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David's Charge to Selomon.-1 Chron. 28:

Commentary.-I. The assembly of princes (vs. 1-4) 1, 2. And David as for all the minor divisions of his kingsembled, etc.—This refers to the dom. This was right. But that perdons whose names and offices which David regarded as of supreme consisting of the princes of tribes, build a house of rest for the ark captains and subordinate officers of the covenant of the Lord, and for of the army, stewards of the royal the footstool of our God. God had bousehold and nobles of the land. denied him this privilege. Still he The nation was well represented, took great care to get all things and the occasion was solemn and important. Stood up-He was now very old and chiefly confined to his in the preparations so heartily and bed, and while he was addressing his son Zoiomon, he continued on the bed; but when all the principal nobies od his kingdom came before him he received strength to arise adn address them, standing .-Clarke. My brethren-Although David is their superior and speaks with dignity and authority, yet his spirit is humble and affectionate. I had in mine heart-David had intended to build the temple, until God denied him the privilege, and promised him a son who should build it. To build an house-"David had accomplished nearly all of his heart's desire as to his kingdom. it finely organized.

David were not carried on against sion of wisdom, the result of a life-God's will. In many cases they were time of personal experience, coupled expressly ordered by Jehovah, and with the outgoings of a heart yearnoften called the "wars of the Lord," | ing with solicitude for the very high-In order to establish Israel in est interests of his child. Such ad-Canaan, wars and bloodshed could vice is worth heeding. not be avoided. Yet this was not It is the advice of a king to his beaks open as if crowing! The hens' furlated demons following in his beef, choice, carcass, \$6.50 to \$7; ed hairs. He argues that they are in harmony with the symbolism of subjects. It is difficult for people heads were in easy attitudes, as if embodied in the house of Jehovan. ciate the power of a king's example. and tender, were much in evidence, end of the Seventh Moon, after a per cwt., \$5.50 to \$6.50; veat, per of him will be. David in his time.-Whedon. Chose king's example. If we stop and reme-See I. Sam. xvi. 1-13. Notice flect a few moments on the manthe different steps mentioned here. ner in which the president's opin-David refers to the tribe, the famlly and the individual. One after of the people, even those of an opanother was set aside and at last b ewas chosen. II. Solomon declared successor-vs.

5.6. Many sons-See chap. iii. 1-9. Solomon-The meaning of Solomon is "peaceful." "He was so called be- the throngs that greeted her, whenful one, and also because, being prized and cherished as a precious peculiarly associated in prophecy gift. work: 1. The presence and help of the Lord. 2.A perfect heart.vs. 9. 3, Readiness and ab lity to do the Loids work-v. 6. 4, Perfect obedience to God-v. 8. Solomon.....shall build-God had appointed Solomon to do this work, and nothing could encourage him more than a knowledge of this fact. My son,-A most precious promise to David that he son should receive a father's care from the Lord, and a most cheering message to ofto Solomon. His father-What wonderful promise is this! And yet this same promise is made to everyone who will turn to God and serve Him faithfully. An earthly father is expected to (1) care for, (2) provide for, (3) protect, and (4) correct his children. God will do all of this for his children. All we have comes from

77. S Will establish-Added to his tender care should be the strength, ! power and authority of the Lord. There could be no nation greater than Israel, for God was their King. Forever-This p omise, so far as Solomon is co. carned, is made conditional on his ob dience. Be constant-It is the constant, steady obedience that is pleasing to God. To do, etc .- "There i is no way to usefulness and success in doing God's work except by a care- | makes it an almost indispensable remedy in ful obedience to His law. May possess -flac Lord designed and promised prosperity to Solomon, but it must not be expected on any other condition than opedience to the same laws of Government that had fixed the standard for others.

fill. David's charge to Solomon (vs. 9, 10). 9. Know thou-Become thoroughly acquainted with God. Of thy father-God had been true to David and sustained and ekpt him for many Shand, and stealing therefrom same o their fellow creatures who had dyeing, staining and finishing divided years. Serve Him, etc.-We can serve God acceptably only as wer have a perfect heart and a willing mind, Cast thee off-The Lord is no cespector of persons, and So.omon tle king would have no favor shown him If he failed to obey the Lord. He assyis, gaive doome." would fare no better than the poorest subject in his kingdom. Take heed now- Notice, 1. The anxiety of David for the moral and spiritual welfare of his son. David cared first Ryrie Bros. Purchase Building in for character, and next for circumstances. He believed that if the hear were right with God things would of

