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NEWS FROM AUSTRALIA.

THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE SUFFER MOST FRIGHTFUL HORRORS.

An Entire Colony Stricken - Bush Fires Drive Every Living Thing From Them - Homes Burn Everywhere.

Disaster and desolation beyond description have overtaken two colonies of Australia. Passengers arriving at Vancouver, B. C., by the Aorangia on Monday blooming in straw hats and blazers, tell a startling story of the terrible heat rays which are withering up a continent. At noon in Melbourne, Victoria, the sun focussed a withering ray on the city. Water in the wells sunk into the parched earth, streams dried up, and rivers visibly sank as in a falling tide. Hysterical women proclaimed the end of the world. Men, women, and children gasped for breath as they prayed to be delivered from a horrible end. The weakest were dying and did not see the dense, opaque vapour which, as the day waned, rolled in from the burning forests, and shut out the scorching sun.

Another evil was upon them. The air was thick and murky, alive with blinding cinders. Men would have suffocated or gone blind had they not shut themselves away from the overpowering influence of the mountain of smoke that settled over the city and blotted it out even from the sun's hateful light. But the darkness was worse than the light, and the air was harder to breathe.

Relief was soon to come, nature could do no more, but the trial by fire was not over. The elements must kill a few more. Only the strongest must survive.

Down from the sky above came a thunderbolt, then another, and another. Several buildings were wrecked, and as the people cautiously peeped from their houses, the stifling, overpowering smoke fumes were gone, and a blinding sheet of rain was falling from the black vapour that had lifted above them. They rushed into the rain and danced and shouted for joy. Nature had decided not to destroy Melbourne.

BRIEF RESPIRE FROM HEAT.

The darkest hour had passed, and after that rain the atmosphere was worth a million dollars a minute to those poor souls, and an hour's respite prepared them for the next period of suffering. The mortality was very large. Besides deaths from heat, 255 cases of typhoid fever broke out, with a large percentage of deaths.

In the country matters are much worse. Miles of farms are burned, and in New Zealand, as well as in Victoria, bush fires have blotted out whole townships. Settlers are flocking to the towns in hundreds and thousands, half-naked and terror-stricken.

A few actual experiences chronicled by the easy-going Sydney Mail and Australian Telegraph show more truth than fiction.

A Tasmania correspondent says flowering hedges, fields of grain, and typical Tasmania farmhouses are all gone, and in their places all is desolation. There is nothing more to burn.

A Wellington correspondent says bush fires are destroying everything from Hoonsville's Gully to Burnside over a magnificent farming country. The fire jumped from bush to farmhouses, 500 feet, defying the efforts of farmers to stay its course. The sun became eclipsed by the dense volumes of smoke. A Methodist camp meeting was overtaken by fire, and the people, mostly women, fled for their lives. Five minutes after the 500 tents were deserted they were in flames. The people ran for miles till they reached a sheep station, where all the women took refuge in a sod dairy, and poured milk on the roof all day long, as the fire raged around them. The men went on to town. The women were left behind. When rescued they had slipped their clothes off, dipped them in milk, and spread them on the roof. In the meantime thousands of homes were being licked up by the flames.

BLINDED WITH SMOKE.

Crowds continue to come into town, blinded with smoke, being badly burned. Half of those who reach the town fall into a dead faint from reaction, some never to rise, again. Many refused to leave their destroyed homes. One man sent his family to a place of safety, walked back to his burning house, and dropped at the door. The papers give a number of instances of heroic deeds, strangely interesting, and showing how heroes are made in an hour.

All the fish in the river are dead. Many cattle were killed by rushing at the advancing flames. The dense smoke has stopped shipping. A Melbourne correspondent says: "A bush fire in Gyppland, Victoria, have left a scene of inconceivable ruin."

"Heartrending reports of suffering come from all over the colony. Thousands are arriving in the towns, almost naked, and terribly blistered. The most awful experiences are from Poowong. All Poowong—north, south, and West, is gone. The flames came quickly, jumped like live, fiery furies from bush to bush, tree to tree, and house to house. The residents left all and fled to save their lives. In some cases flight was impossible. Hundreds of children were lowered into wells in tubs, and those who escaped drowning were saved from the fire. W. G. Pratt dragged his mother-in-law, aged 80, through three miles of bush and saved her. W. Treadwell, his wife, son, and daughter, got into a dam, and stayed there all night, up to their necks in water. When taken out they were water-bolled, as the fires had heated the water to boiling point. G. Pratt and two men covered themselves with wet sacks. They are alive, but all their clothes are gone. They are wandering about

badly burned and naked. Scores of families tell the same story.

