a piece of very small glass tubing, a solleather disk of the proper size, a pin, and some scaling-wax) the desired temperature is produced, and then the instrument will automatically maintain this temperature for any length of time. any length of time.

A matter of importance to oyster eaters has been disclosed by Mr. C. A. Cameron. He lately examined some oysters taken from the beds on the northern shore of the Bay of Dublin, where the water is very polluted at present with excrementitious and other offensive substances. The oysters which Mr. Cameron tested were taken from a place where the tide covered them to a height of 10 feet, and which was nearly dry at low water. From the brine of most of the oysters no offensive odor was emitted, but that of a large proportion gave forth a distinctly fetid smell, and in a few cases the brine gave unmistakable evidence to the nostrils of sewage contamination. The microscope revealed in the fetid liquid of the oysters whole swarms of micrococci and other low organisms like those usually present in sewage. It is not unfairly considered therefore, that the illness which so many persons have experienced after eating oysters believed to have been stale was really due to the sewage in the juice of these shell-fish.

PROVERBS AS THEY MIGHT BE.

A half loaf is better than a whole loafer. It is easier to run in debt than to crawl out again.

Always judge a man by his depth-in-stead of his length. The wheel of fortune runs slow, because

its felloes are tired. Few men are aware they possess a

conscience until caught committing a A man never swears vengeance on his

neighbor's dog only when his own canine Many a man owes his success in life to the hisses of his enemies, instead of the plaudits

of his friends. A Crisis.

"Sam, I want to borrow 50 cents," he said and there was an appealing look in his eye like the gaze of a dying antelope.

I don't mind letting you have it if "Don't make any conditions, Sam, it's a crisis in my life."

"What sort of a crisis?"

"I'm going to get married to-morrow."
"You'd better take 75 cents, then," remarked the heroic friend, and he dropped three silver quarters into a palm that closed around them like an elastic rat-hole.

MANITOBA AND NORTH WEST.

A Budget of News from the Prairie Province.

Beautiful Weather There-Settler's Gelden Prospect.

Brandon wants to be incorporated as a

FRUIT canners say Manitoba will grow splendid fruit.

DIFHTHERIA of a violent type is prevalent north of Rock Lake.

THERE is much sickness at Brandon just now, principally typhoid fever.

THE lumbermen are pushing operations igorously in the vicinity of Lake Kazizikichiwogamog.

at Fort William, and even the Indians are making as much as \$2 per day. TRAPPING fur-bearing animals has been pursued with considerable success recently in the vicinity of Brandon.

LABORING men and mechanics are all busy

An eruption similar to the mange, such as obtained amongst the native ponies in the Territories last winter, is now attacking the

Indians on the reserves near Battle'ord. THE weather at Battleford ever since the unusual snap in October has been very fine, consequently live stock are grazing on the open prairie as comfortably as if it were

RAILWAY WORK.—There is a large quantity of steel rails at present piled up for construction in the Manitoba Southwestern railway yard at Point Douglas. Sixteen hundred tons more are reported under way from Duluth.

THE authorities of the Manitoba South Western Railway, with a view to encourage settlement along the line, propose to carry the material for the houses of the ten pioneers who settle in each of their own town sites as soon as they are located.

Good Return.—The two Indian model farms in the neighborhood of Fort Pitt have grown fully 1,000 bushels of good wheat this season. On the Roman Catholic mission farm, close to the fort, twelve bushels of potatoes yielded 215 bushels and 5 bushels of barley gave 80 bushels of a return.

High Prices.—The following are the retail prices of some of the principal articles at Edmonton; Coil oil, \$2 to \$2.50 per gallon; bacon, 33 1-3 cents per pound; black tea 60 to 75 cents; sugar, 30 to 33 1-3 cents; smoking tobacco, \$1; chewing, 75 cents to \$1; dried apples, 25 to 30 cents; evaporated, 30 to 33 1-3, and syrup, \$2.75 to \$3.50 per gallon.

THE Custom receipts for January at Winnipeg were \$43,246; for the corresponding month last year, \$14,446—an increase of over \$28,000. For the six months ending Dec, 31 the total receipts were over \$280, 000, as against \$146,000 for the correspond ing period of the previous year—an increase of \$134,000. The inland revenue receipts for January were \$12,294, and for the corresponding month last year \$7,854, or an increase of nearly \$5,000.

British Columbia.

British Columbia exported coal to the value of \$739,361 in the year 1881.

THE Railway Buildings at Cache Creek are approaching completion, and add much to the appearance of the place.

FINE weather and a scarcity of snow are reported in the interior, in consequence of which live stock is doing as well as in sum-

Work has been commenced on the Graving Dock at Esquimalt. The schooner "Bonanza" is transporting stone for the structure from the quarries, which are near Vesuvius Bay, Salt Spring Island.

