THE VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

interesting Items About Our Own Country, Great Britain, the United States, and All Parts of the Globe, Condensed and Assorted for Easy Reading.

CANADA.

The Bank of British North America is to establish a branch in the Yukon. Fall wheat is reported to be damaged by the recent frosts in several sections of Ontario.

The Quebec City Council has decided to tax all telephone and telegraph poles 25 cents each.

Mr. Ira J. Flatt, ex-M.P.P., is said to be heir to a Philadelphia estate, his share amounting to \$700,000.

A syndicate of Hamiltonians will shortly make the experiment of trying to acclimatize English game in Canada. Mr. E. P. Davis, Q.C., of Victoria, B.

ed Chief Justice of British Columbia. The Government is reckoning upon an expenditure of \$250,000 to transport the military contingent to the Yukon.

C., is mentioned as likely to be appoint-

Diver Kilker of Montreal was caught in the gates of the Canada Paper Company's mills at Windsor mills and lost his life.

McNamee & Simpson, of Montreal and Toronto, have been awarded the contract for dredging in Toronto har- age of 28. He had suffered from a fall bor this summer.

subscriptions the \$20,000 required for the proposed monument to the late Premier Mercier.

The Minister of Marine and Fisheries announces that the Government are considering the advisability of establishing a naval militia corps. Two thousand visiting troops are ex-

pected in Ottawa on the Queen's Birthday, including the Queen's Own Rifles, 700 strong, from Toronto. J. W. Harkom, master mechanic of

the eastern division of the G. T. R. system will be assistant mechanical superintendent of the C. P. R. A blaze in the Star Theatre at Ham-

ilton destroyed a lot of costumes belonging to the troupe playing there, besides doing other damage.

The new seven-pound guns of A Battery were given a satisfactory test at the Royal Military College by Capt. English in the presence of the cadets. Mr. S. E. Wilkins, a Hamilton mer-

chant, was fined one cent by the Police Magistrate for violating acity by-law in selling a pair of shoes after 7 o'clock in the evening.

2,000 troops to reinforce the garrison of Jamaica. The second battalion of the Leinster Regiment, now stationed in pare to embark on May 5.

new fast freight line to operate over the Grand Trunk Railway system in conjunction with the West Shore Rail-

Rev. Dr. Carmen, General Superintendent of the Methodist Church, has left Toronto for Vancouver, on route to Japan, where he will visit the various missions of the Church.

Sixteen Mogul engines have been purwill be delivered during April and May.

One of the main features of the celebration of the Queen's birthday at Kingston will be the placing of bronzes on the base of the monument, erected in the City Park in memory of Sir John A. Macdonald.

The Department of Trade and Commerce at Ottawa has been advised that merchant ships of Japan will be afforded the same facilities for dealing with deserted seamen in British ports as is now accorded to British vessels.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Manchester has subscribed £350,000 to provide a new steamship service to Montreal.

Hawk has been ordered to Halifax, chiefs come also in plain white. She has a speed of thirty knots.

The suspicion is confirmed that it was the German steamer Magnet from Pomaron, March 6, for Stettin, that was sunk on March 16, in collision off Gabbard Lightship, England, with the British bark, British Princess, Captain Scott, from Leith for Liverpool. Eighteen of the crew were drowned.

UNITED STATES.

Work has been suspended in all the coal mines of the Ohio district, because the ten per cent, increase in wages agreed upon by the miners and mine owners at Columbus and Chicago has not yet been applied to the common laborers in the mines.

GENERAL.

The condition of the insane King Otto of Bavaria has suddenly become worse and it is feared that he is dying.

The worst snowstorm of the season raged on the Newfoundland coast on Monday. The railroads are blocked, and steamers have been unable to leave both, in order to keep anything port .

A rumor is current in Paris that Alfred Dreyfus, the former Captain of artillery, who was sentenced to imprisonment for life after having been convicted by courtmartial of having betrayed important military secrets to a foreign power, is dead.

WERE NOT DERANGED.

Bril jant Men Who Get Along With Only fiall a Brain.

