#### VERY LATEST FROM ALL THE WORLD OVER.

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

#### CANADA.

The prospects for a large harvest in Manitoba are excellent.

The first 45 miles of the Teslin trail road have been completed. A rich discovery of oxide at Lake

Winnipegosis has been made. The receipts of the Winnipeg exhibi-

tion amounted to about \$30,000. Ottawa's population is estimated by the Might's directory at 67,000.

Seven of Toronto's leading hotels have been deprived of their liquor licenses.

ordered for the band of the Dufferin Rifles.

records.

A new system of fire protection is being installed in the Dominion Parliament buildings.

Sandamore, of the North-west Mounted Police, was drowned.

The monument to the late Sir George Cartier, at St. Antoine de Richelieu, will be unveiled on Labor Day.

Mr. Wm. Saunders of the Experimental Farms reports the crops in the Maritime Provinces as very promis-Lieut: Sutton of Winnipeg, for some

years connected with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, has been transferred to Toronto. London City Council has granted a

15-years franchise to the People's Telephone Company, which will grant reduced rates. An Indian search party will be or-

ganized to search for the remains of Sir Arthur Curtis, recently lost in the British Columbia mountains. Private advices from the Klondike say that the gold yield from the spring

clean-up in the Yukon will exceed twenty millions of dollars. The reports received recently by the Director of Experimental Farms

from the Northwest and British Columbia are most encouraging. Mr. Cesaire Letourneau, of Grand the Bourgogne, has entered suit against

the owners of that vessel for \$40,000. R. A. and G. C. Church, brothers, and well-known ranchers were drowned north of Edmonton a few days ago in

attempting to ford the river. Officials of the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway Company deny a rumor that the road has been sold

to the Canadian Pacific Railway Co. About twenty school teachers are rebarracks, Toronto, to qualify as instructors of cadet corps in high schools.

The shipment of lumber to the United States from the Ottawa district is not so heavy as last year, but the business across the Atlantic is somewhat

At a meeting of the Ottawa City the work of other intelligence. Council on Monday night a resolution was passed to take a plebiscite in January next as to the running of street cars on Sundays.

Claire Hitchon, of Belleville, Ont., a girl twelve year sold, has won the Governor-General's prize for children under thirteen years of age in the publie schools in Ontario;

The Department of Agriculture has advised steamship owners that they should prepare space for the shipment of apples and other fruit under proper conditions before the present season opens.

The Kingston hackmen have declared war against the electric street railway, and have decided to meet the Richlieu and Ontario steamers and take passengers off the boats around the city at 10 cents per head. General Manager Gildersleeve will advertise this arrangement on the boats.

On Sunday afternoon at St. John, N. B., an electric car ran away, and, jumping the track at the corner of Main and Mill streets, dashed across the sidewalk into Harding's liquor saloon, embedding itself two-thirds of its length in the building, the front of which it badly wrecked. One passenger, who jumped, was the only one injured. His leg was broken and had to be amputated.

plying to the Kingston Council for a the other was a weight of twelve bonus of \$25,000, promise to employ 250 stone, and with a distant motion of hands, at an annual wage of \$90,000; his hand he made shavings of wood to to spend \$150,000. on new plant; and sink or move in the water. Still more run every working day in the year marvellous is the description of the except fifteen days. The terms were manner in which this veritable wizard accepted by the Council, who made a was able to set at defiance the law of stipulation for indemnity in case of gravity On this occasion, when leavcompany objects.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

Losses from the fire at Sunderland air for some minutes. are placed at \$2,000,000. Half the business houses in the town were destroyed. The place had no fire brigade.

The British Government has commissioned Thomas Brock, R. A., the sculptor, to design the statue of Mr. Gladstone, to be erected in Westminster Abbey.

#### UNITED STATES.

The Baptist Young People's Union,

A list of fifty commercial organization in the States all declaring IIIII tions in the States, all declaring by resolution in favor of reciprocal commercial relations with Canada, has teen forwarded to the Ottawa Govern-

At Ashley, Mich., great excitement exists over the striking of a vein of coal four and a half feet thick at a depth of 206 feet. The find was made by men who are drilling a well at the T. S. & M. water tank.

