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"I never wished to harm you, sweet | woman once more covered her face with

and noble lady-but him! Oh! he did her talon-like fingers. me a horrible injury!"

"You have suffered a terrible wrong tenderly over her, said: by a cruel wrong. My husband was its "Norah, look at me. You are deluded fated executor. I do not defend him When you sent your glance so deeply in-He does not defend himself. But he has to my eyes just now, you read no anger, suffered only less than you. There is a no resentment there. Look up-meet world that rectifies all that has gone my eyes egain-read my heart, if you wrong in this. You are very near its can; you will read nothing there but bourne. Had you passed the happiest, deep compassion for your preferings, instead of the most unhappy life, it and earnest desire for your welfare. would be all the same to you now. Norah, lok up. We are children of the Think of that. But what is esential- same Father. It is your sister that what will make all the difference-is speaks to you." the spirit in which you will pass away. Do not be obdurate. Do not be unfor-

"And do not you talk nonsense to me, she spoke calmly: gentle lady? I cannot change my heart."

"I cannot pray. It weer hypocrisy." "Let me pray for you." "Do not mock me, gentle lady."

your hands in mine, and pray with you. God's mercy by yours!" Come! you are not so hard as you seem. You are softening now. God waits to pardon and bless you. Angels hover around your bed to see what you will do." "One angel does, lady. But concern

yourself with your child, lady. don't you ask about her?" "Because I am satisfied about my be known."

"Ah! you do! Who told you?" "Your words and actions, and circumstances already known to me."

"But-but you do not know all-all?" "I know that in the frenzy of your grief and anger, when you forgot God, and could not hear what your better spirit said, you took away my little cand, and gave her a new name-called her Sylvia Grove-and gave her to your | me!" daughter-in-law, Ellen," said the lady,

"Yes, yes, yes," muttered Nora to herself, with a perplexed look; "and yet yon do not know all!"

"No!" suddenly exclaimed Mrs. Hunter, as a spasm of pain convulsed her beautiful countenance; "there is thing I must ask you: Was Ellen a party to the-I mean, did Ellen know whose child it was, that you committed to her care?"

"No, no-oh, no! she never even suspected it, I am sure.' "Thank God!" exclaimed Augusta, fer-

"Oh, it would have hurt you more if Ellen had been so wicked? Poor Ellen! she has not been to see me in a long time, it seems to me."

Mrs. Hunter did not think proper to inform the sufferer of her daughter-inlaw's death. She said:

"And now I am satisfied about my child. She has grown up a good and beautiful maiden; she has received no harm from the act that I feel sure you have repented. Now think of yourself!" "Oh, yet! I do repent of taking her from you! Toward him I have no repentance-nine! But toward you-on! lady, I have always repented-always repented!"

"Oh, Norah, repent toward the Lord." "But you-do you forgive me? Oh, Mrs. Hunter! that night, when hurrying through the crowd upon the shore, I bore your infant away; I heard your distant shricks of anguish-they pierced my ear-they were echoed from heart! I have heard them ever since I have heard them in my solitude. have heard them in the night; they have startled me from my sleep! Had murdered you, lady, my sufferings could not have been greater! But I would not give up my vengeance. And I could not bear remorse. And between

them I maddened!" She paused and covered her haggard face with her dark and skeleton fingers. And after a few minutes she removed her hands, and her sunken eyes blazed

an altered voice: "I am dving, yet I cannot ask the Lord't pardon until I have obtained yours, and yours I know I shall neevr have. It is useless to speak of it. Gentle and noble as you are, you could not grant it, even if you would. I know by my own heart that it is impossible. For, as I cannot cease to loathe him you cannot choose but hate me, who bereaved you of your little child!"