themseives go right with men. The willingness of Solomon to receive such counsels. How different was his spirit from that of Adonijah the corner of Yonge and Adelaide (I. Kings i. 5). Teachings-God's promises contain His will concerning H s people. God's denials to us only open up the way to greater blessings. Our best wish for others is for their spiritual prosperity. Our best advice to others is that they obey the command of the Scriptures. We should so live that our

works will be a blessing to those who

live after us. We must take God with

us in all we do for Him. Although we may be ignorant and often have imperfect minds, yet we may have "perfect hearts." The wise learn by the experience of others. This is why biography is very profitable reading. The lives of the great and noble help the careful reader to be great and noble. It has been truly said thhat the history of the great men of any time or country is the history of that time or country. Every man who writes a biography, if left to choose for himself, writes of a character he loves and admires. Because this is true it is easy to know what a writer most admires in others, and what he would like to possess in his her daughter-in-law some historic own character, if it were possible. lace for a wedding present, and God has written many biographies. handed over to her the Roxburghe From them it is easy to learn what emeralds, which are superb, curcharacters he loves, and what he passing absolutely those of Lady would have us be. It is well worth Ludlow and the Duchess of Portour while to study the characters land. Mrs. George Keppel has, that God has portrayed. The closing however, one particular emerald, chapter in God's history of David is which, for size and beauty, is finer our lesson. Let us study it min- than any stone in the Roxburghe

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wise, over to some one else. Happy the man who does this gracefullix and judiciously. To set in order the spiritual house is of first and greatest importance. This, of course, is recognized by all Christians. Yet this is not all. Temporal affairs are to be arranged. David appointed his own son Solomon to reign in his stead. He was very particular to provide Gods work. It was in his heart to ready for the building, and he was made glad because the people joined gave so generously.

A father's advice to his son. The relationship between father and son is designed to be in the highest degree mutually enjoyable and helpfui. The language of scripture, as it again and again refers to a father's love, brings out this truth clearly. Jesus has exalted the word 'Father" to the highest place in the prayer beginning "Our Father." That David had the heart of a loving father is made very apparent in numerous instances mentioned in his history; but chiefly in his manifestations of grief at the death of his He had found it small, and left it | wayward son, Absalom. It is doubtgreat. He found it chaos, and left ful if history records a more vivid picture of heart anguish. The ad-3, 4. A man of war-The wars of | vice of such a father is the expres-

peace and quiet which were to be who live in a republic to appre- sitting on nests. Fine geese, white It might also be stated that at the lamb, yearling, \$6 to \$7; mutton, much entitled to a grave as the rest Hence it could not be done by If we appreciate the power of a Countless cakes of every color unions and words affect the masses heared up everywhere. Sunset yellow posing political party, we can understand something about it. When a sovereign is highly esteemed, as was Victoria, even a few seemingly unimportant words spoken by her to cause his reign was to be a peace- ever they had an opportunity, were

with David's greater son, in whom | This was David's last advice. How the throne of his kingdom should be deep and abiding the impression turnit and brown as a nut. "Cat's | Experiments in agriculture and established forever. He was to be a | made by the last words of a friend! figure of that Messiah who is the Trivial, perhaps, in themselves, yet chee. "Birway" is a fruit with white ducted on nearly 4,000 farms Prince of Peace."-Whedon. Upon the are they treasured up and repeated ! throne - Note the qualifications again and again. These words of needed to successfully do God's David are full of wisdom. They are worthy of the king and of the occasion, and the; are well worth our careful study and consideration. "And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches and honor." J. Emory Coleman.

> WHEN THE NERVES CRY OUT and the whol system is set on edge by those sharp cutting | till it looks like fingers), bananas with neuralgic pains. "The D & L" Menthol | roll sking bananas with the last like fingers with the last like fingers. Plaster gives reliet. This combination of of Menthol with medicinal gums has never been approached in pain reneving capacity.

A Job That Fitted Him.

"Yes, Brown joined one of those co-operative communities, where all work for the common good at that particular task for which he is best fitted, and they made him

"Was this because he was best fitted for that job?" "Not exactly. It was because he wasn't good for anything else."

Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets. -Medical science by accident discovered the potency of the pineapple as a panacea for stomach troubles. The immense percentage of vegetable pepsin contained in the fruit cases of dyspepsia and indigestion. One tablet after each meal will cure most chronic cases. 60 in a box, 25 cents.-32

When Golf Was Taken Seriously

St. James's Gazette. On Sept. 9, 1637, Francis Broune, William Wat, dempster of the said

TO ENLARGE "DIAMOND HALL".

