ed Gravel

Shearer.

# Cupid Tries Again

"Frank Bayley?" repeated Carrington, and stiff as can be! So different from looking at her with unusual attention. Sir Frederic, who really has birth and

tracting his brow. "Yes; he is a very clever fellow," said to boast of." Mrs. Bayley, picking up a stitch with dreamy nocturne. "A very clever fel- have."

"He seems to have been communica-

of professional intimacy. After I lost my poor husband having no ties I turn endure the bore of being with an ill-bred back of the neck, shaken violently till he room, but she was not absorved by her istry to the Pharmaceutical Society, has pointed out that this is often an unnecess. my poor husband, having no ties, I turned hospital nurse and was able in that
or a purse-proud person; but you know released his little victim, and then hurlbook. She laid it down at intervals, and pointed out that this is often an unnecesmately in the same hotel with Mrs. Fane, when she had that frightful attack of really I had no intention of stinging.'

I do, Mrs. Bayley, and I am much she had that frightful attack of really I had no intention of stinging.'

I do, Mrs. Bayley, and I am much she had the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock, she compared it degree affected as regards their whole-with the poor little fellow is she looked at the clock at th Roman fever—through which I nursed her—about two years ago. We have the hav her—about two years ago. We have stuck to each other ever since. Poor laughing; "but I reiterate my opinion of the sinful silence broken only by a curious interstuck to each other ever since. Poor dear! Her life has been cruelly spoilt that Colonel Carrington is not thorough. Just in time. Poor little Midge! It ing the scraps in the wast-paper basket, as in the ordinary process of slaughterdear! Her life has been cruelly spoilt. That wretch of a husband of hers. I bred, or he would not treat me with would have been all over with him in an- At length the door opened, and Morton ing and the veins and arteries drained to a flagstaff on the mountain peak. The

ed on the ground, his brows sternly knit fancies, I dare say, that you pay me." frantic attempts to lick her face and righteous wrath, was pulling his long I see why you should decline."

Bayley recommenced.

Still no answer. He seemed lost in hear her, suddenly rose and crossed to where Mrs. Fane was sitting in her favorite window. The chair beside her was tenanted only by a little pert black Pom-

"This is a little beauty," said Carrington, lifting it and taking its place, while he stroked the little creature, who seemed quite happy on his knee.

"The little beauty Is mine," cried Mrs. Bayley, "and used to be a good, obedient dred pounds to a lady for whom she had Fane has bewitched Midge, and now he is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is so spoiled that he cares for no one is spoiled that he care fore breakfast." Here Mrs. Fane's courier brought in some letters, and Mrs. Bayley soon became absorbed in hers.

Though Morton stole many impatient tess, good breeding forbade him to break in upon their virtual tete-a-tete—and so he kept himself usefully employed, as he he kept himself usefully employed himself usefully employed

to sing?" said Carrington, rather abrupt- Mrs. Fane's estimation; in fact, it did | tinent?" ly, and looking at Mrs. Fane in the pecu- not recur to her mind. Yet she thought | Colonel Carrington smiled, keeping his Father's got the fresh air craze and liar, searching, sombre way that always a good deal of him. He puzzled her. She eyes fixed on hers. "I don't fancy I impressed her so much.

why do you think so?" or seem to do so, and for the pleasure not surprise or move her. But why you bestow, seeming suffices."

not feel at all." "I did not mean it, and I would rather he, a stranger, approach her preconceivbelieve you do feel." "Why? To ensure my suffering?"

is more sorrowful and joy more joyful or deserved enmity. Perhaps, after all, solitary rambles must possess, and" than to ordinary men and women. I do it was only Colonel Carrington's way of raising his hat—"will intrude no long- And then comes back an' pulls at somelife has been tranquil enough." But a probably smile and look pleasant oftener

would have died of grief if I had left

"They have the credit of unselfishness.

Carrington was silent for a moment, "Isolation tends to foster selfishness,

at least. I have been a good deal in remote, lonely stations, and-" "You have, contrary to your nature, grown a selfish man," interrupted Mrs.

"Not contrary to my nature, I fear," he answered, smiling.

