

Another Question.—“He has a bright future ahead of him.” “But do you really think he'll ever catch up with Miss Gushington?” “I too, Herr Slavski, should like to become a great violinist. What is the first thing to do?” “Learn to play.” “Love One Another.” “Fannie has such a sweet new Easter bonnet.” “Yes, Fannie has charming talent for making things over.”

Innovation.—“Ah! me dear, of course you did not have your sewing circle today, when it was so stormy?” “Oh, yes, Edwin, dearest, we had it by telephone.” “Poverty,” said Uncle Eben, “make riches in one respect. Whether it's any disgrace or not depends a heap on how you happen to get it.”

Time 2:30 A.M.—Admirer.—“Has your father any objection to my paying you visits, Miss Maud?” “Miss Maud—Oh, no—but—I think that he'd rather you paid them in instalments.” “I don't think the members of your church would be willing to sell all they have and give to the poor.” “Hardly, they might be persuaded to sell all they have and invest the proceeds in something else.”

Magistrate, who has lately taken to himself a wig.—“I think I've seen you here before on a similar charge.” “Disorderly Prisoner.—No, yer washup, the last 'bark' I was up afore was a half-headed old cove.” “Will I have to be identified when you come here next time?” inquired Mr. Wagway. “No, sir,” replied the bank robber. “Not unless you swear off in the meantime. I should know that one again among a million.”

“Oh, oh!” moaned Mrs. Weeks, who was suffering from a decayed molar, “Why aren't people born without teeth, like I like to know?” “Why, my dear, I claimed the husband, ‘do you happen to know any one that wasn't?’” “Mike—How old are you, Pat?” “Thirty-sivin next mont.” “Mike—Yes must be older than that. When ere yez born?” “Pat—In 1861.” “Mike—I have yez now. Sure, yez told me the same date tin years ago!”

Harold has a pair of twin aunts who look and dress so exactly alike that it is difficult to tell which is Miss Mary and which Miss Martha. One day a lady said to Harold: “I don't know how you can tell your two aunts apart.” “Oh, that's easy enough,” replied Harold, “for Auntie Mary looks a great deal more alike than Auntie Martha.”

THE FASHIONABLE SHADE. A very important question in the mind of the average woman just at present is the new spring shade. Will she be becoming or otherwise? To the woman who is fashion's slave, the answer to this question is a vital one; the woman sensible enough to get near as possible to the fashionable and yet have it becoming it is not of so much importance, while to the woman who wears the color which suits her best, irrespective of the reigning mode, it is a matter of indifference.

As the majority of women do adhere to the fashion of the moment, it is pleasant to be able to relieve their minds of the strain of uncertainty. Up to the present moment it has been difficult to state with any degree of certainty just what color would be the proper thing this spring, but it is learned that first in preference stands blue.

The old saying that “There is nothing new under the sun” is certainly verified as one looks over and examines the different shades of the new spring of blue, and of the fifty-six shades of auber blue, that ranks as second favorite, was immensely popular about twelve years ago under the name of auber, and of the fifty-six shades of blue to us from which we take our choice only eight are new, and six of these are blue; so it can easily be inferred from this that blue is going to be the prime favorite.

Though decidedly a rehash of 1890 and 1897 the colors shown for the spring certainly are, either taken separately or in combination, very artistic in their conception. The shades of blue promise to be very popular this year, varying all the way from the pale known as paille, through the different tones which were presented to last fall, only under different names, to the deepest being a burnt orange tint, styled coq de roche. It is probable that porpoise tints will be used in plaid and stripe effects for the new spring blouses and ribbons.

QUICK-FIRING GUNS.

An Instance of the Power of Modern Cannon. About the only idea one gets of the power of modern field guns in actual operation is from the “various barbarous wars” waged by Great Britain. When Colin Keppel, with his three gunboats, passed the Mahdist mud forts of Metemneh last year, there was little cannonading done. On the return Commander Keppel determined to lead his little squadron himself. The Derivishes fired on him vigorously and he took the time to have a little romp with them; since they were so impudent.

