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# QUEEN VICTORIA GAVE CHARTER

## OLDEST AND LARGEST SHIPPING COMBINE.

### Has Played Prominent Part in British Shipping History for 87 Years.

The acquisition of the White Star Line by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Company has centered the attention of the entire shipping world on this historic British shipping company which, in addition to having received a charter from Queen Victoria, asserts it is the oldest and largest shipping combine in the world.

With eighty-seven years of steamship operation to its credit, the Royal Mail, starting with a small fleet of fourteen paddle-wheel steamships equipped with sails, has grown until today its flags are familiar to important trade lines.

#### History of Firm Romantic.

The history of the company is one of the romances of shipping. It started the first regular service between Great Britain and the West Indies and operated the first trans-Atlantic mail line to be fitted with a screw propeller.

In 1845 the Royal Mail started a mail and canoe service across the Isthmus of Panama, thus opening a route via Colon to San Francisco and west coast points of South America. Many California gold seekers traveled by this route. This service finally proved inadequate, and the Panama Railroad Company, with considerable financial help from the Royal Mail, ran a rail line across the isthmus. This was completed in 1855.

#### Started in West India Trade.

Originally confined to the West India service with its first extensions in the field of American travel, the company has since extended its regular lines and pleasure cruises to all parts of the globe. Last year the combined vessels of the company traveled more than 12,350,000 miles, making 57,576 voyages in ports in all parts of the world. The number of passengers carried was 1,170,000 and the cargo transported exceeded 12,000,000 tons. The average daily number of men employed on ships was 28,400 and the shore staffs exceeded 20,000 men.

Particular interest is attached to the introduction of the company's new motor liner "Aurora" into the cruising fleet. This 22,000-ton passenger vessel is in service between England and South America and will sail from New York in January on the second great African cruise.

An idea of the present size of the Royal Mail is shown by the number of steamship companies which it controls. They follow: Pacific Steam Navigation Company, Nelson Steam Navigation Company, Ltd.; Nelson Line, Ltd.; R.M.S.P. Messageries, Ltd., and MacAndrews & Co., Ltd.

#### Interested in Many Lines.

The company also has a large interest in the following lines: Union-Castle, Elder, Dempster, Lamport & Holt, the Argentine Navigation Company, African Steamship Company, Belfast Steamship Company, British & Irish Steam Packet Company, Burns & Laird Lines, Coast Lines, David McAlister & Co., British and African Steam Navigation Company, Elder Line, Imperial Direct Line, James Moss & Co., Moss Steamship Company, John Hall & Co., Bullard, King & Co., and a number of other concerns.

The present size of the company's combined fleets is more than 2,205,000 gross tons. The acquisition of the White Star Line on January 1 will increase this by approximately 600,000 gross tons, and will bring to the line three spectacular ships, the Majestic, Olympic and Homeric. The Majestic, measured by the British scale, is classed as the world's largest passenger liner.

#### In Doubt.

I could give myself to you  
And every tree quiver  
Beholding the love I bring you.  
Love that aches the giver.

I could give myself to you  
And offer but my mind,  
Still we could find happiness  
Carefully designed.

I will bring you nothing now—  
While I am in doubt;  
In a state of soul like this  
Life must do without.

#### Nature's Reserve.

When Nature tries her finest touch,  
Weaving her vernal wreath,  
Mark ye, how close she veils her  
face,  
Not to be traced by sight or sound,  
Nor softened by tender breath?

Who ever saw the earliest rose  
First open her sweet breast?  
Or, when the summer sun goes down  
Light up her gleaming crest?

Mother was making vegetable soup.  
Little Billy asked: "Mother, what do  
you make soup out of?" "Dearie, I  
can't explain all the details." At din-  
ner, Billy asked: "Mother, what kind  
of tails did you make this soup out  
of?"

# THE TONIC THAT GIVES STRENGTH

## After Acute Diseases the Blood Must be Built Up Before Recovery is Complete.

Fever and other acute diseases like pneumonia and influenza, leave the patient weak, with thin blood and unstrung nerves. The period of convalescence is often long and trying, and years of poor health have frequently followed so brief an illness as an attack of influenza or pneumonia.