Then Mrs. Fane grew silent, but she was an admirable listener, and Carringtion was unusually moved to speak. He was not smoothly fluent like Morton; but there was force and earnestness in his abrupt, unstudied sentences that had spoiled and somewhat blasce woman of At length Carrington, to Sir Frederic's infinite relief, rose to leave. Some talk castle and some caves at a distance, and few scholboys loitering about, or wad- when they reached the road. "Pray Holton Signal. then, as Mrs. Fane appeared to think ing with joyous cries into the advancing come in to luncheon and let Mrs. Bayley that Morton was going too, he felt | tide, were the only living creatures to thank you in person."

what you all see in that Colonel Carring- | Midge barking and gambling before her pass. ton to take a fancy to! He has nothing ! in wild delight. to say for himself, and he is as proud

"Yes, in the Indian service. Did you she found herself alone with Mrs. Fane. "I have met him," a slight frown con- remarkably reticent about his family, which is not usual if there is anything

much dexterity and continuing the con- agine Colonel Carrington boasting; and versation in an imperative kind of whis- pray remember I have more sympathy from Mider land growle from his face

if Nature had not made you a perfect sunshade she ran to his succor. More tive," said Carrington, with a tinge of nor even the pressure of my miserable tall man, in a dark shooting-dress, rush-thought it necessary to call upon her. as unfit for human food, says the London Chronicle, and they are ordinarily "To me, yes. You see we had a sort throw in my lot with you. I could not the mongrel assilant was seized by the

don't know what he deserves! You should hear Frank Bayley's account of him.

such scant ceremony. Oh, don't be afraid to laugh. I dare say you think me an exacting old woman: but a man's conlittle animal from him.

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seek to provoke bloody wars to keep up the expenditure. duct to a person in the position he imag. Midge was all trembling and palpitat- sash he turned, muttering something— This summer has been especially dis- convinced them that it was due to the 'No doubt he thinks I ought, Nor do hands.

After waiting in vain for a reply, Mrs. | No, no; I will never accept a salary. | to you. How lucky that you should Fane. "Do you think of making any stay Why should you pay me for what is a before breakfast?" and equality is the soul of friendship. have been here! Do you always walk Probably I am. I am coming to the cattle there have been several disasters pleasure to me to give?"

"Well, as you please; and so goodnight. My head aches a little; I shall be glad to be in darkness." Though Mrs. Fane soon dismissed her

maid, and put out the lights, she did | hurt?" not go to bed. She sat long in an extremely easy chair, musing vaguely, first, with a slight smile, on Mrs. Bayley's independence, and remembering not in any niggard spirit, but with a certain sense of humor, that during the years was truly liberal; but whether from indolence, or some reluctance of the heart brown eyes. to avail itself of its comrade intellect's shrewdness, she was often taken in with a look, half sad, half resentful. her eyes open. Thus, in a way, she saw "I suppose it is a great pleasure to you | rington did that gentleman no injury in | not easily forgive. I fear I am imper-

and that he should seek her with perse-"Because you put your heart into it, verance, carefully masked as it was, did was it that his watchful eyes only ex-"That is a polite way of saying I do pressed scrutiny, not untinged with disapprobation or distrust? Why should ed prejudices, certainly not in her favor! sity is a terrible want. The great in-

"I suppose to sensitive people, sorrow she had never knowingly hurt any one, my own disposal."

when I wash.

I can understand the charm your An' mother, too, she's just as bad, she sented by some adjacent building. The quick, half-suppressed sigh belied her if he knew how much better he looked. words. "You are fond of dogs, Colonel Certainly when silent and thoughtful he

"And you thought of that? So much Violet Onslow that he is in love with her. "Suppose you let Master Midge consideration is surely rare in a man." her? I hope she will not listen to him. | run; he seems anxious to get down." He would not make a good husband to | For a few minutes Mrs. Fane was oca girl of her simple character. Why, is cupied in observing that the little dog I suppose it is some accident of consti- fine I will have a stroll on the sands, gradually these symptoms disappeared, is half-past eleven! If the morning is limped slightly and seemed stiff; but and frame quite a new set of resolutions and he ran about as inquisitively as for my future conduct and pursuits. I ever.

the sunshine, crisped by a light breeze tradiction from his companion, whose

ty sure to be back before she appears." Carrington listened and looked with Fane descended the low range of sand- had an hour passed so swiftly. hills, covered with coarse grass, which "I shall report your gallant rescue," to please everybody is war, and you be seen; and Mrs. Fane, with a keen "For my part, I cannot understand sense of enjoyment, walked briskly on, rington, as he stood aside to let her

A New Orleans woman was thin. Because she did not extract sufficient nourishment from her food. She took Scott's Emulsion.

