imagination is affected by the loss of a dozen or a hundred lives in a great catastrophe than by the gradual death during a long period of the same number of persons. In the latter case the sense of loss is less, the places of the dead being quickly filled by the constant reproduction of society. But why should the pain and suffering and death of a hundred individuals, even if spread over months or years and with the renewal of society assured impress us less than the concentration of all this grief and loss in a single experience? The never-ending death ought only to increase the feeling of dismay and horror. The reason may be found, we believe, in the suddenness and magnitude of the loss, and the utter blank left behind. The indivi dual dies in his bed, after an illness which prepares the mind for the shock of his departure. He is only a unit in a vast aggregation of population, and he leaves a successor to fill his place and duties. In a great catastrophe a hundred lives end suddenly, like the snuffing out of a candle. There is no warning or preparation to mitigate the shock of their exit, or to diminish the sense of blank which it leaves behind. It is this sense which, more than anything else, appalls the imagination. We have grown used to thinking of the decease of the individual as a necessary part of the progress and growth of human society. But sudden destruction of a great number of lives seem to threaten an arrest of that growth, to introduce an element of incoherence and incompleteness into the plan of the universe. It is the abrupt and apparently purposeless breaking of the continuity of this plan, with nothing to take its place, that shocks the mind.

It is perhaps only natural that, with our limited view of the divine purposes, the feeling produced by catastrophes involving unusual loss of life should be that of impatience and annoyance. survivors, it is perhaps to be condoned. of hysteria born of selfishness, that is, est ship, and a round shot was sent account of itself was \$4,257,179. be involved in a similar catastrophe. to heave to. Sympathy is a part of the imagination and excited in our own behalf, invents horrors which curdle the blood. would be wiser in such cases to cultivate resignation than to give way to and there was but one old musket resentment, to sit down quietly and on board. She could not fight, that telepathist, who is just now greatly exask ourselves whether we are honestly sympathetic or only fearful and the open lake, for she was already in resentful lest a like fate should befall the midst of her enemies, and would us. Death comes once to all men, when and how is beyond our control, and the most useless of all things is to her, and that appeared so slim that it Yard, as a London newspaper recently shriek incessantly about it. We ad- was really no chance at all. It was reported. I might begin by telling you mire the courage of the sufferers in to crowd on all sail and fly straight of an experience I had in New York. a catastrophe, and why cannot we have like courage in imagination? We this was just what Captain Richardson a detective of Inspector Byrne's force, know that God reigns and that our undertook to do. The British flag was I started as a man passed us, and exweakness is his strength.

and to do so only reveals a painful despatches." lack of moral stamina. So long as people move about in the world, accidents will occur. With every possible care taken there will always remain steered to cut her off. As each came a percentage of risk against which there can be no protection, and which men must accept as they accept the certainty of death. Absolute security is unattainable, the chance of accident must always be taken, and when catastrophe occurs, all that remains is to consider that something beyond hu- the water line, tearing a great hole man prevention has happened, like an in her side. She went down with her was not among them. earthquake or tornado. There should be sympathy with the suffering and resignation to God's will, not impatient in defiance of the foe. anger against heaven's laws. Submission is an essential element strength, and should be shown in thought as well as in action.

PRAYING BICYCLES FOR BUDD-HISTS.

To so great an extent have the Japmodels that an enterprising Buddhist has adopted the bicycle to serve the attaching the written prayer to the customary wheel which is generally turned by a convenient stream of running water, the new vogue is to fix the prayer to the hub of the bicycle wheel, so that the faster the rider can pedal the better he can pray. Although there appears to be a spice of sacrilege tires, so that the bicycle will become an instrument of pleasure and a prayer-book combined.

THE OLDEST ACTOR.

The oldest actor in the world is Henry Doel. He will be 93 on his next birthday, and was an actor for 65 years. As a child he was rowed out to Plymouth Sound and saw Napoleon walking the quarter deck of the Bellerophon.

SANK WITH FLAG FLYING.

It is singular how much more the THIS INCIDENT HAPPENED DURING THE WAR OF 1812.

> How a Canadian Schooner Ran the Gauntlet of an American Fleet-Ran Her Flag Up and Sank.

