MEREDITH'S HOME HAS LONG BEEN PLEASURE RESORT.

Since Jane Austen's "Emma" Picnic Parties at One of England's Most Beautiful Spots Have Been ! Popular Amusement-It's Box Trees Are Famous Throughout the Country.

Che wonders when Box Hill first became a favored spot for pleasure parties. We associate so much of our ideas of travel and enjoyment with railways that it is natural to imagine that they must have been the first to popularize it, says Arthur Henry Anderson in The London Chronicle. If so, however, we should only get back to mid-Victorian days. or the South-Eastern line which passes the base of the Hill, was open ed in 1849, and that part of the London, Brighton and South Coas Railway line was only completed in 1867. But early novels show that our eighteenth century ancestor thought as much of al fresco parties as we do, and it is unlikely that se glorious a view point as Box Hil would be missed. There is, in fact direct evidence available, and for much longer than one might imagine Box Hill has been the resort of those on pleasure bent.

It is not every such delightful spothat gets immortalized in a novel True, Bath and Weymouth, Lym-Regis and Brighton, figure as sceneof galety in the early novels, bu they were well known. Box Hit. figures in but one of them, though in that it bulks largely. It is it as a waiter might offer a dish. Jane Austen's "Emma." This take: | some oversight it had not been loadas back a hundred years for visits to Box Hill to be a customary form of entertainment.

It is not, it must be confessed, a very happy precedent, since the party was a melancholy failure. Of all the long record of misunderstandings so skilfully worked out, in which Emma Woodhouse found herself in holding the clip in position with volved, the party to Box Hill proved his thumb just over the magazine no small part. "During the two All I had to do was to press it down whole hours that were spent upon is I took hold of the rifle close to the hill, there seemed a principle of the bolt and I was ready to fire. Th separation between the parties, too elephant was turning round and strong for any fine prospects, or any shot him in the brain, dropping him cold collation, or any cheerful Mr. | dead." Weston to restore."

But the excuse of the illustration s not that the party was dull, but that there was a party, and that this was a hundred years ago: "Emma' having been published in 1816, so that we get a very respectable an cestry for those outings which make of Box Hill a sort of outer and more refined Hampstead Heath.

But the essence of the illustration is not that the party was dull, but that there have chosen it, and Nel son would not have stayed-on his way to Portsmouth for Trafalgarin the romantic little inn, whose gardens open to the box-clad slopes and Keats would not have come to and on the dark sides of the mounthe same lun in 1817 for country calm to sustain, and natural beauty to inspire him during the labors of stream pours down in what the peo-"Endymion." These did not sudden. | ple call a "force" or "ghyll."

view. Those same box-trees are notable. They give the hill its name, which | bood. suggests that they are older than the tradition of their planting in the reign of Charles I., for though the yards wide, the rain-guage shows an tradition is specific in name and date and concerns a period almost within recollection, from its first appearance everything points to the famous grove, the finest in England. as indigenous, a native and characteristic growth. It is not likely that they. will ever-at the hands of the National Trust-be cleared again but in the past they have had a high value. They were sold-at the beginning of last century-for a figure which is variously given at \$50,000. \$60,000 and \$75,000 -and the precipice which they now cover as gleam ing dark velvet was then left white

as a cairn of bleaching stones. At about this time, too, Box Hill came into notoriety because of the eccentric burial of a certain Major Labelliere. Everyone knows that. man is buried deep in concrete in the tower on Leith Hill. There the tower to keep alive the story. But few who tread the soft turf of Box Hill imagine that this officer of Marines was hurled at his own choice -some say head downwards; others. in an erect posture, but at all events with the coffin placed perpendicular- so little-and is found out-he goes ly-under the summit of the hill.

centries. It is of Keats and Meredith we think. Keats came but for London Answers. a brief time to finish "Endymion. but even that short stay has linked his name for ever with Box Hill. Burford Bridge Hotel is altered since that day, but his room remains.

