LD OF COMMERCE.

of interest to the Busy Business Man.

's visible supply of wheat r 6,300,000 bushels during k.

gs of the Grand Trunk more satisfactory, the in- e first week October be-

of wheat at Port Arthur lliam are steadily declin- w they are less than at ear ago. The figures are els as against 1,220,000 r ago.

of gold from Britain con- estimated that about $5,- he way to New York. Ow- vy decreases in bullion in and, some predict an ad- discount rate this week. Government report es- ield of wheat in the at 11.9 bushels per acre, with 13.7 bushels last otal production is plac- 000 bushels. The Amer- rist places the yield at hels as against 460,000,000 5.

s just been invented by nius which promises to idable rival to the pre- general use. The idea on is based on the plan aper and lighting at a in existence. The paper wax, stearine and sim- and burns with a light, odorless flame. Cut gths it is dipped into ax, like the common wax vention is regarded as s the wood used in the ches is constantly grow- e and costly.

er a more cheerful feel- in Montreal business ovement of merchandise er, though it can hard- sk, and some houses re- oming in a little better, ement in this respect is These shipments last vy, over 100,000 boxes, kely to continue so for four or five weeks of r; the market in this s butter, shows steadi- groceries there is a distribution; sugars are eaker, teas show a ten- ce, especially Ceylons e Aylona, the first di- ner, has arrived with currants and Valencia of which lines there rather excited market. le sorting business is n country dry goods eral run of city retail- some dulness, and there the fact that business re centralized in the tal stores, to the de- tailer of moderate cali- ey of the hide market wards, and dealers are more for green hides, so higher. Leather men dvance of a cent in sole or splits firmer figures Wool remains rather d hardware are mov- in moderate lots; quo- da plates are put up In the paint line nly at last week's rise, s again stronger. Some ctions are reported in rger receipts. In the here has been no re-

ction at Toronto is ap- change. The steady of grain tend to create which, however, is off- n in trade and the fin- ment of a large wool- failure following so t of a large millinery ally a bad effect and uspicious. Both these ributed to the under- and the difficulty of ns. Their misfortunes d to the large depart- de carried on in this ness on the "cash" ny advantages. One of s, and wholesale deal- financial backing can- mpete and keep afloat. ate trade in spring ardware and grocery fair trade. Sugars are h prices of hides ought demand for leather. e manufacturers are in stocks. The opin- hat there is no good mness of hides, and tter is one of the pro- is higher in sympathy ight rollers selling nt at $3.45 to $3.55. e is unchanged. Prime is discounted at 6 to nd call loans on good are obtainable at 5 tion on the Stock Ex- The bulk of the deal- ing stocks. The Bank nt rate is unchanged hereas as advance was

LING PILLAR.

St. Nicaise, in the city rounded with pillars, ays perceptibly with e of the bells of the bell is rung it causes ar to sway to the ex- nches on each side, al- the pillar is immov- es are so firmly ce- like a solid piece of gh each of the four is about the same dis- rembling pillar, only any effect on it, the rs either singly or all ing it to tremble in a board was placed ng two glasses of wa- was rung, at the bell the two glasses Curiously enough, g pillar that former- t became immovable, go the present trem- ne the eccentric one.

CHINESE HIGHBINDERS.

DANGEROUS BAND OF CHINAMEN IN AMERICAN CITIES.

Societies Organized to Murder, Steal, Abduct Women, Protect Criminals and Commit Other Crimes—Can Communicate With Each Other By Signs and Tokens.

Quite as deadly as the Italian Mafia, and even more thoroughly organized, are the secret Chinese societies, which have a firm footing among the celestials in the United States, and are generally known as "Highbinders."

In California, of course, these oath-bound, tyranically ruled organizations are more numerous and more far-reaching in their work of assassination and general promotion of vice and corruption than they are elsewhere, for the obvious reason that Chinamen are more plentiful on the Pacific coast than elsewhere.

Yet they have a firm foot-hold in all the cities, notably in New York, as well as in Chicago, St. Louis, Philadelphia and Boston.

HIGHBINDERS AND THE MAFIA.

Like the Italian social clubs for the promotion of murder and perjury, the Chinese societies had their original beginning in politics. In China the present organizations from which all the others are branches and ramifications, are known as the Triad Society. Thousands of worthies who, from the time of the Tai Ping rebellion were members of this group of conspirators and active in efforts to depose the present Chinese dynasty, were obliged to fly for their lives when our late guest, Li Hung Chang, suppressed that formidable outbreak.

The majority of them came to America—to San Francisco—and organized themselves into branches of the home societies. The objects, however, changed with the changed surroundings. Instead of conspiring to overthrow things politically, the Chinese societies simply became permanent Juntas for the exploitations of debauchery, judicial corruption and assassination.