The consequences was that the second and third gunboats had no share in the fun at all, for a rather queer reason. Keppel's shells in a very few rounds so smashed up the embrasures of the Derivish forts that they could not see the leading gunboat for the clouds of dust, or stand to their weapons under the iron hail. The forts were built of mud, and it was well dried in the hot sun of Egypt. The consequence was that the second and third gunboats could not effectively fire by reason of the indistinctness of anything on which they would have laid their guns. They did splash a few shells into the thick of the harem, but probably did little execution with them.

SOME BIG PENSIONS.

England is relieved of the payment of \$15,000 a year in pensions by the recent death of Sir Henry Havelock-Allan and of Viscount Combermere, third in succession to the first viscount, which was Sir Stapleton Cotton, and received the pension for services in the Peninsular war. When the Duke of Wellington dies a yearly pension of \$30,000 will end, while \$65,000 a year will be saved to the nation at the death of the present holders of these titles: Viscount Hardinge (for services in India), Baron Seaton (Colborne, for Waterloo), Baron Keane and Viscount Gough (for services in the Crimea), and Baron Napier of Magdala (for Abyssinia). Pensions of \$3,000 to the heirs of the Duke of Schomberg, William III's General, of \$10,000 to the successors of Lord Rodney, and \$25,000 to all to whom the title of Earl Nelson shall descend will continue to be paid indefinitely. When Viscount Wolsley and the late Lord Alcester (Sir Frederick B. Seymour) received sums for their military services in 1835 it was understood that the system of long-continuing pensions would be ended.

A MT. FOREST CASE.

Mr. James Paddon, viciously, assaulted by a Fierce Assailant. Kidney Disease Caused Him Much Suffering—But a Staunch Friend, Dodd's Kidney Pills, Went to His Assistance—Now He is as Well as Ever He Was.

Mount Forest.—A most daring assault was made on one of our well-known citizens here recently. The victim is Mr. James Paddon, and the attack was a very determined and vicious one. By the timely aid of a staunch and true friend, however, he managed to elude the clutches of his assailant, but not before he had sustained serious injuries that caused him great suffering. Mr. Paddon's assailant was that base of the age Kidney Disease, and the friend that rendered such valuable help is Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Mr. Paddon suffered for a long time with severe backache and pain in his stomach and kidneys. There were other symptoms of Kidney Disease present, and knowing what the end would be, unless the complaint were promptly checked, he began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills.

He used two boxes in all and they cured him completely. He is now enjoying as good health as he ever did, thanks to Dodd's Kidney Pills alone. There are no “Dull Times” for disease and death. They are always busy. They never want for victims. But Providence has given man a way of avoiding the most deadly forms of disease—Kidney troubles—and of resisting the attacks of death successfully. Dodd's Kidney Pills positively cure all types of Kidney Disease. This has been proved thousands of times, and is now universally admitted. Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Female Diseases, etc., speedily yield to them.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists at fifty cents a box, six boxes \$2.50, or will be sent, on receipt of price, by The Dodd's Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Spring is Here

Are You Ready for the Change to Warmer Weather? Hood's Sarsaparilla Will Soon Put You in Good Order.

It is difficult for the system to adjust itself to the change from cold to warmer weather. That is why Hood's Sarsaparilla is needed now. It is wonderful to see what this great medicine can accomplish at this season. It expels all impurities from the blood, leaving it rich, pure and nourishing. It overcomes the languor and depression so general when warm weather comes. It creates an appetite, tones and strengthens the stomach and digestive organs and prevents fevers and other serious diseases to which a weak and debilitated system is so liable in spring. Its great cures of all blood diseases, scrofula, salt rheum, boils, sores and humors prove it to be the best blood purifier and spring medicine.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is Canada's Greatest Medicine. Sold by all druggists. \$1; six for \$5. Get only Hood's. Hood's Pills act easily, promptly and effectively. 25 cents.

ISLAND FROM EARTHQUAKE.

An island, it is announced in Paris, has suddenly appeared on the northwest coast of Borneo, opposite the town of Labuan. Its appearance appears to be due to the earthquake which happened in September near Kudat, in British Borneo. The island is composed of clay and rock. It measures 200 yards in length by 50 in width, and it has gone on increasing since its first appearance.

