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ally Thrust Upon the Lucky Ones. ick up fortunes out of a chance newsvertisement, and the inciden missed by the reader as growing out of the author's imagination. What writes Sidney H. Preston in The News of the World of London, England, should cause surprise is that not only have dropped out of sight, or for some reason fail to claim what is legally their own. Yet in some instances officials ing heirs, and fortunes of more or less

Only last week a tailor's cutter residing in Vienna received information through the American consulate that his uncle had died in America leaving him The uncle, it appears, emigrated to New York, where he bought forest land, and mine, from which accrued his fabu-

An old man, apparently povertyyear. The police, on taking charge of two trunks which, so far as was known, were all deceased man possessed, found enclosed securifies worth £80,000 and a bankbook showing a deposit of £17.000. There was also a will appointing an sister, who resided in Dunfermline, Scotland, and who was entirely ignorant of her brother's wealth. In 1888 & Sheffield joiner

Platts received news of a large fortun due to his wife. Many years ago M Platts' uncle left England and went California. There he invested his say ings in the purchase of land, which be came very valuable, for much of it was built on. He died without making tives were advertised for. Eventually some of them were found at Birken-head, and Mrs. Platt at Sheffield. The value of the estate was estimated at

A pleasant surprise in the shape a windfall befell Thomas McGuinness an old man who lived at a colliery in Durham a few years ago. 'McGuinness received a letter from a firm of Sundertheir New York agents, by which it appeared that he and his brother were ntitled to share in a sum of £1,00 The money was left by William Mc Guinness, their brother, who emigrated to New York, where he died abou twenty years ago. The testator left hi it was to be equally divided among his brothers. Edward McGuinness, who

Mr. Alexander Forbes of Aberder was bequeathed £500 and a magnifice medal for a life-saving act performe a long time since. While on a voyage from Australia to England. Forbe mped overboard and saved the life of a Mrs. MacIntosh. Mr. Forbes was traced by an advertisement in a news-

The mysterious disappearance, in 1888, of a journeyman printer at Versailles, who awoke one morning to learn that he was the happy possessor of million sterling, bequeathed to him by an old gentleman whose life he had saved many years before. was the subject ed that besides the legatee's relatives and acquaintances, there were many porrowed considerable sums of money, with on the subject, with the result that diligent search was made for the appearance of the lucky legatee, the some false friends to make away with

him after a festive supper. died last year at Astley, South Lancashire. Her husband, a small farmer and gardener, upon examining a jumber-room after her death, found close upon £1,100, mostly in sovereigns and half-sovereigns, which had been hidden there by his careful wife.

It was mentioned in the Lancashire ountry, were believed to be entitled to | tive enough to dress like ordinary peoan estate worth £7,000. The vice-chan- ple. cellor expressed his surprise that such windfalls were advertised in The London Gazette. He wondered how many tramps ever read The Gazette. James Russel, a machinist, in humbl

circumstances, at Vancouver, in 1899 fell heir to \$5,000,000, left him by a bachelor cousin. A London banker's advertisement was published in a Cana dian local paper announcing that £1, 000,000 was waiting for Russel and his wife, if they would communicate with the advertiser. Half-an-hour later, Rus- by the way, does the telegram say what sel appeared, in his working clothes, with the required marriage certificate and when the proof was apparently found correct. Mrs. Russel, overcome with joy, fainted, and Russel spent the day in celebrating the advent of pros-

A man named Bernard Reilly died reland in 1871, and, owing to the failin his will, and there being no known next of kin, over \$6,000 was escheated to the Crown, A lady claimant, Mrs. Crawley, appeared in 1882, but failed to prove her claim. Quite recently it was ant was alive on the date of Mr. Rellly's kin. The aunt died intestate and with-

ninistration. The Crown has anded her the money.

Canadian despatches received a year ago contained the intelligence that Mrs. Madden of Cote St. Paul, a subur! of Montreal, had received information from Australia to the effect that she and another sister were sole heiresse to an estate worth £300,000 left by their ncle, Mr. Michael Conlan, formerly non, Ireland, who recently died a Australia. Mrs. Madden, who is the wife of a stonemason, was formerly a Miss Conlan, and emigrated to Canada

In view of the fact that from time to time claimants appear to the Blythe state in America, it may be useful to cord the fact that this case was dis osed of by the American courts as fa ack as 1890. Mr. T. H. Blythe died in state in San Francisco in 1883, leavin operty worth \$4,000,000. One hundred and ninety-seven claimants sought thi prize, along twenty-two lines of de Among the number were the inglish families of Williams and Savage, and some Scotch gypsies, who traced Blythe's ancestry to Sir Walter Scott's Jean Gordon. The judgment of the courts awarded the bulk of the property to Miss Florence Blythe, who aimed the estate in the absence any will, as the sole recognized adopted child of the deceased. It was alleged that the Californian law, on sufficient evidence, allows such a claim,

even against the next of kin. James Crannis of Wymondham, Norfolk, late landlord of a village inn near Bury St. Edmunds, a few years ago was he was entitled to nearly £9,000 as next to New York. Mr. Reeve died in 1906 since which time the sollcitors had been

PASTE FOR ROYALTY.