During the war of 1812-15 between the United States and Great Britain, nerable portion of Great Britain's empire, was invaded by American armies. fleet, having its headquarters at Kingston, held command of Lake Ontario. This was a serious check to the American advance, and at Sackett's Harbour on the opposite side of the lake, the energetic Commodore Chauncey was hard at work building a stronger fleet to overwhelm his Canadian opponents. In an incredibly short time the American ships were afloat. They proceeded at once to attack Kingston, which was then the most important port on the lakes.

Herkimer's point is distant from Kingston about five miles, and it was considered not improbable that the Americans might land there and endeavour to enter the city. To prevent this, the Canadians had placed there a signal, and two cannons. One of these was afterwards removed, lest it should fall point a fair view could be had of the lead produced rose from \$2,223,206 in

THE FOE ARRIVES.

At length one morning the Yankee Chauncey, appeared off the upper gap. their stock.

danger. This was the Simcoe, a small just in its infancy, Of the \$4,801,205 ing on her way to Kingston to gain lode mines, the other half million dol- to a bed of sickness. A dose Chauncey's fleet left Sackett's Har- Now, before the year 1893 there was So far as this impatience is the product bour. As the Simcoe bowled down on- not an ounce of gold obtained from taken at the start, would of sympathy with suffering, or a shar- ward her look-out man saw the Yankee lode mines, and from 1887 to 1892, in- have nipped the cold in the fleet tacking off the head of Wolfe clusive, the quantity of silver raised Island; but thinking that the ships from lode mines did not amount to were Canadian, the vessel sailed on \$75,000 in any one year. But in 1893 suffering, and expense. The But there is only too much reason to to meet them, and was nearly abreast lode mining commenced in earnest household remedy for colds, of the enemy when the American flag especially in Slocan and Trail Creek, fluttered to the masthead of the near- and last year, as was shown above, its of horror at the thought that we might across the Simcoe's bows as a signal

"TAKE HER OR SINK HER!" Half a minute more and the Stars | An Interview With a Woman Telepathist and Stripes were flying over every vessel in the fleet. The Simcoe carried a crew of only five men all told, was certain, and she could not get away only place herself at greater disadvantage by attempting such a manoeuvre. There was only one chance for for the harbour, running under the guns of every ship of the fleet, and hoisted to the Simcoe's top-mast, and claimed, 'That man has committed nal, "Take her or sink her. She carries

RESCUE OF THE CREW. ened upon the Simcoe and every ship term of imprisonment. tacking towards her she gave it the slip, taking her peppering as best she could, and plunged on into the next circle of fire. To the great wonder of the spectators, she passed every one of the enemy's ships in this manner, and was apparently out of danger, when a flag flying, and as she sank her heroic crew gave a ringing cheer, and one gallant tar discharged the old musket

anese adopted European methods and direction. It was the general expecta- was standing. tion that the enemy would attempt to needs of the praying wheel as used by not as favourable as they expected, and the followers of his creed. Instead of after nearly a day's skirmishing they sailed back to Sackett's Harbour.

BRITISH COLUMBIA MINES.

Value of the Mineral Output for the Year

According to the annual report of hte Minister of Miners of British Coin the practice, it is apparently catch- lumbia, the value of the mineral outing on, for rumor has it that American put of the province during the year hands, do you assert that would help firms are already preparing machines 1896 was \$7,146,425, as against \$5,655,302 you find the murderer?" with Buddhist collects embossed on the for the year 1895. This is an increase of more than 26 per cent. The minerals which contributed most to it were ferent matter. But I will tell you silver and gold. Of the former the value was \$2,100,689, as against \$977,-229 in 1895. The production of gold increased from \$1,266,954 in 1895 to \$1,-788, 206 in 1896. Thus the total productute that he had committed a crime. tion of the precious metals was \$3,- He would appear to me as if enveloped in a red mist."

Supposing now Miss Lancater From the great silver-lead district of that you were taken to the compart-

of lead, amounting in value to \$721,384, as against \$532,255 in 1895. Copper also shows a great gain, rising from a total production worth \$47,642 in 1895 to one worth \$190,926 in 1896.