As for Meredith, for more than forty years, the years of his prime and his golden age, he lived in the modest cottage, separated only width of the road from the gentle grassy slope that formed his constant outlook. Roaming far wide over the hills he loved, he saw and marked, and treasured, the story of their beauties, and worked them all lovingly into his novels, as Diana of the Crossways," and into many of his poems. It is in "The Thrush in February" that we get the closest, most direct, of his poraiture of Box Hill and the view from his chalet study, but in "Love n the Valley"-most beautiful of vrice-we get again the hill, its trees, its valleys, and the winding. shadowed Mole, in a score of en-

trancing aspects and combinations. Box Hill as a public possession we now owe to the generosity of a sinele giver. Box Hill as a revelation which was then used for peasants of the beauty and poetery of nature we owe to George Meredith, and more and more as the years go by, is appreciation grows and reverence sepens, we shall come to regard it as his indestructible memorial.

Removal sale! White lawn blouses from 50c.; corset covers, from 25c.; middy blouses, 65c. Dutton's.

A Plunge Through a Tree and a Rifle Shot dust In Time.

Captain C. H. Stigand tells in his book, "Hunting the Elephant In Africa," of a narrow escape he had from a young bull elephant. The animal had charged the hunting party, with the usual result that the natives fled at their best speed. He dodged sharply from the path of the enemy and tripped over a fallen tree, dropping his rifle and just managing to seize it by the muzzle as the elephant war about to tread on it. He then dived headforemost into the branches of the fallen tree.

"I made frantic efforts to crawl through, but a stout branch resisted my progress, and of the same moment the galongwa pushed in after me and pushed me through the branches on the other side. Two drops of blood from his forehead fell on my shorts, one on the thigh and one on the knee. Instead of pushing me straight through in front of him. though, he kicked me sideways. The impetus he gave me bent aside the stubborn branch, and the next monent I found myself crawling out on hands and knees on one side of he tree, with a rifle still grasped by he muzzle, while the elephant war executing a dance and stamping or the ground the other side, five yards rom me, evidently thinking that was under his feet.

"I quickly changed my rifle round and discharged it into his stern. I was the last cartridge in the rifle. Having fired, the rifle was taken out of my hands, and I found Matola, who had counted the shots, standing beside me, serving me the second rifle ed, for I had given strict orders that gone of my men were ever to load or unload my rifles. Being a good soldier, Matola had not disobeyed this order, even under these extreme circumstances, but had gone the neares. o loading it he could.

"The breech was open, and he was

Rainiest Place In England.

The little village of Seathwaite in he famous lake region of England has the distinction of being the rainlest spot in that country. It is a place of gray stones and gray rain The roads are of loose gray stones and the fences that divide the pasture of bigger gray stones and the houses

are built of still larger gray stones. The mountains rise close about it-Scawfell, Great Gable, Glarmara, beloved by Wordsworth - and many more gray and misty giants. A little brook rattles among the stones. tains one may see here and there a milk-white streak, where some

ly discover and set the vogue for Box | But it is a singular fact that up on Hill. Its famous grove of box-trees | the mountainside, above the village, brought Evelyn there in 1655, and in Sty Head Pass (Sty is Cumbrian Defoe, as a faithful chronicler of for ladder and it is an appropriate England's beauties, had also to come | name), there is a little strip of to admire and to write about the ground that for some reason catches a positive deluge whenever rain is falling anywhere in the neighbor-

On that narrow ribbon of territory, only about 250 yards long by a few average rainfall of about 200 inches annually. Outside that little space there is an immediate drop of some fifty inches in the annual rainfall. Of course there is a reason, but it is not plain to the eye, or to the ex perience of the natives.

Penal Servitude For Life.

It is a popular error in England that penal servitude "for life" means in reality "for twenty years." Of course it is no such thing. Penal servitude for life means precisely what it says, neither more nor less. True, all life sentences are reconsidered at the end of twenty years, and if the convicts' conduct has been all that it ought to be during the whole of that long period he may be tentatively released on a ticket of leave But obviously that is a very different thing from letting him go free altogether. He is still a convict and will remain one to the end of his days. He has to report himself every month until death frees him, and if he swerves from the narrow path ever straight back to jail without even the But a truce to box-trees and ec- formality of a trial, to be released, as a general rule, never again .-