Mrs. Hunter sank wown softly on her knees by her side, and bending closely,

gazed long and wonderingly upon the ful foreboding which she could neither the Barrier, but had to slacken his speed lady's heavenly countenance, and then

"I tore your young, nursing baby from your bosom, and left you to years "The Lord can change it. Pray to on years of anguish, and yet you do not hate me! and yet you do not repreach me! You forgive me, you pity me, you pray for me-your countenance beams heaven's own love upon me! Your "Heaven forbid. Let me pray with mercy breaks down my heart! Oh, you. Let me kneel by you, and hold Mrs. Hunter, I can in part conceive

> "The Lord's mercy speaks to you through me-the Lord's love inspires me -freely have I received for your sake. and freely, freely give! May it redeem Sunday dress-were now her wedding was with its little parlor in perfect or-

you-may it bless you.' "I believe it-I believe it! Oh, Mrs. Hunter! while you hold my hand and talk to me so, and look at me, with Heaven calling on me through your eyes, child; I know all that is necessary to I feel my heart changing, changing in my bosom! Oh, Mrs. Hunter! if you could stay by me-if it were possible you could stay by me-I might not then be a

> "I will not leave you. I will remain with you till the last." "What! Mrs. Hunter, will you stay

"You! in this miserable place with "Yes; for I trust in Heaven to do you

"Yes-be caim."

would make instant preparations to "I can wait for that. God, who has watched over her all these years, and

"But your daughter! I thought

made her such a good and lovely maiden, will keep her safe till I meet her." "Oh, how you must love her!" "I do-more than all under heaven, except her father."

"And now you must long to hasten to

"Heaven bless you for that! Heaven bless you!" The conversation was interrupted by a low knock at the door. Mrs. Hunter arose and opened it. The nurse stood

there with a message from Mr. Hunter, desiring to know when Mrs. Hunter would be ready to return to the hotel. The lady said that she would answer the message in person. And, leaving the nurse in her place, she went down the long hall to the end, where Daniel Hunter and the doctor stood, near the stove, and drawing Mr. Hunter aside explained to im her wish to remain near the patient until her death.

"But our child-but Maud! I have already sent to the stage office and taken places down to Alleghany county." | as the Sunday school had been taken in. this suffering soul. When all sover, I assemble. Falconer alighted and se- hour's hard riding, sprang from his tario Provincial Winter Fair, to be held will hasten after you."

"Augusta, you are a good woman-" was my child, though I did not know it; ell her-but never mind! Speak all Daniel Hunter pressed her hand, say-

"I understand you. I feel all that you would have me say from you." And then they talked over some little temporary arrangements, and took leave pray with her patient, and Daniel Hunsent at the hotel, threw himself into the stage coach and was rattled down to Alleghany county as fast as the oldfashioned vehicle could convey him.

It was late Saturday evening when he arrived at Howlet Hall, and much too late for him to think of visiting Silver relatives and their little nestlings well, and the former, in expectation of his via eagerly interrupting him. who refused to spare my son, I feel that | whole party, and not a little disappointed "No, my dear, Mrs. Hunter remains

And with a shuddering sigh that | had brought him down in advance of the shook her whole frame, the wretched others, who would follow in a day or **&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&&**

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wo. He did not think proper to communicate upon that night the strange discovery that had been made to him-in fact, he felt strongly opposed to hearing and answering the multitude of questions with which he felt certain the frivolous Lucy would greet the communication. He therefore contented himself with inquiring, in an off-hand manner, after the health and well-being of Mrs. Hunter's little favorite, Sylvia Grove, and having received a satisfactory answer, he pleaded fatigue and retired to Very early the next morning he arose, ordered his horse, and hastily swallowed a cup of coffee standing, threw himself into the saddle, and galloped rapidly toward Silver Creek,

whither we must precede him. CHAPTER XXIV.

A sharp, cold, clear, sparkling morning in December, with the ground covered with snow, with the sun shining dazzlingly, the creek frozen hard, the squirrels hopping through the bare woods, and flocks of snowbirds alighting on the

Early Sylvia left her sleepless pillow, and never maiden arose upon her bridal morning with a heavier heart. She could not think why. She loved Falconer well -she was willing to pass her life with him-yet there lay upon her bosom a throw off not quite understand.