Without the connecting structure there can be no exact co-operative action of the double brain. Now there is ample evidence to show that deficiency of the corpus callosum has not necessarily been attended with the effects, which, on the theory of the single nature of the brain, we should have expected. In instances in which it was discovered after death that the connecting bridge between the hemispheres was entirely wanting, neither derangement in intellect was observed nor any other abnormality of life in the way of movement or sensation.

Thus, in the notable case of Bichat, one of the foremost anatomists of his day, one lobe of his brain was found markedly smaller than the other. He was, in fact, deficient in one half of his brain, and yet his mental and physical life was in its way notably of a high order. In another case, reported by Cruveilhier, a man died in the hospital at the age of 42 years from heart disease. He exhibited no lack of intelligence, yet after death it was discovered that his left brain was practically destroyed and replaced by a watery substance. Another case, reported by Andral, was of a man who died at the when 3 years old, and as a result was half constituted the floor, of an empty space. Andral says of this man that had profited by it; he had a good memory; his speech was free and easy; his intelligence was such as we should expect to find in an ordinary man."

THE NEW HANDKERCHIEFS

Daintiness appears to be the characteristic feature of the new handkerchiefs-the finest of linen and linen lawn being used, with real lace and delicate embroidery by way of ornamentation.

The British Government is sending tistic embroidered design, circular in ous, longer lived, and do not cost more

Halifax, have received orders to pre- all about the edge is small scallops.; ground. The past season has quite

The Grand Trunk is inaugurating a reasonable in price than the laundered cropped, and not a prop was used in watered. Of course if there are any cents upward, and for fifty cents one trees of my neighbors were bending they should be removed before laying, of excellent quality can be bought, their long, willowy branches to the but the main point is to select a good, ed, with the initial letter in one corner. which were so small and poor that they the sod. If seed is sown, Kentucky inch from the edge, on all four sides, injured. A plum tree well pruned will is let in a band of lace insertion, in have at least three times the amount The Inland Revenue officials at Que- one corner is a handsome initial work- of bearing wood of the unpruned tree. bec have seized two barrels consigned ed, and in the other three corners an The advantages of low over high prunto a merchant supposed to contain embroidered spray. This is valued at ing are: The low branches prevent the flour. They had 338 pounds each of forty-eight cents. One of fine qual- trunk and larger limbs from becoming ity, lace-edged, and with an initial let- sunburned and infested with borers; ter in one corner, is found for twenty- it brings the fruit nearer the ground, two cents, while the same thing is thereby saving at least 50 per cent. tawa. Arnprior and Parry Sound Rail- forty-eight cents where the lace edg- in the cost of gathering; the trees and way for their freight business. They ing is the real article. These two hand- fruit are better protected from hard kerchiefs are exceptionally good for winds, and the lower branches being the price.

more than half the new handkerchiefs, in seasons of heavy yields will not from the finest real point and Valen- need propping up, and the fruit will ciennes to the narrow and serviceable be more evenly distributed over the imitation edging. A noticeably pret- tree. A tree at a given age will have ty article is of finest quaity, has an a larger bearing surface if trimmed embroidered edge of tiny pointed scal- low than the same tree would have lops, inside of which runs a narrow line had with a high head. Still another of embroidery, and set under the advantage of the low head is, that it inch in width.

A portion of the new bridge on the years ago were so much in vogue, have jured or destroyed. A low head is usu-Crow's Nest line of railway over the St. entirely disappeared, except in a few ally an open head which admits of more Mary's River was blown down, and examples seen in the silk China crape. sunlight, and therefore better colored with it eight men. A man named Fer- These are used for "dress-up" oc- fruit. High pruning; has caused more guson of Renfrew was killed and the casions, and are ornamental. They loss and disappointment to plum growothers seriously injured. The men fell come in pale pink, green, lavender, yel- ers that any other one cause. Every low, and blue, and are embroidered in fruit grower knows that different varifloss-silk of the same color or con- eties of plum trees require different trasting colors. For instance, a blue treatment. For instance, the Burone has a blue embroidered edge of bank, being naturally of a low, sprawlscallops and garlands of pink rose- ing habit requires more side and less buds, or a vine of delicate pink trail- top pruning than the Abundance, which The torpedo-boat destroyer Sparrow ing arbutus. These silk handker- is an upright grower, and should be severely top pruned to spread the top

A SOLDIER WITH A RECORD

It is true that he wears the uniform of a soldier, said the doubting one, but I understand he never has been in any real engagement.