Fifty-five volunteers at Camp Alger on Tuesday partook of hash which had been cooked in a tin vessel which had become corroded. 15 of the men are seriously ill, although all suffered from the effects of the poison.

GENERAL.

An accident in a colliery near Morgenrot, Prussian Silesia, caused 24 deaths.

A funeral service in memory of the victims of La Bourgogne was held in the Church of the Madelaine, Paris.

Eben Brewer, who had charge of all postal arrangements of the United Saturday of malarial fever.

Arrangements have been made with the Corean Government that American experts shall survey the country, look-A new set of instruments has been | ing to the building of roads and bridges.

The German Minister at Seoul administered a severe beating to the The Montreal customs receipts will Corean Minister of Foreign Affairs total \$1,000,000 this month, breaking all for the latter's refusal to grant certain mining privileges to German subjects in the district of Kiojgu.

The movements of the Carlists are causing increased anxiety in Spain. The While bathing at Macleod, Constable organizations of the adherents of the Pretender is complete, and they have representatives in every town. The clergy, especially in the Basque provinces and in Navarre, Catalonia, and Valencia, are powerful auxiliaries of Don Carlos, whose order will be sufficient to cause the simultaneous appearance of bands in various districts.

#### INDIAN FEATS OF MAGIC.

#### Are Often Beyond the Power of the Wisest to Explain.

One need not go to the realms of space, or time, or figures, to meet with the incomprehensive. Despite modern science and ingenuity, this word still remains the only applicable epithet for some of the achievements of Indian conjurors. We can smile at the luminous appearance of the beautiful face before which, as the revelation of Osiris the old Egyptians prostrated themselves in awe - for the marvels of the magic lantern are familiar to us; the early existence of gunpowder gives an easy explanation Mere, whose daughter was drowned on of the oracle's lightning and thunder; the weird harmony of Memnon was merely the result of an ingenuous me chanical contrivance.

But shrewd travellers of later date. whose veracity is beyond dispute, tell of much more inexplicable things than these. One of the best known writers on occultism, Jacolliot, has left an account of certain things he saw during ceiving drill instructions at Stanley his official sojourn in India, which, as they seem to defy explanation, may fairly be classed among things incomprehensible. The performer whom he accidentally met required some persuasion before he would exhibit feats which he continually affirmed were

On some sticks fixed upright in flower pots were placed some leaves from a tree, with holes in each sufficiently large to make them fall to the level of the mold. Standing at a breeze seemed to pervade the room, then the leaves quivered and gradually worked upward on the sticks. Jacolliot placed himself between the flower trickery, but nothing he did made any capital to develop difference to the movement of the

The more familiar feat of the seemingly supernatural growth of flowers was utterly eclipsed by another instance vouched for by the same narrator. His own servant brought him a score or so of seeds, from which he selected and marked one. The fakir planted it in a pot of earth, muttered some words over it and fell into a sort of trance, which lasted about thirty minutes. He then awoke, uncovered the pot and discovered a seeding growing twoo or three inches high. Jacolliot examined it and found it had sprung from the seeding which he had marked. With a touch of a peacock's feather the fakir depressed a balance of a common weighing machine in The Dominion Cotton Company, in ap- daily use in the household, though in a breach of the agreement to which the | ing the room, he paused on the threshold, folded his arms, and by a simple act of volition, raised himself from the floor and remained poised in the

### CHANGE OF HEART.

First Female Advocate-What? Do you mean to say Mrs. De Sweet has so for three hours in the middle of the see the cake, it was in the pantry. resigned from the Woman's Rights So- days when the thermometer is highest ciety, and says she has all the rights they cease all work. Even at other

Second Female Advocate-Just so. F. F. A.—Mercy me! What has hap—life in a leisurely manner. As little for a week—Is Miss De Pink in!
energy as the Cubans have, by our New Girl, engaged that morning

Tribute its Lazy Population is Able to Pay to Spain-Its Climate and Products -Caste Line Strictly Drawn. That little box of an island, Porto

ACQUIRE IT

Rico, lying south-east of Cuba, with Domingo intervening, is only about one hundred miles long, east and west, and forty broad. But it is so packed full of riches that a population of 800,000, generally lazy, illiterate and unskilled, are able to pay \$3,-000,000 tribute to Spain each year, support a Spanish army and a horde of Spanish office holders, and live very comfortably themselves.