ner with his elbow resting on the man- kitchen door. telpiece, his head bowed upon his hand, upon the lady's face, and she said, in he said and his long fingers driven through his "Fuss rate, sir, 'deed is she and purty. black, elf locks. He looked little like a Miss Silvy had a class in the Sunday bridegroom-his face was haggard, as school, only Marse Falconer, sir, he with sleeplessness and anxiety. He, too, wouldn't let her keep it." felt a sense of wrong-doing-felt that A crimson spot, that not the infuriit was an unmanly, unrighteous thing to ated mob could have raised there, now average 563 lb. milk, 4.0 test, 22. 6 lb. take advantage of the gentle girl, and glowed upon Daniel Hunter's dark cheek fat. draw her into a marriage that promised while he kept his glittering eye fixed nothing but misery. But he would not upon the face of the loquacious old woforego his selfish passion-no, not man and asked: though his bride should die heartbroken; he hurled all misgivings from him, and O'Leary interfere with Miss-with the

trampled all compunction down. The young people scarcely touched ments?" their breakfast, and soon arose from the table. The little wagon stood at the door: Falconer handed Sylvia in, entered, and took the seat at her side, and drove

their path-all contributed to enliven the ing." spirits of our young travellers. Then Falconer asked: "What were you looking so grave

about, Sylvia?" "I do not quite know, but I felt as this were a runaway match." "Hem-m-m! Whom are we running before. How long have they been gone?"

away from, Sylvia?" "No one, certainly, only it seemed so." "From Mrs. Hunter, isn't it?" "No, the dear lady, she is the last one in the world to put a fetter on me."

They journeyed on. They reached the Summit, and drove up to the church just "Then go alone, Mr. Hunter. Much as The church below stairs was empty. The galloping rapidly away. congregation had not even begun to He reached the Summit in half an cured his horse, and assisted Sylvia to horse, and hastened, breathless, into the at Guelph in December, contains a splen-"Carry my heart to Maud. Tell her the church together. A little while they ly scattered about in the pews. am not surprised-I always felt she had to wait while Mr. Lovel concluded

and when Falconer had explained the business that had brought them thither, he looked surprised, amused, and turned such a quizzical glance upon Sylvia that of each other. Mrs. Hunter returned to the maiden blushed and dropper her eyes. "Yes, certainly." he said, "always

ter, leaving the young people for the pre- happy to make others happy. Oh, by the way, have you seen Mr. Hunter this "Mr. Hunter!" exclaimed Sylvia, with

the light of joy springing to her eyes. "Mr. Hunter!" growled Falconer, grinding his teeth in rage and sorrow. "Yes, young folks, Daniel Hunter! He Creek that night. He found his young reached Howlet Hall last night, and-" "Has Mrs. Hunter come?" inquired Syl-

at seeing him alone. He satisfied them, for the present in Baltimore. Mr. Hunter however, by saying that urgent business came down alone on very important business, and I fancy his business lies with horse and set out for Silver Creek. And you have not seen him. Surprising!" Hunter well, sir?"

"Very well. She will be down in a few "Will you be good enough sir, to pro-

ceed with the business that brought us here?" asked Falconer, impatiently. ' 'Certainly-certainly-certainly- but -where are your attendants? Have you no friends with you?"

"Is that a necessary form, sir?" asked the youth, coldly, "No-no-not in this case; there are some half-dozen people just passed us, and seated themselves in their pews; they will witness the rites. Follow me! And Mr. Lovel preceded the young couple up the aisle, entered within the rail-

front of the reading desk.

he rode on at a brisk pace through the man who was the equal o' mysel'."

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heavy weight, a vague anxiety, a sorrow- intervening fields between the Hall and "I hope you will not be married till I pass, which long neglect and wintry weacome, for you are very young, dear ther had rendered nearly impassable. This impeded his progress and worried These words had been written to her and fatigued his horse, so that he could by Mrs. Hunter. Yet now she seemed to go only at a very moderate rate through hear the lady's voice speaking them to the valley lying between the Barrier and her-speaking them with irresistible au- the ridge of Silver Creek. And over the thority. And in what she was about to ridge, by reason of the washed and gutdo, she felt an undefined sense of wrong | tered roads, the mountain pass was still and danger, which she could not reason more difficult and dangerous. He was long time getting through and the morn-Sylvia completed her toilet as well as ling was well advanced when he reached Silver Creek cottage. He alighted at the A black silk gown, a black cloth shawl, gate and walked in. There was no one in and a little black silk bonnet-her usual the room. Comfortable as the cottage garments. Like a star on the edge of a der, and cheered with a bright wood fire dark cloud shone her beautiful face from burning in the chimney, it had a vacant, these shrouding draperies. She went out disappointing look. With the end of his fat. into the little parlor, where the breakfast riding-whip he rapped several times on table was set, and where Falconer the floor before any one came. At length, however, just as he was growing very The youth stood at the chimney cor- impatient, Aunt Moll appeared at the

"Well, how is your young mistress?"