Much of this sort of misery could be avoided by taking steps to build up the blood so that it can carry to the nerves and other tissues of the body the elements they need to restore their normal functional activities. To build up the blood and restore it to its rich, health-giving vigor, no other medicine can equal Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

From first to last it is their mission to improve the blood and thus restore good health and vigor. The value of these pills in conditions described above is shown by the statement of Mrs. Rebecca O'Brien, Pembroke, Ont., who says:—"In Nov. 1923, I was stricken with pneumonia, and at the time but little hope was held out for my recovery. However, with the best of care I was able to walk about after some months. But I did not recover my strength. The doctor told me I was anemic. My appetite was poor, I grew nervous and restless, I was deeply pale and practically gave up hope of ever being strong again. However, remembering that in my girlhood I had taken Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with decided success, I decided to try them again. By the time I had used two boxes there was no doubt the pills were helping me. Continuing their use I was soon able to attend to my household duties. I continued taking the pills, however, until I had used twelve boxes, by which time I was enjoying better health than at any time in the previous ten years. In gratitude for what the pills have done for me, I give this statement in the hope that it may point the way to health to some other weak, despondent woman."

You can get these pills from any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

#### Love in Vain.

To love in vain is one of life's tragedies. So often it brings a train of disastrous effects. Ambition is killed; sufferers become sour and embittered; life slumps into a joyless existence.

The poet Cowley wrote:  
"A mighty pain to love it is,  
And 'tis a pain that love to miss;  
But of all pain, the greatest pain  
It is to love, but love in vain."

Quite true, but why "love in vain"? To that the reply may be given that if a man loves a maid, and she cannot return his love, that's "love in vain," with none to blame. But wait a moment!

What would you say to anyone who bought a grand piano and then could not get it into the house? Or to someone who bought a hat without trying it on. Or to a skater who got a ducking because he failed first to test the ice?

#### Clarinet.

He held an ebony clarinet  
In white and tapering hands;  
His fingers delicately met  
The silver of the keys;  
His eyes beheld uncharted lands  
By undiscovered seas.

Above a brown and pointed beard  
His face was thin and sad;  
He had the look of one who feared  
Some vaguely dreadful thing;  
And all the while his notes were glad  
As swallows on the wing.

Jumpers as worn by naval sailors will in future have their Y-shaped openings altered in depth according to the total length of the garment; at present every jumper has an eleven-inch opening.

## FOR SALE

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#### Contentment.

Money and fame and health alone  
Are not enough for a man to own.  
For healthy men are heard to sigh  
And men of wealth go frowning by.  
And one with fame will play his part  
With a troubled mind and a heavy heart.  
If these three treasures no joy possess,  
How shall a man find happiness?

Health comes first in the famous three,  
But cripples can smile, as we all must  
see.  
Fame is sweet, as we all must own,  
But the happiest hearts are not widely  
known.

Money is good, when it's truly earned,  
But peace with fortune is not concerned.  
For the bravest and noblest souls we know  
Have little of silver and gold to show.

Yet there must be a way to the goal  
we seek.  
A path to peace for the strong and weak,  
And it must be open for all to fare,  
In spite of life's sorrows and days of care.

For those who have suffered the most  
the while,  
Look out on the world with the tender  
smile,  
And those who have little of wealth to  
boast  
Are often the ones that we love the  
most.

So I fancy the joy which men strive  
to win  
Is born of something which lies within,  
A strain of courage no care can break,  
A love for beauty no thief can take.  
For they are the happiest souls on  
earth  
Who gather the treasures of gentle  
worth,  
The pride of neighbors, the faith of  
friends,  
And a mind at peace when the sun  
descends.

#### Bermuda-Blue.

If turquoise-stone were fluid  
And if exquisite silence  
Dropped into the color  
of Bermuda's islands  
There would not be a droid  
And no Prospero's eye  
But that this were magic  
Would quickly recognize.

It is not the Bermothose  
But the ocean that is vexed;  
It is not only Shakespeare  
Has Ariel for text.  
Raleigh many times would please  
Sweet Will with stories  
Of these same Bermudas  
And their color-glories.