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dog; "we shall get as far as the wreck that the contemplation of scenery in and back before your mistress is out of | keen sea air has an alarming effect on

wide stretch of dry, firm sand; but be- asked Mrs. Fane. fore she had gone many paces further, a l "Four, I think." large, fierce-loking, ill-conditioned dog, The nyou can take Mrs. Bayley, Vioof no particular bree!, came trotting out let and myself," said Mrs. Fane. little Pomeranian, who was scampering of good things." hither and thither, and barking aggress-Mrs. Fane smiled. "I could never im- a growling bark on the unoffending litthe creature. A scuffle, a cloud of sand and we can arrange details afterwards," During five or six days in the summer land we can arrange details afterwards," of 1884 it was estimated by a competent per, as Miss Onslow began to play a with nobodies than you can possibly from Midge, loud growls from his foe

That wretch of a husband of hers, I don't know what he deserves! You don't know what he deserves! You before the blood had coagulated there are with limin and the veins and arteries drained to a flagstaff on the mountain peak. The noise resembled the rattling of hail- seek to provoke bloody was to be seek t

ing, and trying to express his thanks by not a blessing. "No, no; I will never accept a salary. safe now. I am so very much obliged did when she talked genially with Mrs. the destruction of sheep and cattle.

in forgetfulness"

walking on beside her. is so spoiled that he cares for no one Bayley regime. This was merely a pass. | placability about you," she returned, can be taken till Michaelmas." ing thought. The young grass widow looking up in his face with a sweet, arch "I must see Mosenthal. He is out of Only a few days ago a lightning flash

"Why?" very gravely meeting it woth "Ah! that is puzzling," she exclaimed. Miss Onslow, rather to that young lady's she herself believed in her own assumptions. Her depreciation of Colonel Carbead, that makes me feel that you would rington did the continued.)

"I am fond of singing, certainly; but most overt and troublesome admiration tians of my sort! But you are very ac- bloomin' winter through; tive for a fine lady, Mrs. Fane. Do you We haven't a furnace fire, 'cause father always get up at six or seven and walk

before breakfast?" "I fear I am not very methodical. am guilty of reading in bed! I am quite sure the absence of a controlling neces. And then goes up in our spare room an' and consequently the electricity when cents a box from the Dr. Williams Medi-Some one must have spoken against her, can be free and alone; at other times I

'I did not mean any hint," she said, looked rugged and stern enough. I won- with me to the wreck," and she pointed coloring slightly. "If you care to walk "Yes; I had a lot of dogs about me der how old he is? Thirty-eight or forty, to it, "pray do; besides," laughing, "you always in India. One was a special I am sure. There! why should I trouble must go rd Midge and myself past the

"Yes, Sir Frederic is very nice to Mrs. | "True; I must be of some use," he eruel monster's haunt." Bayley. Why is he trying to persuade said, gravely, resuming his place beside

am too self-indulgent-too fond of plea- Then his guardians fell into pleasant discursive talk on many subjects, Car- party. The hostess would not tell the re-The next morning was fine and fresh, rington's somewhat sombre views call-The blue waters of the bay glistened in ing forth much bright and playful con- have her friend Miss So-and-So write the into rippling life, and dashing on the keen, picturesque observations roused beach in short, quick waves, full of him to think before he replied. She was So-and-So brought the story in Thursday frank and thoroughly at ease, holding

It was deliciously invigorating as Mrs. all his soul, and thought that never

"I shall be most happy," returned Car-

"I have got a footing," he muttered "Come atong, Midge," she cried to the to himself as he turned back to the beach. "and it will go hard if I do not

make it a foothold." As the luncheon party included Sir Frederic, Miss Onslow and Dr. Methvin, besides Colonel Carrington, Mrs. Fane took the opportunity of organizing an expedition to visit an old castle, which, with the adjoining fishing village and some caves, were one of the few excursion points available for visitors at St.