What! cried the posted one, Why, only lost his entire crop of plums from he has been sued twice for breach of over one hundred trees, but lost his promise. Engagements! Well, I rather trees as well, from overbearing, said to

TOO SLOW.

Your elopement didn't come off? No; the wretch asked me to fly with ruined! If we train our trees too low, him, and then told me that he thought spreading heads, and properly thin the a horse and buggy would be more fruit, taking off all inferior, wormy comfortable than a tandem.

FORCE OF HABIT!

always find a ready sale for our fruit at the highest market prices. What makes Bigly bolt his food? He's just back from the Klondike where they had to bolt and padlock

Agricultural

THE ANALYSIA AND ANALYSIA ANALYSIA ANALAS AN PRUNING AND THINNING THE PLUM.

ing came to me thirty years ago. My season. A season which favors the father bought a farm of a man who stooling of the plants requires less seed was quite a horticulturist, in his way, than one which is unfavorable to their the same as a great many other people stooling. The shoe drills are preferare; that is, he would buy trees, set able to the hoe drills or to broadcasting them out on land that was worthless wheat. The shoe drill puts the seed for any other purpose, and then sit into the ground and usually into moist down and await results. He had ground, and covers it over, ready to teen, some of which were put out at hoe drill ar emore uncertain, as some the back of the house, the balance be- of the grain is covered deeply, some ing planted within about a foot of a shallow and some of it not at all. It pricket fence at one side of an open the reader will bear in mind that to lane where his horse and cow were sprout or start growth every seed repastured. You can probably guess the requires a certain degree of warmth, result, says a writer, not a single moisture and air, he will understand sprout from one of these trees got what he is required to furnish to the above the top of those fence pickets. wheat kernels to induce them to start At the end of about five years, when growth. my father took the farm, the trunks of those trees were some three or four inches in diameter, with not a branch over four feet high, but the head was browsed off as square as if cut with the pruning shears. My father get the tence back several feet from the trees and the growth those trees made was truly wonderful, with their low, wide branching heads. Those trees gave an-It is now proposed to raise by 25 cent paralyzed on his left side. The right nually large crops of the choicest plums wheel in the case of the shoe press drill, half of his brain had practically dis- I have ever seen. In the fifteen years which covers the seed more completely. appeared, so that the parts below this that my father owned this farm there was only one off year when these trees he "had received a good education and did not produce a money crop of from rise into the soil which surrounds it. \$50 to \$100 yearly. I have always look- This firming of the soil tends to proed upon this as horse sense in pruning plum trees. My method of pruning plums can be told in a few words: To the ground after seeding if it has not cut back two-thirds all new wood; that been fined enough before the wheat was is, all the new leading shoots are cut back at least two-thirds of the entire length. This is my rule, and I follow will not be injured by harrowing with it as closely as circumstances will ad- a peg toothed harrow. If it rains aftmit. I would not dare send a man into my orchard with instructions to follow this rule to the letter. For there is will usually prove beneficial. In that A pretty specimen is of sheer linen not, cannot be, any set rule for prun- case the harrow loosens the surface of GRISTING cambric, square in shape, and finish- ing trees. My ideal shape for a plum the soil and prevents the loss of water ed with a very narrow hem-stitched tree is a low, spreading, well-balanced by evaporation at a time when the hem, inside of which runs a vine of head. I buy small trees from the nurs- wheat is not high enough to mulch fine embroidery. Another is finished ery, and by cutting back severely at and shade the ground well. with the narrow hem alone, while a the time of planting, then cutting back third has the small hem, and in each one-third of all new growth each year, corner a delicate embroidered design. I secure my ideal shape. Such trees An attractive one has the favorite nar- give me well-ripened wood, bear better row hem, and in one corner an ar- crops of better fruit, are more vigoroutline, with an initial letter in the than one-half for the labor of caring for them, or for gathering the fruit, be- spaded up deep and made as rich as One, square in shape, is embroidered cause it is borne low down near the another has the edge in large scallops, fully demonstrated the advantages of G. L. White, representing the Van each one formed of three small ones. my close pruning system over the more knife and made of even width so that Camp Packing Company, of Indiana- A third is scalloped, and inside the common method of letting the trees they match well, making an unintertake care of themselves. While my rupted turf which should be beaten came insane, and had to be placed un- The unlaundered hand-made hand- own orchard was laden with fruit, not down with the back of a spade firmly, kerchief is much liked, and is more a single tree was in the least over- after which it should be thoroughly article. It ranges from seventeen my orchard, the tall, slim, unpruned roots of perennial weeds in the sod, either lace-edged or plain hem-stitch- ground with their overload of fruits, clean piece of turf from which to cut A dressy specimen of this kind is edged could not be sold at any price. Thou- bluegrass makes a nice lawn, but the with narrow lace overhanded on the sands of these trees are now dead, and special lawn mixtures are adapted for linen, there being no hem. About an all of them more or less permanently various conditions.