Rear of Present Stere.

Mossrs. Ryrie Bros. have just concluded a purchase of the property on Adelaide street west, immediately in rear of their present premises, on streets. The building on this property is at present occupied by the Map and Cchool Supply Company and is to be vacated by them on Jan. 1, wh n M ssrs. Ryrie Bros. will thoroughly overhaut the building and add it to their present establishment. This will give them some 10,000 square feet for show-rooms, exactly doubling their present ground floor space, and is to be utilized largely for the extension of their fine china.

art goods and optical departments. The first floor is to be added to their mail order department, which has grown so rapidly during the last few years as to make the increased space a necessity. The upper floor will be devoted to manufacturing. and will be furnished with the most mproved appliances.

When completed this will make "Diamond Hall," with perhaps one New York exception, the largest and best-equipped jewelry establishment on the continent.

Historic Lace. The Duchess of Roxburghe gave

jewels.

# time comes when king and subject must hand their temporal affairs. Which Will You Take?

Artificially colored Japan tea or

are mentioned in the preceding imp rtance, was God's cause, and CEYLON NATURAL CREEN tea, which is absolutely Pure and as delicious to drink as the Famous "Salada" Black tea.

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## CHINESE FEAST OF DEVILS.

The latest Chinese ceremony invariably seems the most remarkable, and the Feast of Devils, elaborately celebrated in Penang, was no exception to the rule.

Numerous tables were to be seen in Beach street, last evening, and upon these were rows of platters and deep bowls of food, also family idols and incense burners. Smouldering joss sticks protruded from each dainty dish, groaning with cakes, fruits and meat. There were only brethren, in the shape of prodigious Hesh, mutton and pork. "Devils can- their coffins. Seven days were set der heaven, save only white and biue (white is deep mourning and blue secondary mourning), were

Thirty-five kinds of fruit figured in all. There were watermelons, turkey red and pitifully wiited. They and some green (ripe) apples hailed from Australia; China furnished rears, 1y-chees and yellow rind oranges, also pumpkins and large and rosy persimmons. Tampines, cat's eyes, "birway" and "buair salak" reprine" is about the size of a small at 1.30 p. m. on the 7th:

and "nigger head" predominated.

The native fruits were pineapples, grapes, bread fruits, cocoanuts, green rind oranges, finger oranges socailed, because the rind is wrinkled red skins, bananas with skins thin as paper, bananas with golden flesh, and baranas nearly a foot long, fried in coccanut oil before eating (sic), tree meions, rose, fruit, quince, chee-ko, nanka, jamboo, sunto, ren rambootans, rambar, b'asan, sour-sop, jack fruit, chumpeda, mangostees, and the maladorous, ever-present durian. Many trays had little flags over them, and the tables were ablaze with lights. Ordum and intoxicants abounded. The devils were in luck. The time was indicated by staid, machine-made continental clocks, and

any amount of melody was discoursed by European gramophones, grin-ling away weird Cantonese music till the devils themselves must have cried Hold! Enough!" A number of theatres were in full swing, and large bonfires of joss papers burned in the road. However, there was not a sound of fireworks, crackers being supposed to scare away the devils. and for that matter less important

Thr traditional belief is that thousands of unfortunate Chinese who die destitute and who have been hud- technical training in tanning, currysone to John Bronne, wabster in led to their graves with barely any ing, leather dressing, dyeing, staining Banff, was convicted by the berrow coverning on them, return at this and finishing. The London city or justice court of the burgh of season of the year in the shape of leather workers' guilds have also inbreaking into the buithe of Patrick spirits and seek to take vengeance stitute a an examination in wather golff ballis," and the judges "ordainit treated thier remains with such into an elementary and an honor active. the said Franc's to be presentlie scant respect. And woe betide the coure, as is at present done in the tacken and careit to the gallowshill unfortunate wretches who dare to dressing of skins and leather manuof this burghe, and hangit on the look askance at these spirits of who facture. The certificates issued in prompt. The conditions of trade gallows thereof to the death, whereof | neglect the paramount duty, which | both cases are similar.

atonement for their neglect in the dozen. past. "They shall be strangled while | Hay is unchanged, with receipts of in their homes," or some sudden mis- 30 loads, which sold at \$10 to \$11 fortune will overtake them during the a ton for timothy, and at \$7 to \$9 presence of the spirit on earth. for mixed. Straw sold at \$11 a ton Divers pains and penalties will be for one load. their portion throughout the course rue the day they treated the spirits

with such harshness.