The preliminaries were soon settled, and ten o'clock the next day but one fixed upon as the hour of departure. "There is a tolerable little inn at Craigtoun," said the ex-professor, "and I will write to the landlord to have.

luncheon provided." "Fray do," cried Mrs. Darley. "I find

The wreck was the remains of an old "I think I'll get old Morton to let me vessel half buried in the sand, from have his wife's ponies to drive you over, which its skeleton ribs protruded in a Mrs. Fanc. She has been away al the

summer, and the little brutes are eating She had left the boys behind, and their heads off." seemed the only person moving on the "How many will the carriage hold?"

of one of the hollows between the grassy | "And leave Dr. Methvin and me withbillocks, and paused a moment, with an out a lady to escort!" exclaimed Carominous growl, to watch the pert, busy rington. "That is a most unfair division ount of mischief done by lightning. In that a tube is better than a solid rod. It

take a groom."

said Mrs. Fane, and the party rose from of 1884 it was estimated by a competent by its sectional area, only, as has been low. He is not going back to India; he going to practice at Huddersfield Ab that Huddersfield ly interested, and Mrs. Fane said she by lightning, most of them being sheep

ed to a distance, whence he fled, howling went to the window, which commanded sary waste.

"What is the matter? You see mto be thunderstorms have been frequent, and in a tantrum," said Mrs. Bayley. Her scarcely a week has passed of late in

end of everything. I had a warning from fatal to human life, to say nothing of a ther iron-pointed alpenstocks, and they "Not often. Let me carry him, Mrs. Jehpson that Mosenthal, the brute who great deal of mischief to property of all instantly experienced the familiar holds nearly all my paper, is determined various kinds. Here, again the mischief tingling of an electric current through "Thank you, I don't think he likes to to smash me; and at the first breath is often quite easily avoidable. It is of leave me. He will go down and run of legal proceedings, the whole fabric of course, very well known that a good soon. Are you sure he is not much my fortunes, of my present chances, will lightning conductor properly fixed is an crumble to dust like the skeletons at absolutely reliable safeguard against all tricians nowadays call a condition of "Yes. The brute hadn't time to hurt Pompeii when exposed to light and air." injury; but a fact which is not so well high potentiality and that there was a him. He will soon forget all about it. He threw himself on a sofa as he spoke, known is that an efficient lightning contact the flagstaff, which constitued an outlet "Happy creatures," returned Mrs. ed by an angry scowl, and the sleepy of a few shillings by taking advantage of for a force which but for some such pas-Fane. "What a wonderful balm there is blue eyes, which many a maid and mat- the conducting power of trees. "I suppose there is," said Carrington, baleful fire.

"Perhaps you do not forget or forgive Bayley. "What are you going to do? You dents which every now and again occur smile and glance from her speaking town disporting himself like his betters. struck a poplar tree near Winchester the most dangerous months in the I trust and hope to have some positive and killed a man who had taken shelter year for babies and young children. proof to give him of an understanding at the foot of it, no doubt in ignorance Stomach and bowel troubles come with Mrs. Fane. I rather think he would of his danger. Such fatalities are exceed- quickly during the hot weather and prefer getting his money without a ingly common, and it has not infrequent almost before the mother realizes

Tommy's Complaint.

mother's got it, too, had been used to admiration—to the am worse than other professing Chris- And I don't know if I can stan' this

says as where A fire is unhealthy, so we warm with

Sometimes I am very late-sometimes I He gets up early ev'ry morn' an' thaws out both the cats.

does some acrobats: "God knows, no! Must you suffer be- but who? She would try and find out. hardly belong to myself. Here I am at I have ter crack the ice up in the pitcher centive to these early walks is that I The winders are left up all night, an' will leave the tree and flash through

thin' hangin' on the door,

it's one o' her best tricks-And doesn't breath till she has counted up ter ninety-six.