the oldest will produce first. A low Lace is in high favor, and is seen on spreading tree is better balanced, and scallops a full edging of lace about an keeps the plow and cultivator farther from the tree and thus saves many of Colored handkerchiefs, which a few the roots that would otherwise be in-

as much as possible. If large trees are

bought from the nurseries, the heads

will be formed too high and the tree

will never be of the proper shape. To

suit me it would be hardly possible to

get too low a head on a plum tree. A

he could not, and thus his orchard was

SEEDING SPRING WHEAT.

specimens (destroying the same), and make it a rule never to prop up a tree, we will have few off years and will

Undertaking and It is usually advisable to seed spring A SPECIALTY wheat as early as the soil is in good

condition after the ground has warmed sufficiently for the seed to grow. The last part of the growing season is the uncertain one for wheat. When seeded in drills a bushel and four quarts to a bushel and a peck of seed have given best results as a general rule. The amount of seed which will My first illustrated lesson in prun- give the best yield will vary with the bought a few plum trees, about eigh- grow. The broadcast seeder and the

Shoe drills can be divided into two classes, viz., the shoe chain and the shoe press drills. The shoe like those of the corn planter and garden seeders opens a furrow in the ground and drops the seed into it while the sides of the shoe hold the dirt back. When the shoe moves past the point where a certain seed has been dropped, the loose dirt falls in, covering the seed more or less completely. Following the shoe is a short, large-linked chain in the case of the shoe chain drill and a small In addition to covering the grain the press wheels compact the ground over the seed, which tends to make moisture duce one of the necessary conditions for growth, viz., moisture.

It is often a good plan to harrow sown. It will not hurt the grain to harrow the ground after the wheat is up. Wheat that is four inches high er the wheat is seeded and before it is four or five inches high, harrowing the ground after it has dried sufficiently

FORMATION OF SMALL LAWNS.

Sodding is most satisfactory. Success depends upon the thorough preparation of the soil. This should be possible. In laying sod, it is important that the pieces are cut with a sharp

SLEEP IS SOUNDEST

When One Dreams, Because Dreams Control the Brain.

"The popu'ar idea or impression is that when persons dream much during a night to that extent their sleep is interfered with," says a well-known physician; "and it is a frequent thing to hear persons say that they dreamed so much during the night that they did not sleep or rest well. Now, the fact is, dreaming is as much rest or mental recreation as actual sleep in some respects, a though it may not appear so on first thought. It is hard to prove this by actual experiment, because the conditions are so difficult to produce. There is a certain amount THE of evidence which can be used, however, FINEST TEA to prove the proposition. Time and time again when persons have been waked up by others they have explained as a reason that they did not respond quicker that they did not hear the call. It is as clearly proved as anything can be that persons who are in a dreamy condition are much harder to wake than those who are s'eeping, ent for instance a mother with a parent, for instance a mother, when she is sleeping soundly, as she thinks, she can hear her child when it turns over or moves in its crib. Now, the same parent in a dreamy condition would hardly hear a knock at the door or other loud noise. The dream so controls the brain that during its pendency the sense of hearing is blunted."

A GALLANT CROOK.

plum grower, who, the past season, not Ada-Why does Dolly call Jack her -darling highwayman? Blanche-Because he held her up so me: "You could thin your fruit, for nicely when she thought she was going your trees are so low, but how could to faint the other evening. I get into th etops of twenty-fgive or thirty-foot trees to thin them?" True,

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