HIS SOLEMNITY.

Mr. Gadd—“I saw y'r husband on the street yesterday. He looked very solemn. I thought, Has he got religion?” Mrs. Gadd—“No; it's only dyspepsia.”

Topics of the Day

Every one is surprised at the rapidity and efficacy with which Nerviline—nerve-pain cure—relieves neuralgia and rheumatism. Nerviline is a specific for all nerve pains and should be kept on hand by every family.

HEART DELUSIONS.

How can a man tell when he is really in love? Well—a man is really in love when he thinks he doesn't eat or sleep. “Quickcure” warmed and dropped from a spoon into the ear, will cure earache. It acts like a charm.

SHE USED THEM ALL.

How many words are there in the English language, pa? I don't know, ask your mother.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

SWORN TO before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1896.

A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

NEW USE FOR LAWYERS.

Etiavant, the Anarchist, who recently murdered a Paris policeman and wounded two others, has found out a use for lawyers. Having refused to defend himself or employ a lawyer, the Court assigned one to take charge of the defence. Etiavant would have nothing to do with him, declaring that he wished to be condemned to death, till the lawyers explained that no jury could bring in a verdict involving capital punishment unless a defense was made; whereupon Etiavant accepted their services.

SAYRETA-KORA CRYSTALS.

THE NEAREST APPROACH TO A DIAMOND impossible to detect from real Gems. Irradiated to retain their lustre. To insure substantial gold filled mounting, either Ring, Stud, Pin, Brooch or Earrings on receipt of One Dollar. Any unsatisfactory article exchanged. Send for catalogue. J. Powell Harvey & Co., 61 King W., Toronto, Can.

HE HAD NO TACT.

And so Arizona Ike shot the phrenologist? Yep. When the perferessor was feeling in Ike's bumps, the galoot had no more sense than ter tell the truth. W P C 912

TRASK'S Magnetic Ointment.

The worst Sores, Bruises, Cuts, Burns, Sprains, Skin Disorders, Sore Throat, Grown, Rheumatism, Lameness, Piles, and all external and internal affections characterized by INFLAMMATION, yield to its influence as if by magic. It is a purely vegetable preparation by a regular physician of eminence, and its success has been marvellous in the most obstinate cases. Sold by Druggists and Dealers at 25 and 40 cents.

CANADA PERMANENT LOAN & SAVINGS COMPANY

Subscribed Capital.....\$5,000,000 Paid-up Capital.....2,600,000 Assets.....11,400,000 HEAD OFFICE—TORONTO ST., TORONTO Branch Office—WINNIPEG, MAN., AND VANCOUVER, B.C.

Dominion Line Steamships

Montreal and Quebec to Liverpool in summer, Portland to Liverpool in winter. Large and fast twin screw steamships “Labrador,” “Vancouver,” “Dominion,” “Scotman,” “Yorksire,” Superior accommodation for First Cabin, Second Cabin and Steerage passengers. Rates of passage—First Cabin, \$50; Second Cabin, \$34; Steerage \$22.50 and upwards according to steamer and berth. For all information apply to Local Agents, or DAVID TORRANCE & CO., Gen'l Agents, 17 St. S. Sacramento St., Montreal.

ROOFING and Sheet Metal Works.

ROOFING SLATE, in Black, Red or Green. SLATE BLACKBOARDS (We supply Public and High Schools, Toronto, Montreal, Port Hope, etc.). ROOFING TILE (See New City Building, Toronto, done by our firm). Metal Ceilings, Cor-nices, etc. Estimates furnished for work complete or for special shipments to any part of the country. Phone 1508. O. DUTHIE & SONS, Adelaide St. W., Toronto.

Love Yourself

Harris Buys Scrap. 25-31 William St., Toronto. Phone 1720.

GOLDRINGS FREE!

Will give you a beautiful 18k Gold Ring free, and will mail you the same, on receipt of 10c. Instructible pamphlet, each, with us and we will mail you the same. You sell them and send us the money and we will mail you the Ring. \$750 CASHIAL CO., Box 272, Centreburg, Ohio.

FENCE, FENCE, FENCE.