We live on malted shavin's and shredded door-mats, too. An' I can't use my appetite-it's just as good as new. An' so I'm goin' to Grandma's house, where I can sleep and stuff.

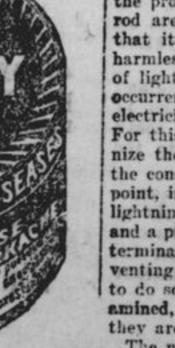
Till mother gets her lungs filled up an' pa gets air ernuff.

Editorial Troubles in Kansas.

Everybody has his troubles, even the anxiety. editor of a newspaper. A reporter was sent out lately to get the news of a piece. This was on Tuesday. The Signal

When one woman insists upon paying another woman's car fare and the other

women lets her she never forgets it.



# LIGHTNING AN ITS DANGERS.

## Loss of Life is Greater Than Commonly Supposed.

ascertaining precisely what is the am- is quite abandon A, and so also is the idea France and Germany statistics on the used to be thought that electricity pass-"It is indeed too bad," said subject are systematically tabulated by ed only by the surface of the conductor, ively. To him ran Midge, full of inno. Mrs. Bayley. "I cannot counter the Government every year. If complete and as a tube presented more surface cent pleasure, and with the most friend- nance such an injustice. If the statistics were accessible there can be than a solid rod the tube was for a while ly intentions. But the low-bred ruffian gentlemen will have me, I shall be de- little doubt they would show that the the favorite form. This is now known returned his advances with a surly lighted to go in Colonel Carrington's car- annual loss of life and property is far to have been a mistake. snarl, and then, urged by some inexpli- riage and you had better come too, dear, greater than is commonly supposed. In cable doggish antagonism, pounced with to Miss Onslow, "then Sir Frederic can one respect the damage is often greater itself over the surfaces of a conductor, than it need be, even apart from any con-

astrous. In various parts of the country passage of a current of electricity "Quiet. Poor little thing. You are voice sounded harder, commoner than it which the newspapers have not recorded the staff, at another at the bottom and

ron considered irresistible, lit up with Everybody should be aware by this lightning. time that trees are a source of peril in "This is bad, very bad," returned Mrs. | times of thunderstorm, though from acciamount of ignorance on the subject.

due to the fact that with the commenceever it has an opportunity of doing so cine Co,. Brockville, Ont. the animal body. The same thing will of ten occur when the lightning passing downward through the tree, reaches a | ? sented by some adjacent building. The full volley is deflected from the tree into

And then she takes a big long breath— It has been suggested that in all such

According to the lightning rod confer- ously. ence appointed a few years ago by the By the aid of science cattle raisers are Meteorological Society of London to in- now enabled to protect their stock quire into the subject and report on the against these maladies. As the human best form of the thing there is nothing | family is vaccinated against smallpox, in much better than a solid iron rod. On the the same manner cattle are rendered report indicates that the strikes sucnewest of our public buildings, such as immune from blackleg and anthrax. The ceeded in 47.94 per cent. of the cases; the new Law Courts, where it may be Department of Agriculture at Ottawa Mrs. Fane's maid found her mistress her own with infinite good breeding, the post-office. Later in the day the host- fessional advice, they have adopted flat now in a position to supply preventive her She was immediately dispetabed to greeful test yet through all her bright less called at the Signal office and abusher. She was immediately dispatched to graceful tact, yet through all her brighted the cohe of a minor short led the editor like a pickpocket for not varying from a sixteenth to an eighth of nominal cost of five cents per dose. Until "I will take him for a run on the a subtle breath of resignation that sug- the hostess had allowed the reporter to an inch to two or three inches wide. extensive manufactures in the United sands," said Mrs. Fane. "Don't let Mrs. gested some loss, some bruised place in handle the story her party would have the copper is a somewhat better conductions were secured at a proper secured at a proper secured at a proper secured secured in the copper secured at a proper secured secured in the copper secured secured secured in the copper secured erly, for the reporter is on to her job, themselves more easily to the walls of hands of Canadian cattle raisers at ten a building than a thick rod. But the cents per dose for blackleg vaccine and iron makes a very satisfactory lightning fourteen cents per dose for anthrax vecseparate the links from the beach. A said Mrs. Fane, as she parted with him know Sherman's definition of war.—The and embedded well into the earth, going preparations are now being made at the down, if possible, into a moist stratum | biological laboratory m connection with of soil, it affords perfect security.