Blazing Gems Themselves Are Really Stored in Vaults of King's Bankers.

jewels seldom knows that a large pro- tent at night, for his cooking is genportion of the blazing gems are merely erally done outside on the old-fashpaste, and that, although the Tower loned camp fire. Often he is alone be considered a safe enough but generally four or five band togetheality stored in the vaults of the King's | cook, pankers, their places being taken by leverly executed counterfeits in paste. nd some of the other stones are represented by proxy, though the famous ruby worn in his helmet by Henry when clous metal that may be found beneath he invaded France, and which now How far beneath an arduous and expenplazes in the centre of the Maltese sive search is frequently necessary to Cross in the crown made for Queen determine,

It was the early custom to provide an rnate but inexpensive crown for the Queen Consort, and, though these circlets blaze with jewels, none of them are real. When Victoria was to be crowned Queen Regnant it was realized paste, and a new crown was provided. or which stones were taken from the

badges of royalty, the entire display is f paste, and yet shows the original stones, even the Imperial crown never having boasted real jewels. Oddly enough, most of these

jewels attract more appreciative comment than the few crowns set with genuine stones, and the sightseer goes on his way rejoicing or envious, according to his temperament, although any fashionable jeweler's store will display

Intrinsically the entire display is not worth more than a quarter of a mil-

Some Irish Spirits. In The Monthly Review Lady Gregory belief in spirits shown by the inhabitants of islands of the Irish coast. These spirits seem to swarm, and are but rarely friendly to ordinary mortals, who, we are told, unlike the dwellers in "fariny of our agents before insuring your persons who took the deepest interest off barbarous England," are not trying to recover their belief in this cloud of Coleman, in which Cobalt is situated, windfall, the journeyman printer had witnesses, for they have never lost are limited to 20 acres each, and the touch with them-this is the way in which the spirits are referred to. And lenders were greatly exercised. The this is how the islanders account for by having to describe them in divided judicial authorities were communicated the origin of the mysterious people: "Fallen angels they are said to be. God threw a third part of them into hell missing man, but without success. Var- with Lucifer, and it was Michael who interceded for the rest. And then a third part were cast into the air, and a most popular being that the bank notes | third in the land and sea. And here and gold he carried about him tempted | they are all about us, thick as grass." The stories that Lady Gregory has collected about these failen angels are An elderly woman, named Grundy, most tantalizing. They never seem to lead anywhere, and the most promising break off when we long to know the end. What, we wonder, happened to the girl who died, but returned to the curate with her spirit-lover to be married? The curate performed the ceremony, but nothing further is recorded. As a rule, the spirits merely play impish tricks, Chancery Court recently that several such as stealing sticks, for they are children, supposed to be tramping the great fighters, and they are unimagina-

A Judicial Reproof. A counsel in the middle of his crossexamination was handed a telegram "Halloa!" he said as he read it. "Soand-so has won the Metropolitan stakes." "Mr. A---," said the judge severely, "it is very unseemly that in the course of solemn judicial proceedings, where a man's liberty and reputation are at stake, you should be talk ing of the winner of a horse race. Erwas second and third?"-Tatler.

The Workhouse Organ Notwithstanding that they have twice been told by the local Government soard that they consider the price excessive, the Edmonton Board of Guardians has resolved to pay £235 for an organ for the new workhouse chapel. A quantity of hymn-books are also be bought at half-a-crown each.

Queer Postal Address. A letter from Cornwall has just been delivered in High Wycombe (Bucks) with the simple address: "To the Saw-

"Not high price but high class," McConkey's "Puri,ty" a pound box for I ever saw, said a physician in Gib-60c. The only candy sold in Kingston son's Red Cross drug store on Thursthe choice of royalty. Sold at Gibson's day. Red Cross drug store. Roll butter 20c., finest potatoes.

SOMETHING ABOUT PROSPECTORS WHO HAUNT NORTH COUNTRY.

They Have a Hard Road to Travel New Ontario's Mining Country, and Gains Are Not Always Commensur ate With Work Done-How a Claim Is Located, Marked and Registered-Strict Regulations.