Porto Rico has had a stormy history since Columbus discovered it in 1493, States in Cuba, died near Santiago on or, more accurately, since Ponce de Leon founded its present capital, San Juan, in 1510. He began with a terrible slaughter of natives, and Spain or her enemies have kept war and cruel oppression a chronic condition there ever since.

> Its population, according to the census, of 1887, the latest, was 806,708; of whom about 450,000 are white, 240,000 mulattoes, and 75,000 negroes. Only one in eight are classed as "literate," but a majority of those can only read, not having reached the advanced stage of learning which affords them

#### THE JOY OF WRITING.

Physically, the island presents a variety of conditions which would not be looked for on such a modest bit of territory by one accustomed to the larger scale of topography prevailing in this country. A mountain range runs from coast to coast, east and west, rising in the eastern district to a height of 3,680 feet, and the deep canyons, cutting down to the Caribbean Sea on the south and the Atlantic on the north, are sources of innumerable water courses, no less than forty of navigation by small trading craft.

The country on the northern slope of the mountain range is as rich agricultural land, it is said, as is found anywhere in the world, raising the maximum of crops with the minimum of cultivation, while to the south of the mountains the lands require artifical irrigation to produce good crops. This great difference in so small an area is all the more remarkable as in the "wet" portion of the island the average annual

#### RAINFALL IS SIXTY-FOUR INCHES.

Spaniards have been cultivating the land for nearly four centuries, and they exterminated a people who were at all! wise in the arts of agriculture, yet to-day only a very small proportion of the arable land of the island has ever been cultivated, chiefly, it seems, because there are no roads by which produce can be carried to shipping ian. points except over the rich lowlands near the coast.

But even under a system calculated to make a Yankee farmer groan for the waste of possibilities, the Porto Ricans raise enormous and rich crops of variety which satisfy a child's dream of tropical goodies. Here is a list of the principal crops: Sugar, molasses, tobacco, coffee, rice, cotton; considerable distance, the fakir made maize, plantains, oranges, bananas, a gesture with his hands. A slight pineapples, and a score of other fruits, honey and cocoanuts. They "mine" and export salt, as well as sugar, ed the gentleman with the rusted voice building stone and marble, and it is known that the hills contain gold, manly bouncer, going into action, I'm pots and the operator, and adopted copper, tin, lead and iron, but the inevery means he could to frustrate any habitants lack the skill, enterprise and

THESE MINERAL RICHES.

Of the good things which Porto Rico raises in excess of her own needs, and which she exports, the United States takes more than any other country, even more than Spain, The mother country takes but about one-sixth of the total, and on the balance a high export duty is charged to help swell the enormous tribute exacted by Spain. Besides the salt ponds, which the Government owns and works, the

of them exceedingly valuable. All locks. this industry is carried on practically without railroads, less than 100 miles of poorly built and equipped tracks miles back of the coast.

The climate of Porto Rico is much ical, superior to that of Cuba. Indeed it is, at its worst, very similar to that of New York in July, seldom exceeding 97 degrees, and sinking to 68 at night. prevailing north-east wind.

about accepting weather conditions Mother-did you ask for it! Gertiethan we are in our hot days. They act M'm. Mother—and I told you not to. on the belief that they will do more M'm. Mother—and I told you not to. work in the course of the year if they Gertie.—No, mamma. You told me not do none at all when the sun is fiercest, to ask for everything I saw. I didn't hours, those most favorable for labor, they go about the struggle for Suiter, who has been out of town

Cubans. Among the white natives there is the large number of 25,000 who are not of Spanish descent, and among these it is interesting to note that the rebellious feelings against Spain WHY UNCLE SAM IS SO ANXIOUS TO are aroused more by social

THAN POLITICAL WRONGS.