The cost of such a rod up a house or can be supplied at five cents per cose.

is really very trifling. Many persons who are well aware of department at fifty cents. the protective power of a good lightning! Anthrax vaccine, which is also supplied rod are not perhaps equally well aware at five cents per dose, is more difficult that it may serve not only to direct to administer, requiring a qualified vetharmlessly to earth an actual discharge crinarian to treat an animal. of lightning, but may also prevent the Cattle raisers who have fear of an occurrence of the flash by conducting the attack of either blackleg or anthrax electricity in a silent stream so to speak. | would do well to apply to the veterinary | thus avert much foolish loss. As to whe-For this purpose electricians now recog. director-general at Ottawa for the proper nize the fact that it is important that preventive treatment. the conductor shall terminate in a sharp point, indeed the most approved form of lightning rod now has a corona of points, and a practical difficulty is to keep these Mr. Henpeck, as he edged toward the terminals sufficiently pointed by pre- door, "that you were the seetest and venting corrosion. When it is practicable most beautiful weman in the world?" to do so, they should be periodically ex- . "No." replied his wife. amined, and should be repointed when "Gee! Men are bouesser then I

they are found to have rusted away. thought they were."-Chicago Record-The notion prevalent at one time that Herald.

in this country we have no means of a conductor should terminate in a ball

It is true electricity at rest distributes whole mass, and the efficiency of a metal rod of any given kind is to be gauged said, that sectional area must terminate

in a point, the finer the better. Without the point it will carry the most violent discharge to earth-or as, of course, it sometimes happens, from the earth to the clouds-if the rod or band be sufficiently thick, but with the point it Left alone, Mrs. Bayley found her don Chronicle, and they are ordinarily may act as a sort of spout or pipe through which the electricity may rush without any violent explosion at all.

The Meteorological Journal for 1875 relates a very curious illustration of this action of conductors. A party of tourists in the Engadine had attained a height of through the pointed flagstaff. At one moment the rattling was at the top of at other times it quivered seemingly all But besides the killing of sheep and through it, but never for a moment ceased. The party ventured to hold up

It was evident to them that the clouds sage would probably have flashed out in

### MOTHER'S ANXIETY.

anxiety for mothers, because they are of farce. given occasionally, because they keep The casualties to animals are often the stomach and bowels free from offending matter. And the Tablets will cure trary to its ethics "drum up trade" and ment of a thunder shower they are apt these troubles if they come suddenly. to gather for shelter beneath the branch- The wise mother should keep these Tab es of some isolated tree. The explanation lets always at hand and give them occaof the mischief is very well known. A sionally to her children. The Tablets tree is a conductor of lightning, but not can be given with equal success to the a very good one. In the absence of a new born babe or the well grown child. better channel the lightning will flash They always do good-they cannot posthrough it, but there is always a chance sibly do harm, and the mother has the of its glancing aside to any medium that guarantee of a Government analyst that affords a readier passage. Now the body this medicine does not contain one parof a man or an animal constitutes a ticle of opiate or harmful drug. Sold much better conductor than a tree does by all medicine dealers or by mail at 25

#### Vaccination for Blackleg and Anthrax in Cattle.

cases if a metal rod were carried from The disease known as blackleg in cat- those locked out 716,231. The average the earth for a short distance up the tle, although entirely unknown in many duration of strikes was 25.4 days, and of tree there would be no such deflection. extensive agricultural sections of Can-The metal conductor would afford a ada and not at all widespread in any readier passage than the body of a man district or province, annually causes or the materials of a house and the tree, quite extensive losses to cattle raisers. which otherwise is a source of danger, Anthrax, which is quite a different diswould become an absolute protection, ease, although frequently confused with even to persons or animals sheltering be- blackleg in the minds of many cattle neath it. Of course nobody would suggest | raisers, is also the cause of serious loss that all trees should be thus dealt with, of stock. The former disease is almost but it often happens that from its spec- entirely confined to cattle under three ial position a tree during a thunderstorm | years, and is generally fatal. The latter is not only a source of some peril but attacks other classes of farm cattle, and is the occasion of much uneasiness and the human subject is not exempt from its infection, which generally results seri-

the health of animals branch that they the main trunk of a tree to a height a! The vaccine for blackleg may te ad- for higher wages and against reductions little beyond that of surrounding objects | ministered by any intelligent person by means of an instrument supplied by the