The proverbial ingenuity and bland "slickness" of the Chinaman were displayed with redoubled effectiveness in these bands, where the most atrocious crimes were the game and where death was the reward of failure. Their skill in perjury and in bringing a crowd of witnesses to the relief of any one of their members caught in the toils of the law is masterly. They are adepts in the art of assassination, as well as in the concealment of the weapons with which their deadly, lightning-like blows are struck. The fact that one group of these wretches are known among themselves as "hatchet boys" is sufficiently suggestive of their method of work, but still another favorite weapon with them is what apparently is a handsome, highly ornamental closed fan, but which in reality is a formidable bar of iron, one blow from which delivered with a firm, strong hand will crush in the hardest skull.

SECRET SIGNS AND TOKENS.

Equally ingenious are the code of secret signals with which members of the murder societies silently communicate with each other, even when seated at wide distances apart and in crowded rooms or restaurants. The manner in which they handle their cups, the way they place them or the teapots upon the table all have their significance. Thus the members of the Yee Hing or Chu Kung societies may be known by the way they raise their tea cups to their lips, while a certain twist of the queue is an infallible sign of a Yee Hing.

The Yee Hing, by the way, is the principal society in New York, as well as in Boston, Philadelphia and other Eastern cities. In San Francisco the Chu Kung Tong is the chief society, having various offshoots and groups, each making a specialty of some particular line of villainy.

The member of one of these societies completely becomes its slave. He must blindly murder or blind or slash any one whom the society selects for its vengeance, and disobedience of bearing testimony, other than perjured testimony to the innocence of an accused member, is as certain to bring death, even though the marked man fly to the ends of the earth, as it is with the Mafia.

Sometimes for mild offenses members are merely accused of some crime and "railroaded" to prison on perjured testimony, and sometimes they are merely hounded out of every occupation they get. But in one way or another the vengeance of the Tong is sure to be felt and is a constant object of terror both to Chinamen who are members, as well as to those who are not.

THE WOMAN SLAVE TRADE.

One of the leading industries of the secret societies is the importation and sale of women slaves, a trafic which is carried on not only in San Francisco, but doubtless in New York, but so secretly as to be beyond police detection, although so far as that is concerned the Chinese Highbinder knows the pantata's weakness for cash and "Christmas presents" as well as do any of the proprietors of shady resorts in New York's tenderloin district.

These traders in women do not by any means take the trouble and risk of importing their wares. In fact, the stealing of Chinese women from one Chinaman and selling her to another is a leading feature of Highbinder commercial activity. But it is woe to the slave who undertakes to escape. Against her the whole machinery of Highbinderdom is brought to bear, the usual method being an accusation of theft or other crime, supported by a dozen or more perjured witnesses, the persecution keeping up until the slave voluntarily goes back to end her troubles or until some one of the several Christian societies familiar with Chinese ways that are dark comes to her rescue.

CONTINUAL.

She married him because she sympathized with his condition, didn't she?

Yes.

How is she getting on?

I understand that she has been deeply touched ever since.

HER DEAREST FRIEND.

He—Does your friend, Miss Rival, entertain much?

She—No, but she bores more guests than any other young lady in our set.

SUFFERING ON THE BANKS.

Starving Fishermen Who Slaked Their Thirst With Chunks From Icebergs.

Some horrible experiences have lately occurred to American fishermen in the Gulf of St. Lawrence and upon the Banks of Newfoundland. Some of these stories have been brought to Quebec by Captains who have rescued the perishing men. The fishermen usually belong to New England ports, but some are from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Thomas Collins and Thomas Stanley of the Gloucester vessel Henry M. Stanley were out for six nights and seven days without food, having missed their vessel in a fog on Funk's Bank, near Newfoundland. They saw no sail during all this time, but finally landed at Cape Fogo Island, weak for want of food, and only able to crawl to the nearest habitation. All the provisions in their dory when they left the Stanley were two buns and half a gallon of water. By chopping chunks of ice from bergs they supplied themselves with fresh water, and this was all that kept them alive. Collins suffered much from swollen feet. One day, during a gale, he was washed into the sea, but managed to swim back to the boat. Stanley wanted to satisfy his hunger by eating raw fish, but Collins would not allow him to do so.

Gus Hibert and Andrew Ross of the schooner Norma were out for six days in a similar plight. They ate nothing but seaweed during this period and all the water they drank was one quart they took into the dory when leaving the schooner. They were finally picked up by a French fishing vessel and landed at Catalene. John Lott and Charles Olsen of the schooner Gladstone lost their vessel on Funk's Bank, and were not picked up until five days had elapsed. Their food supply consisted of two pieces of dry bread and half a gallon of water. After being without water for two days they renewed their supply by securing ice from large bergs and melting it in a bucket. They were picked up by the Norwegian brigantine Lizzie, which landed them on the Newfoundland coast.