COAL RETAINS THE LEAD.

though it is now very little ahead of silver, the quantity mined-846,235 tons-being valued at \$2,327,145. This Canada, which seemed the most vul- shows a falling off from the figures of 1895, there having been 939,645 tons of coal raised that year, worth \$2,818,962. At the beginning of the war a small Leaving coal out and dealing with the product obtained from the gold and silver mines, which product comprises lead and copper as well as the precious metals, we find that the output of these mines in 1896 was worth \$4,801,-205, as against \$2,824,080 in 1895. That is, the gold and silver mines yielded more product in 1896 by \$1,977,125 than they did in 1895. Their total output fell short only slightly of \$5,000,000, and was nearly \$2,000.000 more than in the previous year. To Kootenay, and especially to Kootenay West, belongs the credit for nearly the whole of the increase. Save Cariboo, whose placer mines yielded gold to the value of \$384,050, as against \$282,400 in 1895, no district outside of the Kootenays shows great gain. Kootenay East raised the value of its production from \$17,575 in 1895 to \$154,427 in 1896. But in Kootenay West, where the great camps of Slocan and Trail Creek are, the into the hands of the enemy. From this value of the gold, silver, copper, and 1895 to \$4,002,735. Thus this district almost

DOUBLED ITS OUTPUT

in one year. Most of this surprising fleet, composed of fourteen sail, large increase was contributed by the mines and small, and led by Commodore of the Slocan and the Trail Creek divisions, though Nelson comes in as well for honourable mention. In 1895 Word was at once sent to the city, Slocan's production amounted to \$1,and the inhabitants along the shore 057,67; in 1896 to \$2,010,048; in 1895 were ordered into the interior with all Trail Creek's production amounted to \$702,457; in 1896 to \$1,243,360; in 1895 Nelson's production amounted to \$63,-Just then a small schooner was seen 608; in 1896 to \$545,529. What is furcoming down the lake towards the ther encouraging about this increase is fleet, apparently without any fear of that it is nearly all the result of lodemining, which, as the report says, is trading vessel that plied between worth of product obtained from the Kingston and Toronto. She was speed- gold and silver mines of the province the protection of that port before lars being the yield of placer gold.

CRIME AND TELEPATHY.

Who Is Greatly Interesting London.

Here is an interview had by a London reporter with Miss Maud Lancaster, a citing Great Britain by her exhibitions of seemingly marvellous powers.

"I am not attached to any force," said Miss Lancaster, "and have certainly not done any work for Scotland Walking down Broadway one day with the midst of her foe. She had safely murder!' The detective laughed, but There is no use in growing impa- passed the first two ships, when from when I pointed out the man I meant tient and resentful over accidents, Chauncey's flagship was flown the sig- he grew suddenly serious and told me that the person who had caused me to make the exclamation had indeed killed At once a heavy cannonade was op- a man, but had got off with a short

"That was wonderful, wasn't it? And if you won't put the names in your paper I will tell you of a curious experience last year in London.

"I was sent for suddenly one evening by a lady who had lost her jewels. round shot carried away her main She suspected her maid, but, after passboom, and a moment later another ing in review all the servants of the house, I was convinced that the thief

"Why? Because-well, I will tell you something that will help you to understand it. A hall full of people By this time the battery of Royal thinking of a mimic crime, as in my artillery, stationed at Kingston, had entertainments, do not give off as keep the enemy in check, while the much magnetism as a single really noble crew of the Simcoe was brought guilty person, and it is by magnetism, to shore in boats. The Yankee fleet that my work is done. I went up to passed along not far from the shore, and the lady's boudoir, and told her the drawer from which the jewels had been equal pace, and a hot fire was inter- taken. She acknowledged I was corchanged. As the enemy's shot came rect; and then we went down into the pouring in thick and fast it smashed drawing-room, and I felt I was on the fences and trees and went bounding right track more and more, till we and ploughing up the ground in every reached the apartment where a man

"Instantly I was convinced he was land, and every preparation was made the thief; and full of triumph, I was to receive them. But the occasion was about to call the lady aside to tell that the culprit was at hand, when she said:

"Let me introduce my husband." "Pleasant, wasn't it? However, I broke it to her gently when we were out of the room, and, of course, was finely abused for my pains. But about a fortnight afterward my client wrote to me and said that her husband had owned up to taking the jewels, so my instinct was again justified."
"Tell m,e, Miss Lancaster, if the pestle with which the recent railway

"No," replied Miss Lancaster, "that is not my work at all. That would what I could do. Had I been travelling by that train, and the murderer had passed the window after the crime, I would have got out and given him in charge. I would know in a min-

the Slocan there was a large output ment in which the murder was committed, could you track the man

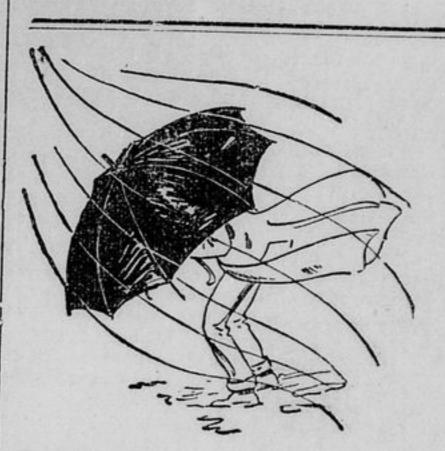
> "That depends. If it was the same night, or even the next morning, it would be easy. But when other people have passed and repassed above the scene of the crime, the magnetism left by the murderer is disturbed and obliterated by their magnetism. I should like to have tried my hand at that murder," added Miss Lancaster, in a regretful tone, "but it is too late now."

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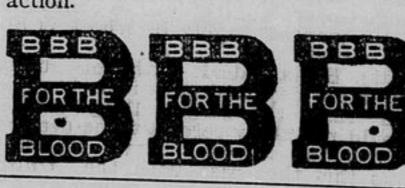
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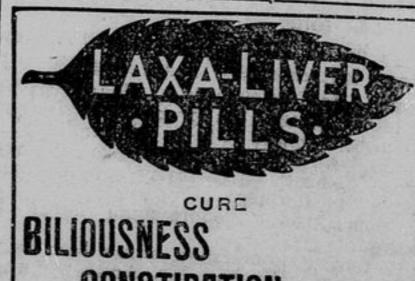


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NEW METHODS OF WORK LATELY BEEN ADOPTED Old Art of Blowing and Pressin seded ty Recent Inventions-3

to the Size of Pipes and Jars.

What is practically a new been developed in France wit past two years. It is a preworking glass vessels and pipes sizes. The process is in itself that it is hard to realize wh not discovered years ago. industry is one of the oldest man and yet centiries passe use of the substance was co plates for windows and vesse sizes, which was made by pa blowing. Heretofore the gla facturer has considered it an ment to make by the old n vessels which would hold n

six gallons. To one of the leading so France is due the credit for covery of the new and valua by which giass pipes can l compare in size and strength of iron and earthenware, and sels can be manufactured of ed dimensions and fashione any shape from a simple jas tub or coffin. This is don

MOULDING GLA

The problem of moulding old one that many ingenio in vain for years to solv illustrations that can be a successful process is the section of a drain pipe. The mould is placed in an upri with a core at the lowe to be shoved upward. A of the molten glass is th the bottom of the mould a head of the core.

When the core is pushe viscous substance flows d sides, filling all the spa and the mould. The glas harden partially, and the withdrawn and the mould product is a splendid piec uniform in strength and perfectly smotch on its the other forms into w is worked are made of same principle, that of 1 upward into a mould. is attained what has his known in glass vess

strength and thickness The old methods of glass in a mould by a into a mould about a utterly impracticable other than those a few size, for when in the the glass blower place the viscous substance in and blows, the glass

pands unevenly in fill It is obvious that g future occupy an enon field of usefulness as revolution in the art ing it. It possesses for insure this-it is chea all acids except hydr and, if properly care tically indestructible.

GLASS D No better sanitary conceived than that forded by glass pipes out, and the glaze of so generally used, cn absorb the refuse through them and b Again the problem greatly simplified. 1 cities are simply brick stantly get out of re and mortar absorb th sequently decay. G absolutely unaffected tions and will allo greater volume of other kind of duct tion, since the skin small. France has b try to utilize glass

for already several ing glass pipes.
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