And Then He Ran. "Did any man ever tell you," askel

\*\*\*\*\*\* Perhaps after all there was no conspiracy, no reign of terror and no murders in the Ceeur d'Alene district. Maybe Orchard dreamed it all.

That Carnegie Temple of Peace at The Hagne will be all right till some ambitions and self-seeking sovereign metaphorically smashes it with a 12-inch gun,

If that story of Sir William Ramsay transmuting metals turns out to be true, we shall have to cease laughing at the old alchemists. If precious metals can be degraded, we may some day learn how to render baser metals into finer.

----The Bellerophon, an 18,000 ton warship of the Dreadnought type, but with improvements, was launched at Portsmouth on Saturday, and the Temeraire, a sister vessel, will be launched next month. Of the building of peacemakers there is

The United States army and navy departments now cost the people of the republic over \$200,000,000 a year, or

The lurid story of City Clerk Pay, of St. Catharines, who says two-thirds of the peach trees of the district perished last winter, is being contradicted by many fruit-growers. Some say not more than one per cent, of their trees died, while 10 per cent, is the outside estimate for the district, Many peach trees die each year, and much depends on the culture and cure given them.

The Standard Oil Company has been found guilty of granting freight relates on \$650,000 worth of oil, and a Chicago judge has fined it \$29,240,000. It is hardly likely that the fines will be paid over without a struggle. If a reasonable penalty had been imposed the people might have reason to expect that good would reslt, but as it is the proceedings savor

A disreputable lawyer who disgraced his profession by suborning witness in a damage suit at White Plains, N.Y., has been sent to prison for two years. Respectable lawyers approve the sentence. Now let an example be made of the wolves of the profession who conseek to fatten by methods scarcely colorably different from blackmail, and the bar will profit.

The United States National Bureau of Labor has issued a summar ystatement of its report devoted to labor troubles of the twenty-five years from 1881 to 1905, and while it is not easy to interpret much of the mass of statistics presented, some of the outstanding facts may prove

interesting to Canadian readers. There were, in the period covered by the tables, no fewer than 36,757 strikes and 1,546 lockouts, affecting respectively 187,407 and 18,547 establishments. The lockouts \$4.6.

The greatest prevalence of strikes and lockouts was in 1894 and the least in was in the building trades, being 26.02 per cent. of the total, and the greatest number of employees affected was in the coal and coke industry, the building trades coming second and the clothing industry third. About 70 per cent, of the strikes in number, with 90.34 per cent. of the establishments and 79.09 per cent. of the employees affected, were ordered

by labor organizations. Of the results of the difficulties the partly succeeded in 15.28 per cent., and wholly failed in 36.78 per cent,

The employers succeeded in 57.20 per cent. of the lockouts, partly succeeded in 10.71 per cent, and failed in 32.09 per

The causes of strikes are thus classified: For increase of wages, 40.72 per cent.; "recognition of unions," 23.35 per cent.; against reduction of wages, 11.90 per cent.; for reduced hours, 9.78 per

The strikes most successful were those of wages. Strikes for recognition of unions and union rules have been increasing in number and becoming less effective, while sympathetic strikes are rapidly decreasing and mostly fail. There is more inclination to settle labor troubles by negotiation and arbitration, and ther the workers are gainers by the net result of the struggles chronicled by the Bureau it is not easy to decide, but it is very much to be dobuted. The day when strikes and lockouts become a bad memory will be a joyful one for modern industry, and none will benefit more than the man who has only his labor to dispose of. And the public will welcomeny less foolish and wasteful system