Lovely, the Bermudas;  
Beyond turkis,  
Sapphire and lazuli.  
They can tell what blue is.

## CHILDREN LIKE THEM

Baby's Own Tablets Are Effective and Easy to Give.

You do not have to coax and threaten to get the little ones to take Baby's Own Tablets. The ease with which they are given, as compared with liquid medicines, will appeal to every mother. None is spilled or wasted; you know just how big a dose has reached the little stomach. As a remedy for the ills of childhood arising from derangement of the stomach and bowels they are most satisfactory.

Mrs. Rose Vevers, Williamstown, Conn., says:—"I used Baby's Own Tablets in the Canadian Northwest and found them a wonderful medicine for children's troubles, especially indigestion and constipation. I have also given them to my children for simple fever and the restless accompanying teething and they always gave relief. I can recommend Baby's Own Tablets to all mothers."

Baby's Own Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 25 cents a box from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

#### "Actually!"

Recently one who had retired to the country, after a busy and crowded city life, wrote of his first experience of gardening. He had been particularly impressed by the friendliness of the birds. They had watched him with curiosity, perhaps, he said, thinking he was a novice at the business and wondering at his frequent spells of rest. "During one of these rests a robin actually came and perched himself on my knee." That was apparently the greatest surprise of all. "Actually!" The man for whose fellowship thousands of people would have been grateful, found unmeasured joy in a robin's friendly trust.

And trust is a lovely thing. It is not the least gift of a garden. It is a comradeship that can be cultivated. The birds will come and be our friends, if we invite them, and turn the crumbs from our table into songs.

A single pair of elephant tusks will make sufficient key for between thirty and forty pianos.

The mouth of a full-grown whale, when wide open, measures 12 feet by 18 feet.

Some inside stories don't deserve to get out.

# WOLF TOTEM POLE AT PRINCE RUPERT

This totem pole, which now stands at Prince Rupert, B.C., formerly belonged to a Nishga Chief, named Dauk, and stood in front of his lodge, at Gitlakdamix, on the Upper Naas River, in Northern British Columbia.

The carved figures seen on the top of the pole represent the principal actors in legends describing the origin of the family crest. The owner of the totem pole belonged to the "Wolf Clan."

The principal legend which explains how the wolf was adopted for the family crest is as follows: One day, long years ago, a great lava eruption took place, at Gitwands on the Upper Naas River. The molten mass pushed the waters of the river back across the valley to the mountain-side and formed a great lava plain, which extended from the head waters of the Kahllich to the canyon, at Gwinala. The fiery flow overwhelmed the village and fishing hamlets in its path, and the people fled to the surrounding hills. Among these fugitives was an Indian chief named Gum-lu-gidis, the ancestor of the owner of the pole. Gum-lu-gidis fled, with his family, to the highlands of the Skeena River where they camped. Night after night they had no rest, but were disturbed by weird sounds and voices accompanied by the beating of tom-toms. At length the Chief and some of his braves determined to set out and discover where the sounds came from. The legends describe how they found themselves in the abode of "Luluks", Spirits of the Dead, where they beheld many strange things. Escaping from these haunted regions, Gum-lu-gidis, overcome by fear, again took up his flight, this time across the Great Trail to the Skeena River, leaving the Naas, with its terrors, far behind. When the winter snows had melted and the ice had left the river, Gum-lu-gidis and his companions travelled down the Skeena River, in dugouts made from cottonwood trees, until they reached the island of Khern, now known as Kaien Island, on which Prince Rupert is situated. Not very long after they had settled at Khern, Gum-lu-gidis' rest was once more disturbed, this time by the nightly howls of wolves which seemed to be calling Gum-lu-gidis by his name. The old fear overcame him once more, for he thought the spirits of the lava had again found him out. After the howling had continued for two nights, the old Chief determined to meet his fate. Dressed in his ceremonial dancing robes, with face painted and his long hair tied in his knot, after the manner of the warriors of his tribe, he set out alone from the camp armed with his Chief's tomahawk, set with abalone shell. Following the direction from which the sounds proceeded, Gum-lu-gidis came face to face with a large white wolf. Raising his tomahawk prepared to defend himself he noticed the animal was in great pain and unaware of his approach, as it was trying in vain to dislodge a sharp piece of deer's bone which had pierced its jaw. Gum-lu-gidis said to the wolf: "Brother, do me no harm and I will remove the bone which otherwise will cause your death." After Gum-lu-gidis had removed the bone, the wolf became very friendly, and each time the Chief went out hunting, the white wolf killed a deer for him; thus supplying him and his family with food.