"But why-by what right does Mr. young lady's occupations and amuse-

"Why, you see, sir, dey's 'gaged." "Gaged, sir, "g "Gaged? What. What do you mean. "Gaged, sir, 'gaged to be married, sir

-and Marse Falconer-she's so purty, The sparkling splendor of the winter and he's so 'fernal jealous (axing your morning—the fresh, brisk, invigorating grace, sir) as he won't let her have her air, the merry twitering or hopping class in the Sunday school for fear she'll about of the honest hardy little denizens be seen and 'mired and made much of, of the leafless woods, the snowbirds, or and somebody might cut him out. Dev's the squirrels, that frequently crossed gone to church to be married this morn- milk.

"What," cried Daniel Hunter, starting to his feet. "Yes, sir, dey's gone to church to married this morning, 'fore sarvice." "Good Heaven! and I have been wasting time here! Why didn't you tell me

anxiously inquired Mr. Hunter, seizing

his hat and gloves. "'Deed, sir, I didn't know as you was 'ticaler 'cerned in knowin' of it. Dey's been gone about an hour." "Concerned in knowing it. She is my age only 327 lb. milk. 14.8 lb. fat. Highest daughter!" exclaimed Daniel Hunter. throwing himself upuon horseback and

descend from her seat, and they entered church. There were but few people thinthe opening services of the Sunday via and Falconer-and the clergyman. this Fair has not been a one-sided one, school, and then Falconer sent a message with his book open, was performing the but has taken place along all lines which

> the darkness of her drapery; and with a rush of love and admiration, he ex-"Beautiful, beautiful, beautiful! She is beautiful as-her mother!"

> his quick approach. The minister was bending closely over them. Falconer held her left hand, and with the wedding-ring held on her finger, was repeating, after the minister, the words of the ritual: "With this ring this ring I thee wedwith all my worldly goods I thee endow in the name of the "Hold! I forbid the marriage!" ex-

> claimed Daniel Hunter, stepping up. The clergyman looked up in amazement, to see Mr. Hunter there, and to hear him prohibit the ceremony. Sylvia started, looked around, recognized the speaker, and clung to the altar railings for support. The wedding ring dropped from her finger and Falconer sprang up; his feet rebounding fro mthe

floor like steel springs; his breath drawn "We left very early, sir. Was Mrs. hard through his clenched teeth; his swollen and empurpled veins throbbing on his crimsoned forehead, and the white circle flaming around his darkened eyes. "By what right, sir?" he asked, in a deep, stern, husky voice,

"By the holiest in nature, young man -a father's right," answered Daniel Hun-Then addressing the maiden, he said "Come to me, Maud Hunter. Come to

me, my dear child, I am your father." (To be continued.) Many years ago a certain earl gave

a dinner in honor of a great Highland chief, who rarely came down from the ing of the altar, and took his stand in hills. Though there were many illustrious persons at this dinner, the proud Sylvia and Falconer knelt before him. Highlander seemed none too well pleaswere roused up at this sight; a wed- ed. In fact, he was curt and haughty ding is always interesting, especially an with the grandest. When the coffee impromptu one in a church; they were came on, the host, leading his Highland on the qui vive, and pricked up their ears guest up and down the great hall, asked for the words of the minister, and the him what he thought of the company. responses of the parties, and-but we "Och," said the chieftain, "they're nae must leave them and go back an hour bad. They're nae bad chiels." Then he frowned, and proudly swelling out his broad chest, struck it a blow. "But the When Daniel Hunter left Howlet Hall, fact is," he cried, "I never yet met a



Dominion Department of Agriculture, age Commissioner.

Some of the recent average yield in the associations organized by Dairy Division, Ottawa, are: Henryville, Que., 14, Oct., 163 cows average 408 lb. milk, 4.2 test, 17.4 lb.

Warsaw, Ont., 12 Oct. 181 cows aver-Pine Grove, Ont., 17 Oct., 136 cows, average 479 lb. milk, 3.8 test, 18.2 lb.

