

PERSONAL POINTERS.

Notes of Interest About Some Leading People.

The life of Mr. Marconi has been insured by the Wireless Telegraph Company for £150,000. The object is to compensate the company for the loss which they would suffer by his death.

When Mr. Chamberlain was eight years old he went to a damels school at Camberwell, and is said to have been a fairly mischievous boy. One day the old lady found young Chamberlain and a dozen other boys fighting. On asking the cause of the scrimmage the school-mistress was informed that the boys had formed themselves into a Peace Society, and were fighting as to who should be the first president.

The Dowager Duchess of Abercorn has just become a grandmother for the seventy-first time by the birth of Lady Evelyn Cavendish's child, but there are actually twice as many of her descendants still living! This wonderful old lady is a peeress of the three kingdoms. She will be ninety in July, and three months later will witness, let us hope, the seventieth anniversary of her wedding day.

The death of Lord John Hervey, brother of the Marquis of Bristol, recalls the adventure which, in company with Mr. Strutt, afterwards Lord Belper, and Mr. H. G. Coore, he underwent many years ago while on a yachting cruise along the coast of Greece. Potting into a little harbor in search of sport and being betrayed by a guide, they were captured by brigands, Mr. Coore being held as a hostage while a ransom of £3,000 was secured.

There are many stories current in South Africa regarding Mr. Kruger's immense strength. It is related of him that some thirty years ago, when he was out buffalo hunting, a huge bull that he was after stumbled into a water-hole. The ex-President, unable to pull up in time, came plump on the back of the animal. Fearing lest he should lose his "bag" Mr. Kruger literally "took the bull by the horns" and held the animal's head under water until it was drowned.

Though close upon seventy years of age, Mr. Baring-Gould, the author of more books than any other living Englishman, is as upright to-day as he was thirty years ago. He attributes this erectness to his invariable custom of writing at a high desk in a standing position. Mr. Gould always writes with a quill pen, and his manuscript is not beloved by printers. As a relaxation from literary work Mr. Gould, like the late Mr. Gladstone, often spends a couple of hours chopping down trees.

Mark Twain moved into a district recently where there were a good many burglaries, and consented to be interviewed on the subject. As he talked to the interviewer he fondled a revolver. He said: "I think any decent burglar is entitled to something for his pains. The burglar, like everyone else, must make a living; perhaps he has a family to support." Then he whistled, and three great dogs came bounding into his study. "What a pity it would be," he said, thoughtfully, "if the burglar's family should be deprived of its means of support." Evidently the burglars thought the same; at all events they left Mark Twain's house severely alone.

The din and monotony of the acclamations accorded to Royalty on the occasion of public processions are, of course, fearfully trying to the nerves. In the course of their recent tour the then Duke and Duchess of York paid a visit to Tikitere, in the Maori territory. H.R.H. asked the driver of the coach what sort of a place it was. He was informed that it was usually called "The Inferno" on account of the weird sights to be seen there; on that day, however, the inhabitants would be away at Rotana.

"What!" exclaimed the delighted Duke, "no band, no soldiers, no school-children, no 'God Save the King'—thank Heaven for that!"

An anecdote significant of the ways of the house of Fitzwilliam, is told of the late Earl Fitzwilliam. A farmer came to him to represent that his wheat had been damaged seriously by the hounds. The earl inquired at what he appraised the damage. The man said £50, and it was at once paid. After harvest the farmer came again and said that the wheat, far from being injured where most trampled on, seemed the strongest when they came to cut it, and consequently he had brought back the £50. "Ah," said Lord F., "this is as things should be 'twixt man and man." Then he wrote out a cheque for £100, saying, "Take care of this, and when your eldest son is of age present it to him, and tell him of the occasion which produced it."

COASTING A MILE A MINUTE.

Terrible Ride of Two Men Down a Steep Mountain.

It would be hard to imagine a more reckless and thrilling adventure than that of two men sliding down a steep, ice-crusted mountain-side, one in a prospector's pan and the other on a miner's shovel. The feat was accomplished not long ago by two miners, Peter McGoff and William Murphy, in the descent of one of the Sierra Madre ranges.

On the morning of the day of the adventure the two men climbed to the top of the peak through two feet of heavy snow, to wash out some de-

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composed quartzite rock which showed rusty iron ore, and which, they believed, must carry gold. In the afternoon it turned cold and a crust formed on the snow, so that the mountain seemed to be encased with glass.

It was near sundown when the two men had finished prospecting and started to retrace their way down the mountain. The descent was steep, icy and dangerous at best. They had gone down a hundred feet or more, when Murphy said:

"Pete, I reckon it would be safer to slide down in the pan and shovel eh?"

"All right," said McGoff. "I will if you will." And without further hesitation or debate, he sat down in the pan.

"I'm with you!" cried his companion, and he squatted on his shovel, unmindful of the danger ahead.

At first both men slid over the crust in a jerky fashion, for they were obliged to hitch themselves along with hands and feet. But suddenly the descent became more abrupt, and the two miners almost shot into space, so great was their speed. They tore down the mountain side like an avalanche, each holding on to his metal sled with vise-like grip.