In connection with this ceremony of propitiating the spirits of the departed, there was also that of worshipping the dead ancestors-the Feng Shui, the happy favored ones of the earth, who have left this "vale of tears" for another "country" with a superabundance of wealth with them, unlike their poorer three kinds of meat proper, goat's quantities of joss papers secreted in not eat fiesh bulls." Noticeable were apart for the observance of this good feed of "the soul of makan," | cwt., \$6 to \$9. the dreaded monsters of the bottomless pit return to their sulphurous abode.-Penag Herald.

### FOR THE FARMERS

Annual Meeting of Ontario Agricul tural and Experimental Union.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union will be held at the Ontario Agricultural Cillege on Monday reserted the Malay Peninsula. "Tam- | and Tuesday, Dec. 7 and 8, starting

eyes" are a tropical variety of iy- horticulture have this year been conpulp. The seed is unique; it is cov- throughout the Province. The results ered with what might be called a sort | of the carefully conducted work will of "forked excelsior." Salak means be summarized and presented at the "wicked." It is covered with brown annual meeting, to which all interscales. like snake skins, reminding ested in agriculture are invited. The one of Madame Tussaud's Chamber of | programme shows that addresses will | 3,000 unsold in defferson county. be delivered by Prof. C. C. James, Toronto; Va. J Spillman, Washington, D. C., U. S. A.; M. 88 Martha Van Rensselaer, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.; Prof. G. E. Day, Agricultural College, Guelph; W. H. Muldrew, Dean, Macdonald Institute, Guelph; Dr. Jas. Milis, Agricultural College, Guelph; G. H. Clark, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa, and others. Ladies' sessions, under the auspices of the Women's Institutes, will be

held on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Monday evening, the meeting will be of special interest to everyone, and will be held in the large Convocation Hall at the College. The ladies' sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday will be held in the Macdonald Institute. Arrangements have been made for single rates to Guelph for the Experimental Union meeting and the Provincial Winter Fair. For full particulars in reference to the programme and the excursion rates, write to C. A. Zavitz, Secretary, Agricultural

## Leather School in London.

College, Guelph, Ontario.

The Shoe and Leather Record, of London, says, in a recent issue, that

# "Only Shells"

WIVES AND MOTHERS READ THIS.

Lawyer Bruce Thorntton is examining into the affairs of his late friend and client, A. R. Winston, He finds that his Life

Insurance Policies are only "shells." They were all mortgaged to the moneylenders for advances used in speculation. There is, therefore, nothing left for the dead man's family. "A very said case, a very and case, indeed," remarked Lawyer Thornton. "I wish the poor fellow had carried a policy in the Independent Order of Foresters: that Order would not have allowed him to mortgage it, and his family would now be able to enjoy it."

## Your Family's Daily Bread.

It is handy to have a life insurance policy upon which you can borrow money.

Remember, however, that it is your family's daily

bread that you are risking. Every man should carry a life insurance policy which is "pure life insurance," and such a policy is 

# The Markets.

Toronto Farmers' Market. bushels of red winter at 80 to 81c, beautiful child!" you are apt to in-800 bushels of red winter at 80 to cur her bitter enmity. 80 1-2c, and 600 bushels of goose at 72 to 74c. Barley fairly active, mark it on the forehead with a cross with sales of 3,000 bushels at 44 in washing blue, or tie a blue ribbon to 50c. Oats are weaker, there being on its arm. They will never, on any sales of 3,000 bushels at 31 1-2c to account, measure or weigh a baby.

Dairy produce in fair supply, with prices generally firm. Choice dairy butter sold at 20 to 23c per pound, is incumbent upon them, of making and strictly new-laid eggs 35c per