Until the coming into prominence of 15. Now, however, the name "prospector," is claimed by nearly nine out of

From the picturesque Lake Temagami to the breezy plateau of the height of land and beyond the prospector is blazing his trail. Having procured his license, for which he ontributes to the Provincial Treasury outfit, which generally consists of the tent, a sheet-iron folding stove, the in- | do. dispensable pork and beans, with flour, meal, sait, tea, coffee, and sugar. Portions of his ordinary attire are disin his right hand, complete his outfit. "Hitting the Trail."

He then immediately proceeds to "hi the trail," and, with the recklessness of "Rasselas, who tired of his happy valley and sighed for the free breezes of the hill tops," he keeps moving along. He invariably selects for hi camping place a locality where likely edges of rock abound, and as convenient as possible to a good supply The visitor to the Tower of London water. The light stove he carries is who is permitted to inspect the Crown more for the purpose of heating the

> He climbs the rocks and tears away with his prospector's pick at the moss and roots of trees in search of the cobalt bloom and calcite veins, which

> > Marking a Claim.

When he does happen to find an oreearing vein or deposit of valuable mineral in place, the procedure he must adopt is as follows: "To plant a discovery post of wood or iron, on which must be stamped, or written, the name of the licensee, number of license, with date of discovery." This must be done exactly on the outcropping or show of "ore or mineral in place within the boundaries of the claim" of twenty or by planting at each of the four corners a similar post in the following order: No. 1, at the northeast corner; No. 2, at the southeast corner; No. 3, at the southwest corner, and No. 4, at the wards the post which follows it, the order in which they are named." Should the nature of the location render the planting of a post impracticable, "such corner or corners, may be indicated by placing at the nearest suitable point a witness post, marked with the letter W. P., and indicating the bearing and distance of the site of the true corner post from such witness

Where there are standing trees they have to be clearly blazed and the boundary lines marked. Where there are no standing trees, pickets, or stakes, mounds of earth or rock two feet high have to be placed."

descriptions of the different portions parts, such as the N.-E. 1-2 of the southwest quarter of the north half of such a lot

Many of the same claims are staked three times over, and from such compli cations it would seem that an up-todate prospector would soon have to add both a surveyor and a lawyer to his

After his claim is properly located and staked the prospector has to direct his steps without delay for the office of the mining recorder, this office for the Temiskaming mining division being situated at Haileybury. Here he has to prepare a plan and make an affidavit of the location and the time. of discovery even to the very hour, and

for a fee of 25c the application is then registered. It has still to await inspection by the mining division inspector, who will determine whether or not it shall be passed as a mining claim, and unless there has been a genuine find of "valuable mineral in place" where the discovery post was planted, the location

will again be thrown open. Should the claim be passed the prospector secures an assay and a certificate of the same, Prospectors of All Classes. These northern prospectors seem to

be drawn from all classes and conditions of men. Your correspondent was in the postoffice at Haileybury to-day when a clerical gentleman came in. He was a Baptist minister and had just arrived from the Puritan State of Massachusetts. Even he had contracted the prospectors' fever, and apparently it had caught him good and hard, for he told me that he had hired three men to assist him in a prospecting tour in the vicinity of the end of the Steel and he said: "In a couple of days from to now you would not know me; for I shall be dressed out in entirely different togs."

Several lawyers and doctors have also joined the band of prospectors before, but they had been in the lane and among the latest recruits to the and when this new arrival failed to "pick and shovel brigade" is a well give the password she proceeded to death, and would have been the next of mill that cuts up large elm, High Wy. known vocalist from a Toronto it for him, piping out: "Old clo's, ol

That is the most sanitary fountain

WILL FOUND IN BRIDE'S GARTER

A will drawn by Jules Chambord sev-

Document Had Remained In Odd Hiding Place Seventy-Five Years.

enty years ago has been found in a garter worn by his bride, and subsequently used by three members of his family or descendants on their wedding days. The garter was made in France, and was worn several times before it came into the possession of Chambord. At the time Chambord was married, he owned a little property, which he agreed to leave to his wife in event of his death. It was known that he drew a will, but when he died, in 1831, the document could not be found, and the he Cobalt region, "prospector" was a property was equally divided between erm little known in Canada, at least in | the widow and two children, Henry and Ontario, writes H. R. H., in The Mail | Marguerite. The widow died two years and Empire, under date of Cobalt, May after her husband, and the daughter four years later. Henry married, and was the father of four children. Jules, ten of the people one meets up here in the oldest, married a woman named Laporte and settled in L'Anse du Foin, on the Saguenay River.