Old London Bookshops. Just within the gateway of Gray's Inn. London, is the greatest curiosity of the inn-the famous old bookshop of Jacob Touson, Pope's publisher, which is now the head porter's lodge. Here he published Addison's "Campaign." After him, Osborne, the book seller, whom Johnson immortalized knocking down, had the premises The shop is often confused with he one under the Holborn gateway. which is erroneously said to be the shop of Tonson. This was occupied by Tomes, the publisher of the first edition of Bacon's "Two Bookes of the Proficience and Advancement of

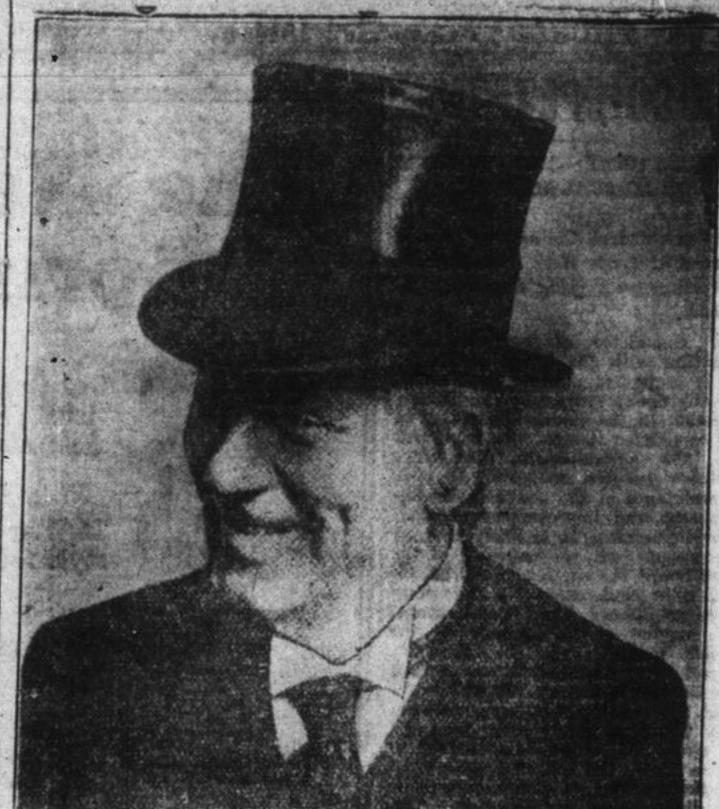
The Blankets.

In the reign of Edward III. there weavers in England whose family name was Blanket. They were the since been called by their name and

First Submarine Cable. The cable between Dover, Engand, and Calais, France, opened in 18.0, was the first submarine cable.

The private bank of F. C. Dale & good. Gilbert's stores.





ASQUITH AND H S ELECTION SMILE

Right Hon, Herbert H. Asquith Prime Minister of Great Britain is himself one of the best "stump" speakers in the Old Country. He is a ble to get and maintain the interest of his audience, even though it be very hostile. They do say it is largely on account of his broad smile, as seen in the picture. He will probably "try it on" with his constituents n cast Fife, to whom he is appealing at present.

Jennie looked so debonair That Tom kissed her then and there Without warning: Sought her lips and caught her cheek Moving by the left oblique, Caution scorning.

She was wary, he was bold And he would not be controlled, Fate defying. And he left her, knowing not If for good or ill he'd wrought, Fearing, sighing.

Hoping much, but fearing all, Tom requested leave to call On the morrow. And in very humble guise Offered his apologies, Fraught with sorrow.

Words, it seemed, would not suffice, So he kissed her once-yes, twice-Sin repeating. But, alas, her lips moved too! Now it happens sans ado

At each meeting. -Columbus Dispatch. Planning For the Future.



Elsie (aged five)-I do hope some Dutchman will marry me when

Aunt Mary-Why, my dear? Elsie-'Cause (I want to be a duchess.-Philadelphia Ledger.

Canceled Obligations. Little Everett was a member of the | Night. of the membership. He wore his badge, a small star, as if it were a policeman's insignia and was often heard reproving other boys and girls for cruel treatment of dogs and cats. One morning a woman of the neighborhood heard a commotion outside Everett's home and, going to the window, was surprised to find Everett in

the act of tormenting the cat. "Why, Everett," she called, "what are you doing to that poor cat? thought you belonged to the Band of Mercy society?"

