

the Queen of England, like father, George III., suffers from eyesight, two persons in bold have come to possess more importance. These "lectrices," or readers, employment to save what remains of Majesty's vision. The late Mrs. Field once humorously described the two lectrices as "the pair of spectacles." For Mrs. Fraulein Bauer and Mlle. have held these places, the need of their services for French, as her English name, by her ladies in waiting of honor.

the courtesy of the Queen's secretary, a chat was recently had by the London Queen with ladies regarding the tastes of the mistress in literature. Mlle. was sprightly and charming, and was easily enough in command.

she declared, "reads of the lighter side of our unless, indeed, one excepts periodicals which are sent for perusal from the secretary's desk is especially fond of the works of, Xavier de Maistre or Hugo's, and portions of for instance. I think that the best in all French literature is Maistre's touching 'Lepreux d'Aoste.' I have read it without number, the pathos of the tale appearing in a remarkable manner.

the moderns, I really believe Majesty holds M. Alphonse as admirable. She thinks too mordant, though, and delicious 'Letters from My province' and 'Trente Ans de la better known books. You perhaps, astonished to learn Queen likes Henri Murger; a time have we laughed to see the graceless scamps of 'Bobeme.' Last year we saw 'Telemaque' from cover Her Majesty declared that brought back her life's happiness—her own childhood's days in the Palace, and the days in which she taught her children their important branch of my studies in reading the many letters daily by the Queen from her family and intimate. Nearly all of these are either in French or English. Many of the juvenile descendants are to send her long weekly perfect diaries in fact—of their views and opinions."

Bauer was less communicative than her colleague. She comes from a family which has served the German ancestors in many generations back.

she says, "reads contemporary," she says, "reads contemporary modern German literature is even fond of the humorous, and subscribes to all the magazines. Her German name is Herr Maurice Muther, and she cares for all newspaper articles that interest her, and sends me for reading. I think that her Majesty's favorite German author is also very fond of the line she dislikes intensely. Her quote the Prince Consort effect that Heine's genius is a phosphorescent light of de-

historical novels, particularly 'Der Deutsche Krieg,' and 'Ekkhard.' This taste for fiction, I believe, follows into other languages. She likes Walter Scott. Felix Dahn are two more favorites.

her Majesty's voluminous correspondence forms a very important part of my duty."

Emily McNeill, who, in her own right, is a reader of the Queen, is extensively to her Majesty was kind enough to add a few lines to the Queen took Lord's opinion largely on the subject, since the great Premier's advisers are many.

she is never tired of re-reading Scott and Dickens. She has shown a sympathetic interest in Milton, and has been particularly fond of the poet's works. Lord's favorite, however, her favorite is the utterly erroneous opinion she greatly dislikes Swinburne's poetry, she has a liking for 'Atalanta' and other of Swinburne's late she has been reading and expresses admiration for and keen insight into human nature. She told a friend that she showed her empire to her realistic manner.

her fondness for historical fictions much interest in the study of historical fiction. The science also attracts her, for she is well versed in the history of the Gael to an extent, and is prouder, I believe, of her kinship to the Queen of her descent from the

You are all Invited!

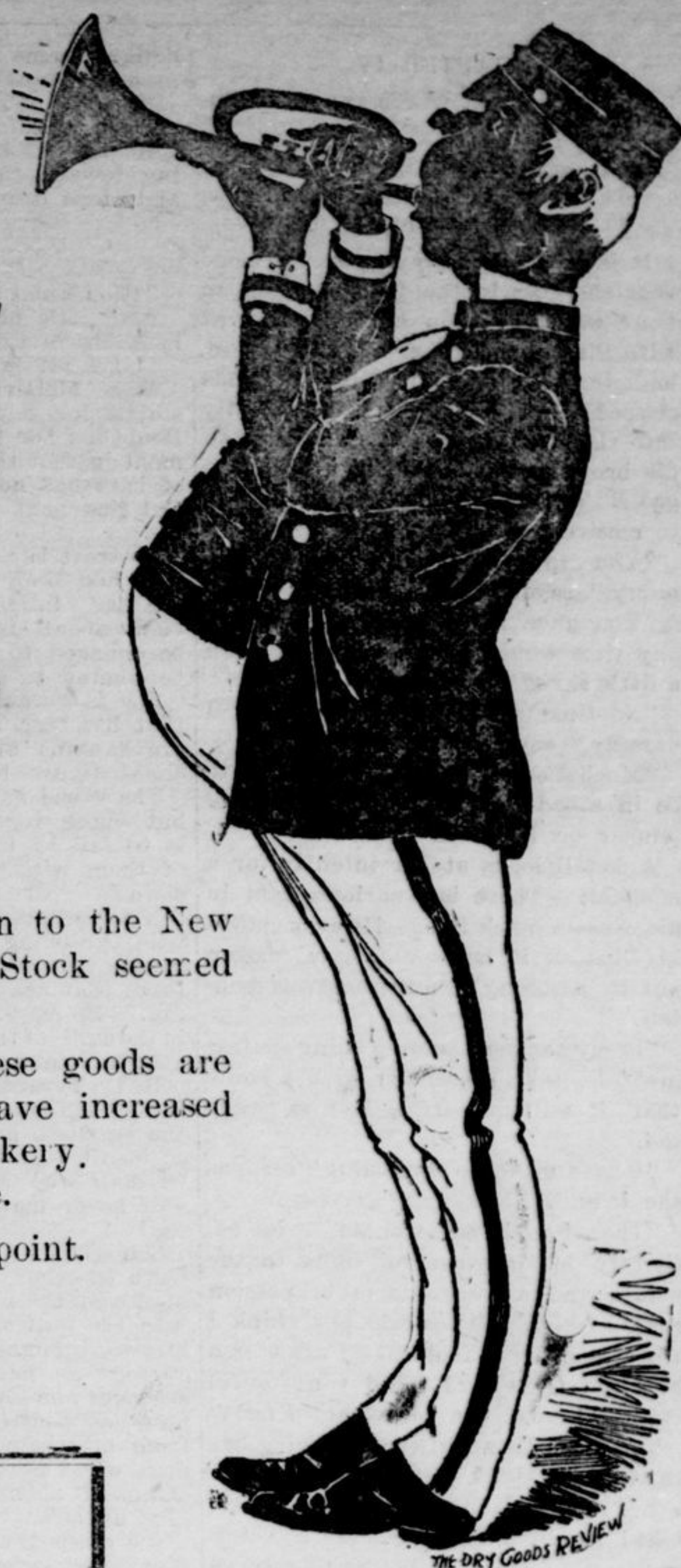
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COMPARATIVE SYNOPSIS CHART.—As the \$2,000 prize competition advertised by the Comparative Synopsis Chart Co., of Toronto has created a certain amount of public interest, owing no less to the unique nature of the contest than to the amount offered in prizes, special inquiry has been made as to the manner in which the competition is being conducted. All that is wanted in matters of this kind, so far as the public is concerned, is a guarantee of good faith that the promises made will be carried out. The profit or loss of the venture concerns the advertising company alone. In this case the personality of the Board of Directors, which is presided over by Mr. Hewitt Boswick, M. P., should bear indication that the offer is an absolutely bona fide one. From an educational point of view alone the contest deserves fullest consideration of the public.—Globe.