The issue of this marriage was six children, all of whom died except Henry. Smallpox was the cause. To Henry was handed down the garter, his mother on her death-bed telling him to prea fee of \$10, he gathers together his sent it to his bride-elect and enjoin her to wear it on her wedding day, as it following articles: A light canvas would bring luck. This he promised to

Henry eventually became engaged to carded for a sweater, long boots, and married gave the garter to her. In apslouch hat. A canvas sack, bound by pearance it looked much like a bracelet, a tote strap, is used for carrying sup- only wider than is commonly worn. It plies over his shoulder. A hand axe was made of a heavy silver band with and six-shooter fastened to his belt, a gold buckle, to which it was attached of kin to Robert Reeve, who left Wymondham in 1852, and who acquired in his right hand complete his outfit. it was noticed that the hinge had been sprung and the garter was sent to a Montreal jeweler to be repaired. It was the jeweler who discovered the will. In removing the platinum pin which held the buckle an inner rim of the garter slipped from its place and the document, a thin parchment, was disclosed. The writing was still legible, and the will carried out the promise of Jules Chambord to leave all his property to his wife. As nothing remains of the property, the will is, of course

HIS "WICKED BANISHMENT,

In Will, Late Charles Durand Refers to Events of 1837.

The will of the late Charles Durand, the veteran barrister, who died recently, has been proved in the Surrogate Court. Mr. Durand was arrested on suspicion in 1837, as a rebel, while riding from Toronto to Hamilton, and he refers to his banishment in his will, which is a lengthy document. In enumerating his possessions h

refers to the burial plots of his parents.

"I have a right in law and equity to a plot of land, as heir (sole heir) of my late father, James Durand, senior, who died on or about the 20th day of March, 1833, and was buried in the village of Ancaster, township of Ancaster, Went worth, over whose grave there is standing a stone square monument lettered. and which I dictated in 1833 and 1844. "And also a monument which my his wife, Kezia, my mother. and over this monument I have guarded and watched faithfully.

"My Wicked Banishment. "Since those dates, except about six years during my unjust and wicked banishment by the Upper Canada Family Compact, or Canadian Government under Sir Francis Bond Head and Sir George Arthur, wicked and unprincipled Governors. During their temporary rules I was unjustly compelled to leave my beloved Canada, but I have since June, 1844, against resumed my care and guardianship of this plot of burial land every year."

For Lount and Matthews. Mr. Durand collected the subscriptions for the monument to Lount, and

Matthews and delivered the oration at the unveiling of it. His estate is valued at \$11,000 and consists of cash \$7,000, furniture \$500, and 237 Huron street, worth \$3,700. His widow, Mrs. Mary Ann Durand, receives the entire estate.

She, her son, Charles F., and her daughter were appointed administrators, as deceased named no executors.

A Faded Glory.

The arrival of the Meteor on Sunday morning brought to the older residents vivid recollections of what was at one time the greatest event in the Liskeard year. Before the construction of the railway, the town and surrounding country was dependent entirely on the ice road down the lake in winter and on the boats in the summer for communication with the outside world, says The Temiskaming Herald. On the breaking up of the crystal floor and before the ice melted or drifted down the Ottawa, the country was walled in with a hundred miles of the wildest rock country. The first boat was a looked and longed for messenger. It brought word from friends and relatives at the front. It was stored with needed provisions, and, above all, it threw down the wilderness walls of the prison. When the smoke-belching courier hove in sight the whole populace flocked eagerly to the wharf. So great was the crowd that waved its welcome in answer to its saluting whistle that the dock did not afford sufficient standing room. On Sunday some eighteen or twenty persons watched in silence as the majestic Meteor stole quietly into port;

A Horrified Barrister. A well-known Toronto newspaper man has a daughter of the mature age of two years, who nevertheless is al ready developing her father's gift of observation and expression, says The News. Being somewhat new to this mundane sphere it is natural that her generalizations should at times he rather hasty and based on too narrow a range of observation. At times these awkward position. The other day she was being taken for a ride on a street car, when a well-known barrister of dignified appearance and carrying his barrister's blue bag, got on the Gentlemen carrying bags she had

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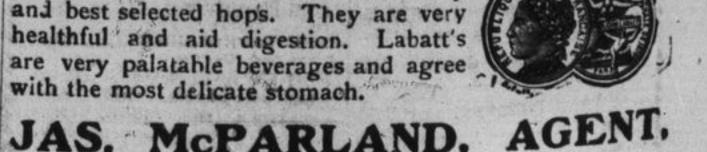
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