"They raced with flames, but they dropped from exhaustion. When half-unconscious they would again be aroused by the advancing flames sweeping upon them with the noise of a dozen tornadoes, only to struggle on till reached by relief parties with horses. Thousands of people were rescued in burning buildings by a band of 500 heroes who organized to save lives. Jumbunna and Koumbuna are entirely annihilated, and in a score of other districts the scene of desolation affords description."

The last despatches state the flames are now under control. Ships cannot move in the smoke, and thousands of rockets are being sent up for ships that may be feeling their way through the dense smoke, half a mile high, that settled on the water. As the Aorangia left an attempt was made to enumerate the dead and missing in both colonies.

A Neighbor's Advice.

THE MEANS OF RESTORING A LITTLE GIRL TO HEALTH.

She Was Gradually Fading Away and Her Parents Doubted Her Recovery to Health.

From the Examiner, Charlottetown.

Perhaps the most remarkable cure that has ever been recorded is that of little Minnie Woodside, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Woodside, of Baltic, Mr. and Mrs. Woodside are members of the Princeton Presbyterian church, and are well and favorably known in the settlement where they reside. Mr. Woodside does an extensive business in oysters. A newspaper correspondent hearing of the remarkable recovery of this little girl called on Mr. Woodside and ascertained the exact facts of the case. The following is substantially the result of the interview:—"About a year ago last June I first noticed that my little daughter was not as bright as usual and that she complained at times of pains in her head and chest. Up to that time she had regularly attended school and was remarkably clever for a child of her age. She did nothing except attend school and although I never supposed it would do her much injury, I allowed her to study too sedulously. Thinking that she was only a little run down I kept her from school for a few weeks and expected that she would be all right again. By the end of that time I was badly disappointed in my expectations, her health was rapidly growing weaker and she lost flesh every day. I was alarmed about her condition when she complained of a soreness in her lungs and began to cough. I was just preparing to take her to a doctor when a neighbor called to see her and advised us to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. She assured me that Pink Pills had restored her own daughter to health after several doctors had failed to do her any good. I therefore resolved to give them a trial and purchased a couple of boxes that very day. I began giving my little daughter those pills being very careful to follow the directions. At the end of a month I noticed a decided improvement in her health and thus encouraged I continued using the pills three months more. Her health was quite restored by that time and she was able to attend school again. I regard my daughter's cure as almost marvellous and accord all the credit to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for little girls and boys of delicate constitutions no better remedy could possibly be prescribed. What was done for my little girl could certainly be done for other children."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure by going to the root of the disease. They renew and build up the blood, and strengthen the nerves, thus driving disease from the system. Avoid imitations by insisting that every box you purchase is enclosed in a wrapping bearing the full trade mark; Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

Flick—Call him a musician! Why, he doesn't know the difference between a nocturne and a symphony. Flick—You don't mean it! And they hurry to get away from one another. Each is terribly afraid that the other will ask, By the way, what is the difference?

The Twentieth Century

Enters upon the heritage of a remedy that is sure, safe and painless. Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor never fails, never causes pain nor the slightest discomfort.

Lady (in general store)—Have you any powder? New Clerk—Yes'm. What kind—gun, taking, or face?

Use Vapors of Quick-cure for Throat Troubles.

A certain Dr. Brown courted a lady unsuccessfully for many years, and drank her health every day. On being observed to omit the custom, a gentleman said: Come, Doctor, your old toast. Excuse me, he replied; as I can't make her Brown, I'll toast her no longer.

FROM FOREST TO FACTORY.

These are the words that grace the cover of the Hartford Rubber Works' complete bicycle tire catalogue for the season of '98, and which is the handsomest production of the kind that has reached our table in many a day. As a sample of mechanical skill it is superb, as a fountain of tire talk it will be found entertaining and interesting, and throws the proper sort of reflection upon the enterprising people who publish it. Address a post card to the Hartford Rubber Works, Limited, 9 Adelaide Street West, and they will mail you the catalogue free.

SOME ROYAL PRESENTS.

Queen Mary—popularly known as "Bloody Mary"—has not been pleasantly drawn, for us by history, but certain records of the time when she was a young princess, occupying the dangerous position of doubtful heir to the throne of England, indicate that she was not without human kindness. Mr. Richard Davey, in his history of Mary Tudor, quotes from the princess's "Privy Purse Expenses." Mary had been forbidden to call the Princess Elizabeth by any title, but it is pleasant to note that she refers to her affectionately as "my little sister."

She sends her brother, afterward Edward VI., a frock which she had embroidered for him, and gave her sister Elizabeth a crimson satin kirtle. Again, she sends a box with silver needle-work in it for her "Sister Elizabeth," and also worked a cap for her baby brother, and made his nurse, "Mother Jackson," a present of a bonnet and frontlets which cost twenty shillings.

Most singular amongst the gifts of the period, however, is that presented by Lady Lisle to Duke Philip of Bavaria, after the Duke had visited Lord Lisle at Calais.