Dressed hogs are steady on free of their earthly career, and they'll offerings and sales at \$6.50 to \$7. Wheat, white, bushel, 80 to 81c; goose, 72 to 74c; red, 80 to 80 1-2c; spring, 72 to 75c; peas, bushel, 65c oats, bushel, 31 1-2 to 32c; barley, bushel, 44 to 50c; hay, timothy, ton, \$10 to \$11; do., clover, \$7 to \$9 straw, ton, \$11; seeds, alsike, bushel, \$4 to \$5.75; do., red clover, \$5.25 to ples, bushel, \$1 to \$2; dressed hogs, cwt., \$6.50 to \$7; eggs, new to 1, dozen, 30 to 35c; butter, dairy, 19 be expected. to 23e; do., creamery, 22 to 25e; chickens, per lb., 9 to 10c; ducks, dog he always begs its pardon, beper lb., 10 to 12c; geese, per lb., cause the spirits of the black dogs Se; turkeys, per lb., 13 to 14e; pota- | are supposed to go into men's bodlarge quantities of dried prawns and event, and throughout the length and toes, per bag, 65 to 702; cabbage, per less after death and cause them to various kinds of salt fish. Thousands | breadth of the "Flowery Land" the dozen, 40 to 50c; cauliflower, per | walk the earth in the shape of a of dacks and chickens must have been ceremony of worshipping the dead dozen, 75c to \$1; celery, per dozen, black dog. boiled whole-the combs of the cocks ancestors and the propitiation of His 35 to 45c; beef, hindquarters, 86 to When a West Indian negro cuts were red with cochineal, and their Satanic Majesty and the band of in- \$8; beef, forequarters, \$4 to \$6; his hair he always buries the severwake, is observed with great pomp. beef, medium, carcass, \$5.50 to \$6; part of the body, and, therefore, as

The Cheese Markets.

fast Uncese Board of the season, he d | cently died before the wedding. here to-day, there were offered 2,003 Otherwise the spirit will walk and at 9 13-16c, and 9 . - ic was b.d; no cause trouble at the wedding. The saies. Factory men silling on the street for 9 13-163.

Cowansville, Que., Nov. 21,-Today being the last meeting of this versal. If a negro has to walk season, 26 factories offered 1,2 6 boxes of cheese; 23 creameries of every bush and tree. The odor of ; lered 1,145 boxes of butter. Wiler | musk in the forest after dark sends and Riley boug t 2.0 boxes of cheese; him frantic with dread, for he thinks for 9 9-162, McPherson 305 boxes for it is a sure sign that evil spirits are 99-16c, and Brice 70 boxes at 9 abroad. 9'16c, and 35 boxes at 91-2c; u - ! sold 613 boxes. Allen boug ; 214 an owl flaps its wings heavily some boxes of butter at 21c, and 52 loves serious trouble is approaching. If at 20 1-2c; unsold, 839 boxe 1

sales: Two thousand at 91-2 to powerful friend will soon quarrel 95-8: for large; 93-1 to 10c for with you.-New York Sun. smail, and 91-2e for twins. About toverpoor Appe Mark to Mesers. Woodall & Co., cabled Eben

James: 35,00) bbls. sold. Everything ! but best lower by 2s to 3s. tiens B. Warat Maraels

tions at important wheat centres Chicago ... ... ... ... ... ... Du.uta, No. 1 north... -- 751-8

Bradstreet's on frade. Trade at Montrea! shows improvement with the colder weather. There has been quite a rush of goods to | boarded the derelict. He found that have not been up to expectations, in some departments since the first of the month, it is thought they will improve with the larger deliveries of grain now being made by as a last forlorn hope had lashed the farmers. There is a good in-

quiry for holiday goods. Toronto wholesale trade has been fair for this season in spite of the mild weather at the opening of the week, and the cold winter weather later on has stimulated the inquiry a technical school for leather work- for sorting parcels of seasonable it was found that the name of the goods. The conditions of business dead skipper who had sterred his the direction of an efficient corps of are sound, and with a continuance vessel, was Henry Saunders, aged instructors. It is to give practical of cold weather trade will develop forty, a master mariner of St. John, no cutting in prices. Cotton and the General Siglin, bound from San woollen goods are firmly held.

> Business on the Pacific Coast is cording to the rites observed at quiet, but payments are rather more sea generally are healthy.

Trade at Winnipeg this week has shown some improvement with the facturers, especially in footwear and certain lines of dry goods.

ance of the year.

Ottawa wholesale trade is show- of war in Pechili, 1900." ing some improvement. The sales of seasonable goods are quite heavy and are expected to make a steady improvement with a continuance of cold weather. The outlook for business is promising.

Gokerich Signal. This is the month of "noes," when according to Tom Hodd, there is-"No sun-no moon! No morn-no noon!

of day! No sky-no earthly view-No distance looking blue-No road-no street-no t'other side the way!