So, the legend states, Gum-lu-gidis adopted the white wolf for his "Ayooks" (crest) and in his ceremonial dances always wore a white wolf skin robe.

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# The Best Trick of the Week— The Coin Divination.

Place a number of coins in a hat, and ask that one coin be removed, marked, and passed around for identification. When this has been done request one person to hold it in his hand, and press his hand against his forehead, for a few seconds. Then the coin is put back in the hat with the others.

With your eyes blindfolded, and your head turned away, you may then reach in the hat, and bring out the chosen coin, mysteriously finding it from among the others!

#### Metaphor.

Solidity, indeed, becomes the pen  
Of him that writeth things divine to men:  
But must I needs want solidness, because  
By metaphors I speak? Were not  
God's laws,  
His Gospel-laws, in olden time held forth  
By types, shadows and metaphors?  
Yet loath  
Will any sober man be to find fault  
With them, lest he be found for to assault  
The highest wisdom!

Keep Minard's Liniment in the house.  
**If You Can See—**  
The good in another man's religion there is some good in yours.  
Your own faults are as easily as you see your neighbor's; you are an exception.

The way to improve matters you have a perfect right to express criticisms.  
A boy going to the devil without a shudder there's something wrong.  
A good book without wanting to read a while you're not educated.  
Some good in every person you are sure to enjoy life.  
Yourself as others see you it isn't going to increase your happiness.

#### Forest Values.

At the gates of the forest, the surprised man of the world is forced to leave his city estimates of great and small, wise and foolish. The knapsack of custom falls off his back with the first step he makes into these precincts. Here we find nature to be the circumstance which dwarfs every other circumstance, and judges like a god all men that come to her. We have crept out of our cloaks and crowded houses into the night and morning, and we see what majestic beauty daily wraps us in their bosom.

#### Vigilance Saves Lives.

When passing trucks or commercial vehicles watch out for possible children catching a ride.

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#### BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE

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#### Snow Helps Harvests

If you live in a town, it can be assumed that you don't like snow. It so soon becomes a nuisance. But in the country a winter without several good falls of snow would be a calamity to food growers.

Snow is a manure. It holds a large proportion of valuable carbonic acid and fertilizes the soil. A farmer, according to scientific lines, makes allowance for that when he dresses his land with artificial manures. It saves him money.

Further, germinated seeds which would be killed by severe frosts are quite safe when covered with snow. The latter acts in exactly the same way as a woollen blanket. Wool is warm because its millions of interstices hold warm air; snow is warm for the same reason.

Its slow percolation as it melts keeps the soil "open." And it kills—partly by suffocation and partly by poisoning—millions of insects harboring in the ground. It is curious, too, that although snow does not hurt wheat, it kills many varieties of weeds.

#### Minard's Liniment for Distemper.

M is the million things she gave me;  
O means that she's only growing old;  
T is for the tears she's shed to save me;  
H is for her heart of purest gold;  
E is for those eyes with lovelight shining;  
R means right, for right she'll always be.  
Put them all together they spell Mother,  
A word that means the world to me.

The average man can jump only about once the length of his body, but a lion can jump two or three times its length.

You can rely on  
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#### Converse.

To sit on the rocks, to muse o'er flood and fell,  
To slowly trace the forest's shady scene,  
Where things that own not man's dominion dwell,  
And mortal foot hath ne'er or rarely been;  
To climb the trackless mountains all unseen,  
With the wild flock that never needs a fold;  
Alone o'er steep and foaming falls to lean.

This is not solitude; 'tis but to hold  
Converse with nature's charms, and  
view her stores unroll'd."  
—Byron.

Goeth, studied the Persian language at the age of sixty-five.

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#### Cuticura Baths Best For Children

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