"I did," replied the little boy, "but I lost my star."-Lippincott's.

One or the Other. A noted physician the other day was called upon to examine the heart action of a college classmate's son. "You've got tobacco heart, I guess,"

said the physician. "But, doctor, I haven't"- protested the young man. "Go 'way now; I'm busy."

Later on the father met the physician and told him that his boy hadn't smoked for four years. "Well, then," said the physician, "the boy must be in love."-New York Trib-

Dolly Up to Date. "What's the matter with the doll? asked the toy salesman. "It couldn't possibly interest my children," replied Mrs. Flimgilt. "It doesn't wear a slashed skirt."-Washington Star.

A Wise Precaution. "I see a kick coming on father's part about our engagement," said the "Then I'd better hoof it," said the

youth.-Exchange.

J. B. Tresidder, of the Montreal Star Publishing company, and known as one of the most prominent Freemasons in the dominion, died or Wednesday after a long and painful

White Rose flour put up in 7, 12, herring, whitefish, salmon, salt her-Reduced prices this week in fresh 49, 98 lb. packages at all grocers. ring, salt salmon, etc., all fresh and Robert Gibson McArthur, governor of Lambton county jail for twenwith a statement that it would pay Pembroke and rural dean, has been Removal sale! Boys' boots

by-five years is dead.

Company, Madoc, closed its doors Rev. W. Notten, M. A., rector of was asked by a delegation.

Pembroke and rural dean, has been Removal sale! Boys' boots appointed rector of Cornwall.

Less than cost, Dutton's.

The Color of His Coat. Professor Virchow was atmost as famous for his excessive bluntness of speech as for his very remarkable mental attainments. Often he spoke so unfeelingly to the students who sal under him in the lecture rooms that they have been known to leave his classes and not return. According to Berlin traditions, one of the professor's favorite replies to a wrong answer to

one of his questions was:

"Certainly not., Any cook would know better than that." On the other hand, he seemed to appreciate the spirit in some of his students which prompted them to answer him back in very much his own tone. Once when he was presiding in a very old and faded suit of clothes he turned suddenly upon a seemingly bashful man sitting near him and asked:

"Do your eyes tell you the truth? What color is this coat of mine?" Without an instant's hesitation the young man rose and said; "I presume it was once black. Now it is any color except white.'

That student was passed.

Even Preachers Do It.

This is the age of full-speed-aheadat-the-risk-of - breaking - your - neck. Speed is the thing. Fast trains, fast motor cars, quick lunches - the pace that kills! Anything to save time and energy! People indulge in phonetic spelling and chop off the last syllable of words. When Christmas approaches the inajority use the word 'Xmas," because /it is labor-saving | competed therewith. and can be written with more speed. But the abbreviation of the sacred name to the letter "X" has reached a new stage. Pecently the following subject of a sermon was noticed on a bulletin board in front of Rev. J. H. Pedley's church on Spadina avenue, Toronto: "Xtianity and Vot-

Obituary For a Dog.

The insertion by the Rev. 4J. Lyon, parish minister of Carmylie, Arbroath, Scotland, of this advertisement in a local paper has been the subject of some criticism:

"At the Manse of Carmylle, on the 10th inst., Argus, for many years the faithful, sagacious, sympathetic friend of the parish minister, who, by this lamentable demise, suffers an frreparable loss. 'Until the day break and the shadows flee away.' Canadian papers please copy.

Argus, it seems, was a favori

How to Glace Nuts.

Glace nuts are always great favorites. Use walnuts, filberts, almonds, Brazil nuts and pecans. For the glace turn into an enameled sancepan onehalf pound of granulated sugar and one-half cupful of water. Boll until it threads, then add three tablespoonfuls of vinegar and boil again, removing from the fire the very instant it changes color. Dip the nuts as quickty as possible, let them dry and dip again and cool upon paraffin paper. If many nuts are to be dipped it is better to set the sirup into a larger vessel of warm water, so that It will not barden.

Stage Paint.

Painting the face on the stage is a parbarous custom come down to from the age of oil lamps and candles. With gas and electric light and opera glasses for the remote seats in the house it is not needed .- London Drumatic Journal.