Sheffield, Ont., 17 Oct. 181 cows avererage 447 lb, milk, 3.9 test, 17.8 lb. St. Armand, Que., 19 Oct., 134 cows,

average 343 lb. milk, 4.5 test, 12.5 lb. example which they have set may be fol-Last and by no means least, North Oxford, Ont., 21 Oct., 111 cows, average 636 lb. milk, 3.6 test, 23.0 lb. fat. Dixville, Que., 17 Oct., 164 cows, average 416 lb, milk 4.1 test, 17.4 lb, fat. Chilliwack, B. C., 5 Oct., 133 cows

Cowichan, B. C., Oct. 14, 173 cows averherd of 10 cows has an average of 819 lb. age 474 lb. milk, 4.2 test, 20.3 lb. fat. Best fessor of field husbandry, O. A. C. Woodburn, Ont., Oct. 26.-104 cows average 404 lb. milk, 4.2 test, 17.2 lb. fat. One East and West Oxford, Oct. 27.-106 cows average 621 lb. milk, 3.5 test, 22.1 lb. fat. one herd of 22 cows averages 692 lb. milk. Hatley Centre, Que., Oct. 27 .- 110 cows presentative Seed Branch, Ottawa, average 331 lb. milk, 4.2 test, 14.0 lb. fat.

month. Where is the margin of profit? Rockford, Ont., Oct. 30.-101 cows average 641 lb. milk, 3.3 test, 21.2 lb. fat. In one different kinds of blithering idiots who herd of 20 cows the average yield is 838 lb. St. Edwidge, Que., Nov. 3 .- Furnishes another contrast, 149 cows average 343 lb. milk, | them: 4.4 test, 15.2 lb. fat. Highest yield of any one cow is 770 lb. milk.

are returning \$2.40 each less to their owners

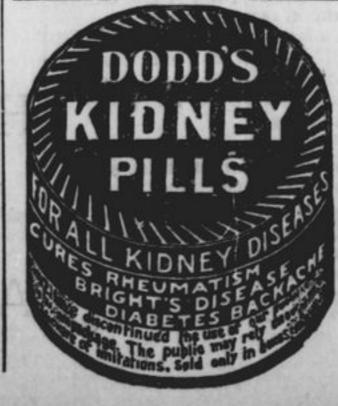
New Glasgow, P. E. I., Oct. 31.-123 cows average 422 lb. milk, 16.1 lb. fat. Spring Creek, Ont., Nov. 1 .- 191 cows average, 13 cows, 852 lb. milk, 30.8 lb. fat. Jonquieres, Que., Nov. 6 .- 106 cows average 323 lb. milk, 4.9 test, 15.9 lb. fat, The largest herd of 14 cows averages 281 lb milk. 497 lb. milk, 4.0 test, 20.3 lb. fat. One herd Henryville, Que., Nov. 13 .- 106 cows aver-

individual yield from any one cow is 715 lb.

The official premium list for the Onpartments embraced by this rapidly where that "they can't bluff Teddy," and But there, before the altar, knelt Syl- growing institution. The development of

your own love, and she will hear mine." to him by a late pupil who was going up. marriage ceremony. Daniel Hunter hur-Mr. Lovel came down and met the ried on; one glimpse he got of his daughture industry of the Province. Of all young pair, and shook hands with them, ter's lovely face, shining as a star in the various departments perhaps none had a more humble beginning than did the seed department, yet no department has had more rapid growth in the degree of intelligent interest taken in the cause which it champions. This speaks well They were all too absorbed to notice for the far-sightedness of the live stock men of the Province, who are quite cognizant of the fact that while the live stock industry of the country is relatively the most important, yet the success of this industry really depends upon our ability to successfully grow suitable and adequate grain and fodder crops.

> mixed and inferior grains and the danger from sowing weed seeds are coming to be recognized more and more such year, and as a result the seed department at the above Fair, as an institution designed to assist in alleviating the pre- the cars? vailing difficulties, has an important place to fill. This department contains two general divisions. One division provides accommodation for exhibits of ordinary farm seeds, which has not received any particular attention apart from what any up-to-date, intelligent grower | factured by chemistry were not diawould aim to give. The other division provides for the exhibition of "specially selected seed, which has been grown and selected according to the regulations of This latter exhibition is designed chiefly to give publicity to the work which the as diamonds. They melted at 200 devarious growers are doing by way of ap- grees, that is, in the flame of a candle. plying improved methods of seed-growing.