ANOTHER RAILWAY PROJECT. - Notice of intention to apply to the Provincial Legislature for a charter to build a railway from Victoria to Seymour Narrows, and a grant of coal lands in aid thereof, appears in the papers. The objective point of all companies is Seymour Narrows, where the best coal The latest notice is to emanate from New York people.

The Mining season at Kootenay, lately closed, shows a yield of gold about the same as last year. The Chinese companies working hydraulic claims have made about one thousand dollars to the share during the season- Some of the hydraulic claims changed hands at from twelve to sixteen hundred dollars each. The Perry Creek Company are pushing the work on their claim vigorously. They have twelve men at work. The prospects for this dis-trict are looking very favorable, and an increase in mining operations is expected the coming summer.

FOUL play is suspected in the case of the remains of a man found in a small stream on Lulu Island, near New Westminster. The greater part of the flesh had been devoured by animals, and many of the bones were detached and scattered around, some missing altogether. The skull lay scattered in half a dozen pieces, affording, as one would think, positive evidence of foul play. Having collected the fragments of the skull, the upper and lower jaws and some other bones, together with a quantity of hair, a shoe and portions of the clothing, the Coroner brought them to the city for identification. There is every reason for believing the remains to be those of a middle-aged white man, who came to his death by violence.

TO MAKE HOME HAPPY.—To make home truly happy there should be no concealments; for they are the canker-worms. Let a woman tell her troubles and follies freely to her husband, and he will assist her out of them. He is her other self, not her judge and master. If a man confide in his wife, her penetration and quick wit will often see things that escaped him. We are in the world all day; our minds are occupied by many details; but she sits at home often alone, or with but an infant companion. She thinks over what her husband has told her, and sees it in many lights; she has had the time which he wanted. The discovery that there has been a secret excites jealousy, and loosens the ties of affection on either side. Without perfect and entire confidence, married happiness is seldom lasting.

The Submarine Tunnel Between Italy and Sicily.

From the protest presented to the Italian ministry and proposed to the Venetian Soministry and proposed to the Venetian Society of Construction by Sig. Gabelli, the following particulars were taken: The length of the submarine tunnel between Sicily will be 13,200 meters. The maximum depth of the sea above the line of tunnel is 110 meters. The thickness of rock between the roof of the tunnel and the bottom of the sea is 35 meters. The direction of the tunnel from St. Agata to Punta del Pizzo is almost due northwest to south east. The two inclines descending to the tunnel will first run parallel with the shore and then descend to the lowest level by spiral tunnels. The length of these inclines is each 4,500 meters, and the area occurs and the area occurs. pied by each spiral tunnel 350 meters. The degree of inclination will be about 35 per 1,000, about that of the tunnel between Busaila and Pontedecimo, which has been found by experience to be perfectly practi-cal. The center of the submarine tunnel will be on a higher level than the two ends. Wells and subsidiary tunnels will be constructed to drain off the percolating water, and the most difficult part of the line will be first commenced, which will show the geological construction of the ground, and the difficulties to be overcome. According to the opinions of all geologists, the bottom of the Straits of Messina consists of crystalline rock (granite gueiss and mica schists). Neither in Calabria nor in Sicily can the upper strata that cover this crystalline rock be so thick as to reach the level of the bot tom of the descending inclines. Geological and hydraulic considerations agree in the conclusion that the submarine isthmus between Punta del Pizzo and St. Agata can not consist of material that is compact or easily corroded.

New York Post Office.

Wm. H. Wareing, Esq., Asst. General Supt. Third Division Mailing and Distributing Dept', New York Post Office, in writing concerning St. Jacobs Oil, says: The reports from the several superintendents and clerks who have used the Oil agree in praising it highly. It has been found efficacious in cuts, burns, soreness and stiffness of the joints and muscles, and affords a ready relief for rheumatic complaints. Hon. T. L James, now Postmaster-General of the U S., concurred in the foregoing.

Scalped.

A gentleman sat Sunday after Sunday immediately behind a brown-haired man. Preparing to leave the church after an evening service, and being in rather a hurry to get out, this gentleman accidentally whisked the corner of the cloak he was putting on over his neighbor's head; turning to apologize, he could nowhere see the brownhaired man who the moment before had been scated in front of him, but in his place a total stranger with a very bald head. Be-fore he had recovered from his surprise at this conjuring trick, the bald-headed stranger putting his hand to his head and turning round to him, remarked, "I think, sir, that you have knocked my hair into your

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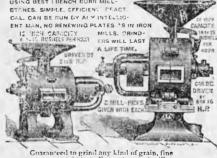
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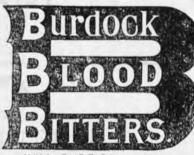
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