"Your lawyer made some pretty severe charges against the other fellow. didn't be?" "Y-e-e-s, but you ought to see how he

There is a sufficient recompense in the very consciousness of a noble deed.

Two million dollars for a harbor at St. Croix, Charlotte county, N. B.

THE WEATHER

the Whig stating that neither scien. prophets. tists nor observers had any confidence was known as bear day in Capada, modern explorers of the secrets or ground hog day in the states,

I am of the fourth generation which there are now six, of one the oldest families in Canada, and he name is prominently connected heir impartial judgment.

Previous to 1808, the year of he inception of the stage line from Montreal, there were no telegraph or mail or newspaper, (first in 1810), al- | Let us forget the things that vexed manac or steamboat save the Frontenac or William IV that ran from Kingston to Toronto, wifich, in 1837. an all winter with military sup-

How were the ploneer refugees to obtain any accounts of what - the weather conditions were likely be? Surely only the predictions of those that could tell from the ions of animals, ground hogs, chipponks, birds, and mirages.

Prominent among those that were certainly adopts was : First, Mrs. ! Woodovel, who owned ninety, acres of land there and lived in a red avern stand a little to the southcest of the residence of Anthony McGinn Rankin, M.P.P., near the hore. She gained much notoriety and fame assuming successfully the evnom of the "Witch of Endor," mentioned in Samuel, of the Holy Bible. she rode a little white pony and was of stress of all she surveyed, always got what she asked for, never reinsed, and pay for it whenever, she aw fit, although her predictions were ividly correct She died about ninty years ago.

Second, John C. Clark, grandfather f George F. Clark, here, and of Ernsttown, kept records for many years, and was a man of great talent, and penman; and who after his decease, some sixty years ago, won the favorable comment and admiration of both the Rt. Hon. Sir John A. Macdonald and lion. Alexander Campbell as being a wonderful man of his day. Third, Rachel Powley, wife of the

Rev. James Powley Slab City, now. Westbrooke, ninety years ago, deceased thirty-eight years ago, and fourth, Deborah Holmes, grandmother of Calvin Lewis, Victoria street, lived until near ninety years, and is deceased about thirty years. The writer knew both these personages and the assurance of their convictions and predictions was wonderful, to say the least, and made their company very interest-

The names of these four noted indiespecially that of John C. Clark the records in the last fifty-nine years traditional apparations or signs were

In 1855 the 2nd of February was very bright, cloudless sky, calm. terrible winter followed through Febracy and March, with an awful quanity of snow. My father went ten miles west of Belleville with a sleigh on the 1st of April, returning home on the 4th of April with twenty bushing." Xtianity is merely the spirit els of potatoes, blazer and a fanning of the times .- Terento Saturday mill, and, by the way, this was the spring that produce was so dear, viz.: Fotatoes, \$2 a bushel; wheat, \$2 and \$2.50; flour, 86 a cwt.; hay, \$50 a ton. The best farmers then sold from \$1,100 to \$1,800 worth that time.

The year 1856 was very similar, but not nearly so severe. 1864 was a pretsevere winter in February and deep now, but about the 17th of March the chipmonks were out plentiffs and to stay. Sugar-making did not last a' week, and farmers were soon in their

In 1896, another severe winter snow, but the chipmonks appeared! about 10th May and by the 17th of March the snow had all disappeared and trunks, must clear. Dutton's. with terrible floods. Anthony Mc-Gum knows Governor McGum sowed wheat that day, and Ex-Warden HughRankin sowed a large field of oats just north of the G. T. R./station here soon after and although ton's. covered by quite a fall of snow, and barley was sown on the 30th of March and I can assure you the yield was enormous and heavy;

In 1878 the 2nd of February was a white frosty morning and a cloudy day. All February and March were open, no snow; grain sow the first week of April.

In 1880 the 2nd of February was cloudy. All February and March were open; no snow. In 1885 the 2nd of February was

clear and cold. February and March had very deep snow, especially March. The roads had to be dug out the 2nd week in April.