"My lord," she writes to her spouse from Calais after Lisle and Duke Philip had set out for England, "I send you my toothpick. I thought to have given it to the duke whilst he was here, but it was not then at my hand. I send it to him because when he was here I did see him wear a pin to pick his teeth withal. And I pray you to show him that it has been mine these seven years."

A proprietorship in a toothpick of seven years' date would hardly be a recommendation nowadays.

DURHAM IS IN LINE

And Testifies to the Wonderful Efficacy of Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Hotel Clerk Bauman Tells of His Cure - The First Dose Gave Him Relief - Two Boxes Cured Him Entirely of His Kidney Disease.

Durham, Ont.—Everyone in Durham, and hundreds of people who visit the town periodically, know C. H. Bauman, the general clerk at the Knapp House. All will be surprised to hear that he has had a narrow escape, from a relentless enemy. Thanks to the assistance rendered by a good friend, however, he escaped safely. He tells the story in this style:—"I suffered for a long time with terribly severe backache, caused by Kidney Disease. It was with the most agonizing pain, that I could sit down, and the pain endured in getting up again was equally as severe. My life was being made miserable for these pains were present during the greater portion of the time.

"Other medicines having failed to help me I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills, and got relief from the first dose. Two boxes cured me completely, and I haven't been troubled since. There's no medicine like Dodd's Kidney Pills for any and all Kidney Diseases."

"Good Fortune knocks once at every man's door," says an old saw. Good Health knocks at your door every time you take the word "Dodd's Kidney Pills." You need not miss being healthy by neglecting to respond to the first summons. Take advantage of the next, if you have neglected the first.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are the one and only cure for Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Rheumatism, Lumbago, Heart Failure, Blood Impurities, Urinary Troubles, Diseases of Women, and all other Kidney Complaints.

Dodd's Kidney Pills are sold by all druggists at fifty cents a box, six boxes \$2.50, or will be sent on receipt of price, by The Dods Medicine Co., Limited, Toronto.

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Piles are simple in the beginning and easily cured. They can be cured even in the worst stages without pain or loss of blood, quickly, surely, and completely. There is only one remedy that will do it—"Trask's Magnetic Ointment."

It allays the inflammation immediately, heals the irritated surface, and, with continued treatment, reduces the swelling and puts the membranes in good, sound, healthy condition. The cure is thorough and permanent.

Here are some voluntary and unsolicited testimonials we have lately received:—

Judge Henry D. Barron, St. Croix Falls, says:—"I have suffered severely from piles, and found no remedy until I applied Trask's Magnetic Ointment." It relieved me at once, and permanently, to the present time."

Daniel John, of Liberty, says:—"My wife was afflicted with the piles for ten years or more, and have tried many eminent physicians, but received no benefit until was induced by your agent here, Dr. Beaver, to use "Trask's Magnetic Ointment," and I can now say she is entirely cured with three bottles."

C. L. Root, Monroeville, says:—"I have been using your 'Trask's Magnetic Ointment' for bleeding piles, and find it helps me more than anything else I have tried."

All druggists sell Trask's Magnetic Ointment. It is 25 and 40 cents for full-sized packages, and is put up only by Francis U. Kahle, 127 Bay Street, Toronto.

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Hood's Sarsaparilla

Hood's Pills are the favorite cathartic.

JUST THE OTHER WAY.

The man who had built up the new town and was showing a prospective settler about the place, pointed with pride to a pretty little church, just completed.

Do you belong to the church? asked the visitor.

I should say not, replied the head man of the burg, with an air of injured pride, the church belongs to me.

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First Gambler—After he quit cards he 'most starved.

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Persons suffering from Rheumatism, Salt Rheum, Piles, Tetter, Chills, Eczema, Skin Diseases, etc., who send a two cent stamp (for postage only) with name and address, we will send a free sample of Trask's Magnetic Ointment with a Ransom's Cook Book free. Francis U. Kahle, 127 Bay St., Toronto.

A CHEERFUL PROSPECT.

Old Grumps—If you want to marry my daughter, young man, you must first get your life insured in her favor."

Enamored Youth—Certainly, certainly, sir. Which company would you recommend?

Old Grumps—Well, I think it better be the Pay All Claims Company. They allow suicide.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, Lucas County.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & CO., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of CATARRH of the BLADDER cured by the use of HALL'S CATHARTIC CURE.

FRANK J. CHENEY, sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December A. D. 1898. A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

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TIMELY INFORMATION.

How do you keep that big clock wound? asked the rural visitor as he passed the government building with a chance acquaintance.

They have a winding stairway in the tower.

Vaporize Quickcure for Cold in the Head.

LAKE-SIDE LEVITY.

Officer, shouted an excited man to a Chicago policeman, those fellows in that saloon just stood me on my head and took away every cent I had!

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