No dawn-no dask-no proper time

No top to any steeple-No warmth-no cheerfulness - no men. healthful ease-

No shade-no shine-no butterfiles no bees-No fruits-no flowers-no leaves no birds-NO-VEMBER "

# WEST INDIAN SUPERSTITIONS

Signs Trouble in Which the Negroes Have Faith. The negroes of the British West Indies have many curious superstitions. They believe it is unlucky to The grain market to-day was more praise a baby or to say that it is active than for some time past, with like its father or its mother. If you Wheat steady, with sales of 800 say to a Jamaica negrees, "What a

To give the baby good luck they 32c. Rye sold at 45c a bushel for for that means the worst of bad

If a cock crows at the door a gentleman is going to visit the house; if a hen crows, some member of the

family will die. If you carry a tree pepper in your pocket you will become poor. If you give a thing away and take it back again, you will have a sty. If you roll your eyes when the

If you kill a spider, you will soon break a plate. If a lizard jumps into a tub in which clothes are being washed, the washerwoman must not touch them for four hours, or they will

moon changes, they will stay

tear in her hands. If a John Crow (turkey buzzard) \$6; do., timothy, \$1 to \$1.50; ap- flies into the house, some terrible misfortune will happen. When birds nest in your house, a wedding may,

Whenever a negro hurts a black

A negro who is engaged to be married must put a tombstone on the Belleville, Ont., Nov. 21 .- At the grave of any friend who has retombstone is supposed to keep it

A belief in dupples (ghosts), is uniabroad at night he sees ghosts in

If a rat bites you during sleep or you see two bats cross each other Watertown, N. Y., N. v. 21 .- he se in the air diagonally at sunset a

#### Dead Man Steers a Ship

A sealing schooner, the Arietis, recently sighted a mastless deretic; about one hundred miles southwest of Queen Charlotte's Islands. Al-Following are the closing quota- though at first it was thought there was no one on board, a figure was at length made out crouching in a kneeling position at the wheel. The captain of the Arietis accordingly 785-8 hailed them when within distance and proffered them assistance. Receiving no answer, however, and noticing that the steersman never shifted his position, he lowered a boat and with some of his crew fill orders before the close of navi- the man was quite dead, and had gation. While country remittances apparently been so for some time, but his rigid hands still grasped the wheel and guided the vessel on its course. He had evidently been deserted by his crew in a storm, and himself to the wheel. Some food was found close to him and also two or three bottles of medicine, showing appaprently that he was ill when

his long watch began. The ship was almost waterlogged, but from papers which the captain more activity. There is little or N. B. The name of the schooner was Francisco to Alaska. She had on At Quebec, wholesale trade in the board the complement of six sailors several branches is reported fairly and five passengers. The body of Captain Saunders was duly buried ac-

"Lord of the Far East.

If Alexeiff is not the slave of . colder weather. There is still com- strict convention-and we know that plaint in wholesale trade circles of his sol'ir, wrienin (hina m rchshortage of supplies from the manu- ing under umbrellas-he knows how to fit in freedom with efficiency. It Pusiness at Hamilton this week has | was probably he of whom a travelbeen fairly active, and the demand ler was thinking when he wrote home has shown improvement with the that "I have seen high Russian ofcolder weather. The shipments licers joke and laugh with their soi now are large. Values are firmly diers as if they had been chums"; held. The outlook, as reported to vet the same traveller wrote that Bradstreet's, is satisfactory for an on the trying march to P kin, "wh re increased movement during the bal- soldiers of all other nationallies | collapsed in hundreds along the road There is a better demand in whole- from sunstroke or dysentery, or op sale trade circles at London this pressed by the great heat, I never week and the prospects are for an saw a single Russian fall out of ircreased movement in the immedi- the ranks." When the allies left ate future. There is more activity China the Czar sent Alexieff a sword in heavy winter goods and the sales shining with gold and dismonds, and of holdiday articles are increasing, inscribed, "For victories at the seat

Since then the Emperor has made him lord of Russia's Far Eastern Empire, with powers almost absolute under the Czar himself, and a special committee. The Admiral has become. as a Russian paper said, the instrument of the will and purpose of the Czar, and that in the territories where Russia's movements cause the greatest uneasiness to the rest of

the world. It is said when he first received his flag Alexieff had a consuming passion for "Rus ian bridge," and was the best player on the Pacific Station. But he has no time for "bridge" to-day, especially if it is correct

> A Shrewd Answer. Ram's Horn.

He was a noble lord, and he was is No recognition of familiar people- an awful rage with one of his toot-

"It is intolerable," he exclaimed. Are you a fool, or am I?" "O. my lord," replied James, with humility, anxious to appease the great man, "I am sure you wouldn't keep a servant who was a fool."