Surprise is expressed that the American fishermen do not form themselves into an association for purposes of protection. At present they are obliged to leave their vessel in a small, frail dory for trawls, which may be situated five or six miles away from where their vessel anchored, without having supplies to sustain life in their dory in case of emergency. They are not provided with even a pocket compass to enable them to find their vessel. Shipping men say that the fishermen are themselves to blame, because they should refuse to leave their vessel unless a supply of water and food were given them for use in case of accident. They also express the opinion that the United States Government should enact a regulation compelling the proper victualling of dories before they leave United States schooners for trawling grounds, and that under a severe penalty. This course would doubtless save many lives and prevent much suffering.

HAND-SEWING.

It is a curious and pretty reversion to the customs of our grandmothers that assails the woman of to-day.

Not only do we find knitting usurping a place long occupied by lace and embroidery, but what generally goes under the name of plain needlework is now taking its place alongside the fine arts. Machine sewing is no longer to be thought of in connection with lingerie. Indeed, it is quite impossible for the silk garments so much affected by the smarter women of to-day.

After so long a lapse of plain needlework into desuetude, some extra stimulus was necessary to bring women back into the good old ways; and one of those clever women who foresee the signs of the times grasped the situation and started classes in sewing, thus inaugurating the fashion. The prices demanded for these lessons are on a level with those paid for music, dancing, painting or any other art, $1.50 for a half hour's private lesson being the least that is paid.

Classes for teaching sewing as a fine art to the little daughters of the fashionable set are also in vogue.

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A VICTIM OF SCIATICA.

Unable to Work Though Strong and Willing.

The Sufferings of a Well Known Guelph Citizen—Could Not Move About With out the Aid of a Stick—Again as Strong and Healthy as Ever.

From the Guelph Mercury.

There is perhaps no business or occupation that any man could follow that is more trying to the health—particularly in the winter—then that of moulding. A workman leaves the shop with his clothing wringing wet from perspiration, and a cold wind chills him to the marrow, making him a ready mark for lumbago, sciatica and kindred troubles. A moulder requires to be a man of more than ordinary strength, and to continue at his work must always be in good health, for the moulding shop is no place for an invalid. Sciatica is by no means an uncommon affliction for men of this craft, and once the dread disease has lanced a victim he seldom shakes himself free from it again. In fact some people declare that it is incurable, but that it is not we are able to testify by a personal interview with one once afflicted with the trouble, but who is now in perfect health, thanks to his timely use of the famous remedy. There are few workmen better known in Guelph than Chas. W. Waldren, perhaps better known as "Charley Waldren," for he has lived in Guelph almost continuously since he was three years of age, and he has now passed the 38th mile post. Mr. Waldren is a moulder, and has worked at that business for 22 years; and besides being noted as a steady workman, he is a man whose veracity is unquestioned. It is a well known fact here that Mr. Waldren had to quit work in January, 1896, on account of a severe attack of sciatica, and for eleven weeks was unable to do a tap. Knowing that he was again at work a Mercury reporter called at his residence one evening to learn the exact facts of the case. Mr. Waldren, when spoken to on the subject, replied quite freely, and had no hesitation in crediting Dr. Williams' Pink Pills with his remarkable recovery. "I am not one of those people who are seeking newspaper notoriety" said Mr. Waldren, "neither have I been snatched from death's door, but from the day when I quit work, until March 30th, when I started again, I was confined to the house with sciatica. It located in my hip and would shoot down my leg to my foot and was very painful. I could not move about the house without the aid of a cane, and then only with great pain. I was totally useless as far as doing my work was concerned, was never free from pain, and it made me feel very much depressed, for beyond that I felt strong and anxious to be about. I am a member of three benefit societies, from which I drew pay, viz.: The Three Links, The Iron Moulders' Association, and the Raymond Benefit Society. People came to see me, and of course everybody recommended a sure cure. I didn't try half of them. It was not possible, but I tried a great many—particularly remedies that I had been in the habit of using for lumbago—but I found no relief. I tried Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. After using two boxes I noticed an improvement, and I kept on using them. When I had used six boxes I was back at work again. I kept on until I had finished the 8th box, and I never felt better in my life.

"Have you noticed any recurrence of trouble since?" queried the reporter. "I have not," he replied, "suffered a single twinge since." Mr. Waldren has worked in all the moulding shops in the city, and was never in his life laid off sick as long as he was from the attack of sciatica. He hardly knew what it was to be sick, and is of that tough wiry nature that he can stand much greater physical strain than most people would imagine. Almost any person in the city can verify his story. Mr. Waldren said, as the reporter got up to leave, "I only hope some pood fellow who has suffered as I did may notice my case and get relief as I did."

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