Let it be understood that the Spanish Captain-General-of course appointed by the Crown-and his large staff of military and civil officers, all from Spain, form a society into which even the wealthiest and most accomplished native Porto Rican may never hope to enter. He finds himself looked down upon as a social inferior, not only by the officers, but by the private Spanish soldier he helps to main-It is this class of Porto Rican, more

perhaps, than the poorer class, as in Cuba, who will most rejoice in the liberation from Spain which will speedily be effected for them by the expeditions now being fitted out to carry United States troops to the outposts of San Juan, the capital, which has already been bombarded by Sampson, as it has been in the past by Drake in 1595, by the Duke of Cumberland in 1598, by Baldwin Heinrich -who failed in his attempt and lost his life—in 1615, by the English in 1678, and by the English again in the middle of the last century, when George Washington was so anxious to join the expedition.

#### SUMMER SMILES.

Did his warm love melt her? No: think it was his cold cash.

Poet-Poets, sir, are born, not made, Publisher-That's right; lay the blame on your poor father and mother. Always pay as you go, said Uncle

Dudley. But, uncle, suppose I've nothing to pay with? Then don't go. Bacon-Are the flies so bad up your way? Egbert-I think not. A great many of them seem to go to church

Sundays. He-" Poorman says he is convinced now that the world does go round. She-Well, he doesn't look as if he'd got very much of it yet.

He-If you will marry me I will make it my duty to anticipate your every wish. She-But are you sure them being large enough for inland that your anticipations would be rea-

> Ella-Isn't Charlie Smudgkins a sim- GRISTING AND pleton? Etta-How, pray? Ella-The other evening when he kissed me I told him to stop and he did.

Miss Palisade—I'm surprised you FLOUR, OATMEAL and fell don't like him. Why, if he had money he would make an ideal husband! Miss Summit-That's nothing! So would any

Willing to Sacrifice.-Lodging house clerk-Bed, with bath, fifteen cents Weary Watkins-I guess I'd rather pay a little more an' not take the bath

He-That fellow called me a lobster said I was no good, and that I never thought of paying my debts! She-Why, I didn't know that he knew you

Yaas, said Mr. Haiced to the summer boarder, we had one of them bug hunters at the farm last summer. think he is what they call an insectar-Ammonia-Davie nudged Edith and

pointed to a bottle on the shelf. Don't smell of that, he whispered earnestly; it looks like water, but it's the kind of stuff hornets are loaded with. Alas! sighed Mrs. Peck, one can nev-

er tell what a day may bring forth, That's true, my dear, replied Henry. At man may be happy to-day and married to-morrow. Is you de big gun of de place? ask-

as he sidled in. Not said the gentleonly a rapid-fire. Did I understand you to say that

your husband was upstairs at work on a bust? asked the caller to the sculptor's wife. Yes; and the plumber's at work on one down stairs.

Jill-You puckered up your lips so THE then that I thought you were going IN THE WORLD to kiss me, Jack-No, I got some sand in my mouth. Jill-Well, for heaven's sake swallow it! You need it in your

only resource except agriculture which of two colors-brown and gray. You the natives depend upon is found in remember that her father is a safe put it up themselves and sell it only in the organity and excellent the very rich forests, wherein are no manufacturer? What has that to do packages, thereby securing its purity and excellent less than 500 varieties of trees many with it? of them exceedingly valuable. All locks.

What has that to do packages, thereby securing its purity and new locks.

What has that to do packages, thereby securing its purity and new locks.

Put up in % lb., r lb. and 5 lb. packages, and new locks. Happy Innocence-I wonder if those

Bushbys use laudanum on their baby being in operation, and the waggon nights? No, Bushby sings it to sleep. roads dwindle into mule paths a few I didn't know Bushby could sing. Well, the baby isn't old enough to be crit-The Only Possible Transaction.-Well,

said the Spaniard, as he turned in for his siesta, there's no use of our borrow-But even at the hottest it is not vexed ing trouble. I know it, replied the with much humidity, the air being minister of finance; but it's the only kept generally free of moisture by the thing we can get without collateral. Gertie, returned home.-Mrs. Jones

But Porto Ricans are more sensible gave me a nice piece of cake. Gertie's

### DOUBTFUL.

in convention at Buffalo, decided to meet at Richmond, Va., in 1899, and at Cincinnati in 1900.

The steamer Roanoke and the schoonard Edward at Seattle from St. Michael's with returning miners, sawd a furniture wagon stop and unable wagon st

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