In 1886 the 2nd of February was clear and cold; a severe winter; deep snow; very bad in March and the traffic was totally suspended on the York road on the 6th of April on account of snow; spring very

In 1889, the 2nd of February was clear and cold; a terrible winter and very deep snow. In 1903 the 2nd of February was

clear and cold; a very sereve winter for cold and good deal of snow. In 1914 the 2nd of February was clear and cold; almost a cloudless sky. We all know what the winter! has been never relaxing for any time until the 24th inst, when the chipmonk, ground-hog and the robin made their appearance known and additional harbingers of

We all know what science and farchitecture have accomplished for the amedioration of mankind and there can be no doubt but that from

its usefulness the watchfulness of ability have become absolete.

From time immemorial people of all nations have gathered their wea-THE OLD SYSTEM OF READING ther-wisdom from the sun and moon as well as from the peculiar actions and habits of beasts, birds and in-He Presents Facts for Impartial sects. Thousands of farmers to-Judgment-Some Very Interesting day watch the old and new moon for plowing, sowing and other work Judgment-Some Very Interesting connected with the farm. Seamen. Records of Past Winters Are Giv. fignermen, huntsmen, explorers and travellers to a large extent are guided by the conditions of the sun Collins Bay, March, 27 .- (To the and moon and foretell the weather Editor) :. In the early part of Feb. with greater accuracy than do the ruary ult there appeared an item in majority of our modern weather

The celebrated Sir Humphrey or reliance in the tracktion of what Davy, one of the most successful nature was not above atending to, of and explainir the "weather omens SAGE TEA PUTS LIFE which are It red from popular ob- SAGE TEA PUTS LIFE

In 1841 when Mink of Kingston with the settlement thereof, and I drove the four horse-stage to Torespectfully submit to your readers ronto, then Little York, the postage for one passenger £2 10s. -M. H. GRASS

Forgetting and Remembering

and stried us. souls to fret: The hopes that, cherished long, were still denied us. · Let us forget.

us forget the little slights that pained us.

The pride with which some lofty one disdained us, Let us forget.

hat he, purchance, thought grief be unavailing. Can not forget

blessings manifold, past all de Kind words and helpful deeds, countless throng. he fault o'ercome, the rectitude un swerving.

he sacrifice of love, the generous giv-

Let us remember long.

When friends were few, the handclasp warm and strong. conderful executive ability and a great The fragrance of each life of holy liv-Let us remember long.

Whatever things are good and true and gracious. Whate'er of right has triumphed over wrong What love of God our man has rendered precious. Let us remember long.

G. T. P. TRAFFIC

Is Showing a Great Increase Lately

Weather Conditions Montreal, April 2 .- Grand Trunk officials in Montreal are watching with interest the increase in traffic along the most westerly section of the viduals will go down in history, more Grand Trunk Pacific main line. The traffic between Prince Rupert and I am reluctant to entrude upon your Priestley, 337 miles along the main valuable space, but I shall give you line, is increasing week by week since passenger trains were put into operaof a few of the years and how the tion. During February of the present year the increase in the number of passengers over this section of the route was . 1.575, as compared with Thin People

A notable fact in connection with the steamship traffic is that the steams ers north bound are carrying many more passengers than those going

The weather conditions this spring in Prince Rupert are very favorable to construction work.

Wormwith mission piano, practically new, \$195, at Lindsay's, 294 Princess street. Physicians at the Malden, Mass.

tion for appendicitis which disclosed that his heart was on the right side of his body. The appendix was found in the middle of the abdomen. Eliminate kitchen wormes, use White

Dr. Thompson, M. P. for the Yuoccurred in February and deep kon, has been called to Windsor, N. S., owing to the death of his mother. Great reductions in all suitcases A. G. Pettit, father-in-law of E. A. ancaster, M. P. P., died at Grimsby Premier Asquith's election is like-Boys' sweaters, from 35c. Dut-

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can tell it has been applied. Those whose hair is turning gray The greater, wrongs that rankle becoming faded, dry, scraggly and thin have a surprise awaiting them. because after one or two applications the gray hair vanishes and your locks become luxuriantly dark and beautiful-all dandruff goes us forget our brother's fault and scalp itching and falling hair stops This is the age of youth. Gravhaired, unattractive folks aren't wanted around, so get busy with

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