The prizes in this division are given by the Association, while those for the first division are provided out of the general funds at the disposal of the Fair Board. This year a number of special prizes, each valued at about \$100, are of-

fered, as follows, viz.: The Hodson Cup-A handsome silver cup offered by Mr. F. W. Hodson, ex-Live Stock Commissioner, Temple building, Toronto, to the member of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association making the most creditable showing of selected seed for the whole exhibitions. This cup will not become the permanent property of any grower until won by him three

The Klinck Cup-Given by Prof. L. S. Klinck, Macdonald College, St. Annes, Que., for the best 25 ears of Dent corn, any variety, grown in Ontario in 1907 under the rules of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association. This beautiful sterling silver cup was especially designed by Johnson Brothers, of Montreal. Its lines, while simple, are particularly pleasing, and render the cup graceful and substantial in appearance. The hand-chased stalks, leaves and cars represented are a work of art, and combine with their artistic qualities an unusual fidelity to the subject. The cost was \$140. This trophy will not become the permanent property of any grower

until won by him three times. The Bate Cup-For the best 25 ears of Flint Corn, any variety, grown in Ontario according to the rules of the Canadian Seed Growers' Association, Mr. T. C. Bate, of H. N, Bate & Co., Ottawa, will give a cup annually until three cups have been won by the same grower, when such grower will receive, without fur-Branch of the Dairy and Cold Stor- ther competition, a beautiful trophy as Fortunately blindness is decreasing, a grand sweepstakes prize.

The Steele, Briggs Trophy-A trophy Briggs Seed Co., Toronto, for the best bushel of alsike clover seed of highest Government standard in respect to purity and germination, grown by the ex-

The above trophy will not become the permanent property of any grower until won by him three times . Between ex- to be failures. hibitions each trophy may be held by the last winner until permanently won. The donaters of these valuable trophies deserve a great deal of credit for the interest they have taken in the work and for the public spirit they have shown, and it is to be hoped that the

lowed by others equally interested in Session on Seeds-On Dec. 11, beginthe problems of crop raising and of successful seed growing will be held in the lecture room of the Fair building. The programme is as follows: Wednesday, Dec. 11, a. m., Seeds-Address, "The Improvement of Ontario's Best Pasture Crops," by C. A. Zavitz, B. S. A., pro-Guelph, Address, "Advantages of the Special Seed Plot as a Source of Seed," by John McCallum, Shakespeare. Addresss, "Hill Selection of Seed Potatoes, by T. G. Raynor, B. S. A., Ontario Re-

Brains and Bedslats.

(From the Chicago Inter-Ocean, Nov. 21.) It is impossible to enumerate all the are running around just now with their mouths open, but here are a few of

The man who regards it as "only a flurry in Wall street." The man who asks: "Do you think we're going to have a panic?" The man who says that "it has cleared the atmosphere.' The man who says "it's looking better'

since those "crooked banks" shut up. The man who argues that those "New York swindlers" ruined themselves to "get even with Roosevelt." The man who is sure that "Morgan

Rockefeller and Harriman just did it to

scare Teddy." The man who suspects a "bank conspiracy" to hoard currency and "squeeze up all," while "they buy cheap stocks with our money. The man with the amethyst ring and

nickel-headed cane who announces every-

"he's got the Wall street gamblers go-The man who proclaims that "it helps the situation" to "smash the rotten banks," and that "Teddy's got the fin-

ance villains on the run. The man who borrows \$10 and then tells you "it'll be all right in a few days. because there's just as much money in was sentenced to two months' imprisonthe country as there ever was." The man who sits at the pie counter and tells everybody that it is a "good

thing" to "smash every bank in the country," and save the "common people" from "slavery" to the "money jower." The man who says "it had to come anyhow," we "ere going too fast"; "Roosevelt is the greatest President we ever had," and "ought to have a third The losses that arise from sowing term" or "as many more as he wante." Perhaps these men have brains, but

they sound as if they had only predigested bedslats under their hair.

The Lord only knows.