CORNER CONCERNS.

Our School teacher had to retire from the school last week through illness. When he admits being sick it will be doubted by no person who knows the amount of vim and push he possesses. He engaged Mr. James Coleridge to fill his place and we hope soon to hear of his recovery.

Mr. Wm. Allan was kept indoors last week through neuralgia, but was out as usual on Sunday.

The Rev. Mr. Campbell on making his first visit to our schoolhouse a week ago last Sunday night, no doubt imagined the audience very much in the dark, owing to an accident to some of the chimneys, but on further acquaintance expressed much pleasure at the attention and appreciation of the audience, and promised to soon come again. All were glad that a treat was in store for them.

Your Orchardville Correspondent asks why we did not prepare another grist of the likes of our young girls. The present grist is in the hopper, but look up our marriage column for the first product. We expect now that the mill has started to grind, it will soon run out, when we will sift out more, when there will be none left but the dusty old miller living by himself.

A special school meeting was held last week to consider the advisability of purchasing a physiological chart. But owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was a poor turnout, and as the matter had not been very much discussed beforehand, or much interest taken, no business was done.

We had the pleasure last Tuesday night of meeting a merry crowd from Normanby, and spending a happy time at the home of Mr. Wm. Grant, who assisted by his better half can

give hospitality unequalled. Your Varney man will please not think us retaliating by stepping in on his territory.

Last Saturday Mr. James Baird returned from the west, and immediately after his arrival a most happy event took place, which every lady likes to hear about; his marriage to Mrs. M. A. Grierson, who was handsomely attired for the occasion, looked the picture of health, and happy as the day is long. She was ably assisted by Miss M. Loghrin of Ferguson, while Mr. W. James Mack kept the groom in good cheer. The Rev. J. S. Williamson of the Methodist parsonage, Mt. Forest, tied the knot firmly. We voice the wishes of everybody, in extending congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

GENERAL.

Ed. Fay, bartender in a Skagway saloon, shot Dep. Marshall Rowan and one McGrath as they entered the bar door. Fay will probably be lynched.

Catarrh Cured for 25 cents.

I suffered from Catarrh for years, and have found Dr. Chase's Catarrh Cure the best that I have used, and gladly recommend it to sufferers. Yours truly,

HARRY STONE, Raiuhan Centre, Ont.

James Allison, who murdered Mrs. Orr in August last was hanged in Berlin gaol on Friday morning last, Feb 4th, the Minister of Justice refusing to interfere with the sentence. The execution was secret, only a few being admitted, and thus the morbid curiosity of some of the still existing offscourings of the lowest types of humanity failed to feast their fiendish gaze on the taking of a human life. The authorities are to be commended for carrying out the requirements of the law in as private a manner as possible.

LOST.—A bunch of keys between McIntyre's Block and Post Office. Finder will confer a favor by leaving them at this Office.

A LITTLE girl near Annapolis, daughter of a prominent man in the ranks of the Liberal party, says the Spectator, had been taught to pray for everybody, and recently startled her mother one evening by her devout prayer as follows: "Now, oh God, take care of yourself; for if we lose you, we shall only have Laurier left to take care of us, and he is not doing as well as papa expected him to do."

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