Down, down they flew, breathless, their eyes blinded with tears, faster and faster. Luckily there were no trees, and no precipices. The two miles were covered in less than two minutes. They shot over Cow Creek, a forty-foot canon which they had forgotten, and plunged out of sight into a snowbank like two human drills.

When they were finally dug out by their friends the two miners did not require the services of an undertaker, but it is said that there was not enough court plaster and liniment in camp to cover their scratches and soothe their bruises. Nevertheless they were counted fortunate, and counted themselves so, to have escaped so lightly from so foolhardy an adventure.

LUMBAGO CURED.

A SERIOUS CASE OF THIS PAINFUL DISEASE IS RESTORED TO GOOD HEALTH.

Satisfactory Improvement Leads to a Continued Treatment Which Results in a Complete Cure—An Interesting Story Which Will No Doubt Profit Anyone Suffering With Lumbago.

Holyrood, Ont., Mar. 24 (Special).—Mr. Bat. Pinnell, of this place, has for the past two years been a great sufferer with that most painful and stubborn disease—Lumbago.

The pain he suffered was almost beyond description and many were the medicines and treatments he used to try and get some relief. However, nothing he could find seemed to help him in the least, and he became very downhearted.

At last someone suggested Dodd's Kidney Pills and Mr. Pinnell, although very skeptical, thought he would make one more trial for a cure and began to use them.

The first box did not do him very much good, but after he had used part of the second he began to feel a change for the better, so he kept on until he had used in all seven boxes, when he was delighted to find that every symptom of the Lumbago had entirely disappeared.

His general health is much improved and he feels better to-day than he has for years.

To say that Mr. Pinnell is pleased does not begin to express it. Only those who have suffered as he did with this very painful disease can understand the extreme satisfaction of one who has found a complete cure and restoration to health and strength.

Lumbago is a direct result of disordered kidneys and should always be treated as a Kidney disease.

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TO TEST PURE MILK.

The Echo de Paris has inaugurated a novel competition, a direct outcome of the present milk-adulteration scare in the French capital. A prize of 5,000fr. is offered to the successful competitor, irrespective of nationality, who, before the 15th of May, shall devise a simple and efficient test of pure milk, such as can be used at the door when buying and without waiting for the official report from the city laboratory.

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Yours gratefully, A. DAIRT. St. Timothee, Que., May 16th, 1899.

NOTHING COLD.

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It is a noticeable fact that the dining car department of the Grand Trunk Railway System is second to none on the American Continent, and new improvements and modern innovations are continually being made. The Cafe-Parlor cars which have been running on nearly all of the divisions of this great System are a constant source of praise from the travelling public. The company has recently altered the style of the menu cards used on all of the dining cars and cafe-parlor cars, and have gotten up a very handsome and neat bill of fare that appeals to the artistic sense. The stock used is what is known as Old English Ruskin Bristol of fine texture, and mist grey in color. The Grand Trunk trade mark in black appears at the top left-hand corner surrounded by a neat combination of scroll work of Italian renaissance design, printed in gold and embossed in high relief. The name of the meal is also embossed in high relief, and the tout ensemble is a pleasing and artistic combination. The wine lists have the same design at top, and are printed on the same quality of card, but an olive color for distinction.

GROWTH OF CHILDREN.

At five years of age boys are mainly taller than girls, but the girls appear to equal them at the seventh year, and continue thus up to and including the ninth year, after which the boys rise again above the girls for two years. At about twelve years the girls suddenly become taller than the boys, continuing until the fifteenth year, when the boys finally regain their superiority of stature.

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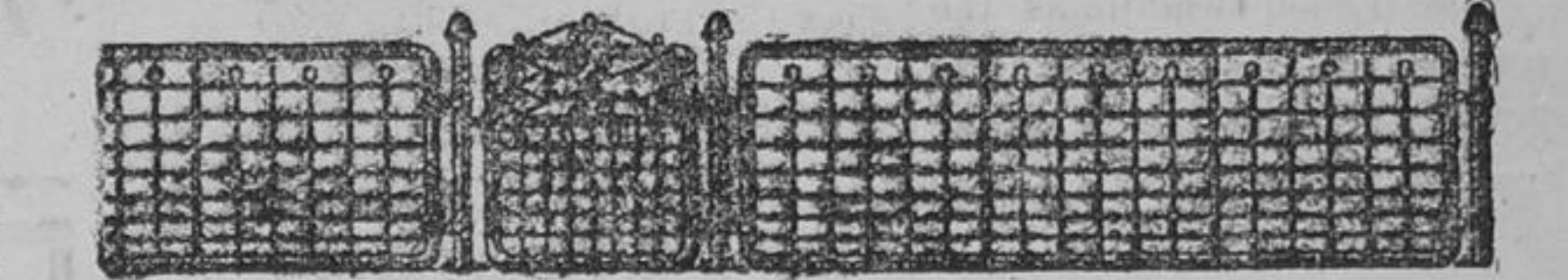
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