We can cut your 1898 fence account just in half. We claim we have the best and most practical fence on earth. Four miles of it in use at the Experimental Farm, Guelph, Ont. Send for prices. Address Toronto Picket Wire Fence Co., 221 River St., Toronto, Ont.

You are served better by a specialist than a jack of all trades—

MONSOON

INDO-CEYLON TEA. Is put up by specialists, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 60 cts. All grocers, in lead packages only. Have You Seen It!!! Can You Do It!!!! The New G. K. Puzzle!!!! The most fascinating puzzle of the day. HOW TO REACH KLONDYKI Sold everywhere. Agents wanted. Send 20c for sample. T. SONNE, 193 Commissioners St., Montreal, Que.

Highest Market Value

PAID FOR RAW FURS and SKING, Bear Wax, Gincing, etc. Consignments wanted. Express paid. Klondike Moose Moccasins, Fur Coats, Robes and Snow Shoes a specialty. H. JOHNSON, Wholesale Furrier 494 St. Paul St. Montreal, Que.

ALLAN LINE

Royal Mail Steamship Co., Montreal to Liverpool. Steamers sail every Saturday on arrival of trains from Toronto and the West about 6 o'clock. RATES OF PASSAGE Cabin \$52.50 and upwards; Second Cabin \$34 and up \$36.25; Steerage to Liverpool, London, Glasgow, Belfast, Londonderry or Queenstown \$22.50 and \$23.50. A reduction of five per cent. is allowed on round trip first and second cabin tickets. For sailings of steamers or other information apply to any authorized agent. H. Bourlier, 1 King St. W., Toronto.

UNEMPLOYED.

The Life of FRANCIS E. WILLARD, by Anna A. Gordon, who was for 21 years her private secretary is nearly ready. Introduction by Lady Henry Somerset. Intertwined with necessary to sell this book. Ladies Wild Pigeons. Ladies and gentlemen. WRITE QUICK. Oaths only 50c. easy to make \$100.00 with this in a week or two. J. L. NICHOLS & CO., 33 RICHMOND W., TORONTO.

Ask Somebody.

We don't send out a lot of cut and dried “testimonials.” Such things are not proof. But if you want to learn what is thought of the Page fencing, ask your neighbors, your friends in other countries, everywhere. Some of them will have used or seen the Page—it is the universal fence. If you want some illustrated advertising matter, and a descriptive price list, apply to our local dealers, or to us direct.

THE PAGE WIRE FENCE COMPANY, Limited, WALKERVILLE, ONT.

P. S. See our “ad” in next issue.

Hartford Tires. Vim Tires...

OUR factories are first-class. We cannot afford to pay first-class men first-class wages to make second or third class goods. We won't make a cheap inferior product. We have competition enough now from unreliable tires without adding to it ourselves. A post card will bring you our catalogue. It's worth writing for. Our road tires guaranteed and repaired free. TORONTO TIRE CO., Limited, 9 Adelaide St. W., TORONTO

WINTER RESORT. Florida of the North—Rest from snow and the Cold North.

Hotel Traymore, Atlantic City, N. J.

Modern and Complete in Every Detail. Rates the Very Lowest Consistent With First Class Service. The TRAYMORE is one of the longest established beach front hotels in Atlantic City. Homelike and cheerful and enjoys the continued patronage of a quiet and refined class of visitors. Write for all information. D. S. WHITE, Jr., Owner & Proprietor.



What? "AMBERINE" HAIR PRODUCER CURES DANDRUFF

Over 300 are using it in Hamilton. Over 1000 in Toronto and London. Removes Dandruff in One Week. Cures Itching of the Scalp. Prevents Breaking of Hair. Stops Falling Out. POSITIVELY GROWS HAIR. SWORN TESTIMONIALS SENT FREE.

"HAIR PRODUCER" \$1.00 per Bottle from Druggists, or on receipt of price to Job Cook Mfg Co., London, Ont. SURE! ENDORSED BY CLERGY TESTIMONY UNDER OATH

Accept No Substitute for LUDELLA CEYLON TEA. It never fails to give satisfaction. In Lead Packages. 25, 40, 50 and 60c.