Chemistry and Diamonds It has already been established that the diamonds said to have been manumends at all. Two members of the committee deputed by the Academy of Science to subject the crystals to a searching test agree in this. They were brilthe Canadian Seed Growers' Association. | liant and sparkling, but could not, either mircralogically or chemically, be classed One of the examiners thinks the material may have been naphthaline.

> Nature's Fairy Work. The largest and most beautiful of the is said, just been discovered while blasting a calcareous quarry near Aattendorn, in Westphalia. There is a magnificent hall hung with the most beautiful and delicate stalacite curtains as white as snow, and in parts not even a centimetre thick, some of them shining with all the colors of the rainbow. The stalagmites

> maculate whiteness. Britain's Lord Chancellor, Lord Loreburn, is now in Canada. This is the fire occasion on which a Lord Chancellor had

left the United Kingdom.

are also very beautiful. The "side chap-

els," niches and choirs number from fifty

to sixty, and they are nearly all of im-

lot for a very good story.

----Prices of meats have fallen in Chiago, out there is no visible decline in the consumer's bills here yet.

---The Czar will remain the autocrat of Russia. And, of course, constitutional government must be a sham.

----Florence Nightingale has been decorated by King Edward with the insignia of the Order of Merit. And she is worthy

The New York Herald urges the Washingtor Government to establish Government savings banks. Canada can give Uncle Sam some hints on banking ---

In the year ended June 30, 1907, there

were 7,432 derailments on railroads in the United States, resulting in the death of 515 persons and the injury of 6,695. Something like a battle record, isn't it. . ---There are 6,200 blind persons in New York State, and 2,300 in the city alone.

owing to the greater care taken with infants by physicians and nurses. This promises to be a hard season for the actors, about 3,600 of whom are out of engagements in New York city. It is also said that 80 per cent, of the new

plays attempted this season have proved The New York Journal of Commerce tabulated list of 178,800 employees of industrial, mercantile and other concerns ismissed since the financial stringency

The Grand Trunk Pacific will build brough the Yellow Head Pass, and folby the Nechaco and Buikeley Valleys. The region is rich in coal and the railway will open a vast agricultural and

A recent rear-end collision, thought to be due to the sudden death of a motorman on duty, has caused much discussion in New York, and the proposal is made to have two motormen on duty at all times. And three motormen would still further secure safety-if they didn't talk polities or religion.

Uncle Sam has spent \$48,285,110 or the Panama Canal since he took hold of it, and the appropriations amount to nearly \$80,000,000. Then \$50,000,000 was paid for the French company's rights. It will farnish excuse for high taxation for some time to come.

A good many of the industrial conobliged to close by the money stringency of the late autumn are opening up again. That will have a good effect on business generally. Canadian business is in a sounder condition, and the movement of grain will speedily relieve the situation here. It is a time for cheerfulness and caution, but confidence is unshaken

Boston is making it unpleasant for the automobile scorehers. Since September 1st there have been 229 prosecutions for violations of the motor laws, and in all except four cases-and 11 continued to other terms of court-there have been convictions. The fines range from \$15 to \$30, and in one case the defendant ment for operating an automobile while drunk. During the last six months there have been 737 prosecutions in Boston, and the fines imposed have amounted to

Uncle Sam's army causes him worry. The Secretary of War finds it hard to get native recruits. He says the pay doesn't attract them, and discipline and restrictions on their personal liberty lead How have they lived all these years in to numerous desertions. He says: "If a great city without being run over by present conditions continue, there will be nothing for the Government to do but to meet the competition of private employers by materially increasing the soldier's pay, or to evade the competition altogether by a resort to conscription." The native American is not enamorel of beliday soldiering.

The total immigration into the United States for the ten months of this year is 1,029,168, breaking all previous records. On the other hand, the statistics for August last (the latest official date) show that 22,266 immigrants returned home in that month. Of this number S .-886 returned to Italy, 4.711 to Austria, underground caves of Germany has, it 2.867 to liungary and the remainder to other countries of Europe whence they came. Since then a large number of foreigners have left the United States. amounting to several hundreds of thousands. The shutting down of mines and factories have driven them away. From Canada many such visitors have also departed. The approach of winter, the close of outdoor labor and other causes have sent them across the Atlantic, Numbers of them will return next spring-Italians especially, but not a few will no doubt remain at home for good, not meeting with much success in this new land,