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Table Talks From Afar. The English people are famous diners. Round tables are the most popular in France.

The Persians are great lovers of confectionery. The modern dinner is a direct descendant of the feudal feast.

In Turkey the water pipe follows the roast. In Persia it comes first. Silence and expedition are the chief characteristics of a Turkish dinner.

In China there is no equivalent of what is known to us as "the dinner party."

The Chinese show their courtesy by feeding their guests and visitors at any hour of the day.

Raw fish, garnished with red sea-wood, is the crowning feature of an "away up" Japanese feast.

Fortis are unknown in Turkey, but a good Mussulman washes his fingers before he begins to eat.

In England the number of invitations to dinner is a good gauge of the individual's popularity.

A Japanese dinner of high pretension is eaten with chopsticks, to the accompaniment of music and dancing.

—Good Housekeeping.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Chicago News. It takes two to make a bargain, but only one of them gets it.

At the age of eighteen woman's rights are three years ahead of man's.

A cat may look at a king, but a man at times prefers to look at a cat.

It is a wise dude that knows whether a girl is smiling or laughing at him.

The day breaks, but doesn't fall, while the night falls, but doesn't break.

THE DAILY WHIG. "Opifer per Orbem Dicor."

POSTAL REFORMS.

The announcement of a reduced rate on letters between Canada and the mother country is referred to by a conservative paper as "another instance of the habit of the present administration to go off at half-cook and rush into ill-considered ventures."

NOT SO FUNNY AFTER ALL.

The cartoon of the Telegram on the Centre Toronto election, which pictures Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a labourer on the C.P.R. and foot chained to the track, and Mr. Howland, file in hand, as his rescuer, is funniest when one considers the absurdity of it.

An American paper does not think much of "Jack Canuck," as the cartoonists picture him, as symbolic of Canadian vigour and manliness and independence.

G. E. Foster, in the role of a cross-examiner, and addressing empty chairs in Massey Hall, as if they contained Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Richard Cartwright, was very terrifying.

There is sunshine in the conservative camp. An independent conservative (not a hide-bound party man, mind you), has been elected to represent Turtle Mountain district in the Manitoba legislature, and there is great rejoicing.

Mr. Foster, leading the opposition in Centre Toronto, and making the address of the campaign on his side, followed Howland's example, and did not once refer to Sir Charles Tupper. Is a new conspiracy afoot to fire the old man?

Beautiful Shoes For Evening Wear. The latest New York and Boston styles at Abernethy's.

J. Hutton has been appointed wine clerk at the American house.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

The last session of the Ontario legislature, as it is now constituted, was opened to-day, and with all the eclat of which the occasion permitted. There was a parade of volunteers, mounted and in gaudy uniforms, marching and counter-marching, and booming of cannon.

The session will not likely be a long one. It will, however, be a sort of review of the work of the last four years, a preparation of the appeal which will be made by the liberals, the conservatives, and patrons to the electors.

The government's position will probably be very much strengthened by this session and discussion of the facts. It will have the chance to prove that its regulations in the interests of the timber limits, of Canadian labor, of mineral development, of benevolent service, of economical government, have been generally successful, and produced results much different from what the opposition has pictured them.

Best of all the legislature will not be in session at the same time as the federal house, and so the people will have the proceedings under close attention, and with the effect that they will be the better able to judge between all parties when the time for polling comes.

PRESS SCINTILLATIONS.

Advice To Kingstoians Also. Belleville Sun. There should be a united endeavor made to keep good men in the council and displace the undesirable material.

Issue A Dictionary. It would require only a few minutes' labor for archbishop Cleary to turn his late criticisms of Protestants into a dictionary containing several hundred words of coarse invective.

More Letters Than Dollars. Pittsburg Dispatch. The Henry George memorial fund has not yet assumed monumental proportions.

The Fun His Grace is Having. Belleville Ontario. It is just a little bit hard to judge who is having the most fun these days—the archbishop with the press, or the press with the archbishop.

Will Get There Just The Same. Hamilton Spectator. The Brockville Times refers to the six thousand Ontario partizan civil servants as "the grit salvation army."

"Am Not A Prelate Of The Church." Montreal Witness. An "outburst of hellish spite and lying," thus does the archbishop of Kingston characterize the indignant protests which his recent extraordinary utterances regarding Protestant marriages and burials elicited from the press.

At The Police Court To-Day. At the police court this morning six young lads were charged with having created a disturbance on Sunday night last at the corner of Bay and Esprit streets.

Decide all controversies by infallible artillery. And prove his doctrine orthodox. By apostolic blows and knocks. Of his assailants this dignitary sweetly says: "Amongst those two dozen anti-christian scribbles it is safe to say there is not one truthful or honorable man, not one educated man, not one who could prove himself to be a gentleman."

Caution is suggested. Hundreds of applicants for life insurance in this city were induced to take policies in other companies, and after investigating what their agents had decided to drop their policies and to insure in the North American life insurance company, thereby entailing to themselves or their estate a loss, in some cases, of several thousands of dollars.

Call on or write W. J. Fair, Kingston, and he will prove to you that no company in Canada is paying anything like the results on existing policies, as those paid by the North American life insurance company.

W. C. Slater, Brantford, has been engaged as cutter for Spencer Bros., tailors.

BREEZY SCISSOR INK-TUMS. WHAT THE PAPERS ARE WAFTING IN UPON US.

The Bright Things and Singular Happenings of the Day as Recorded in the Ever Busy Press of the Country. Georgia state pension roll numbers 10, 457 men and women.

Turkey thieves are operating in the township of Niesouri, Ont. The cotton crop of Egypt now amounts to 500,000,000 pounds a year.

Archbishop Eyre, of Glasgow, attained his eightieth year on Nov. 7th. The search for gold in Wales is engaged in actively with promises of success.

The farmers of Lincolnshire are sowing a much larger average of wheat this year. There are 241 schools in the county of Bruce, and \$68,681 was paid in salaries in 1896.

Major Ginter, cigar manufacturer, Richmond, Va., left an estate valued at \$20,000,000.

New York will soon have a 50,000 telephone exchange in opposition to the Bell company.

At the annual dinner of the Royal Scots (Greys), Edinburgh, four Balaclava veterans were present.

The wife of Mr. Leblanc, of Lewis, Que., has just given birth to her twenty-second child.

A farmer in the Weald of Kent, England, died the other day worth £100,000, all made out of hops.

Thirty two tons of earth will be brought from Ireland to Chicago to make a special floor for the Irish fair.

It is announced that prince Mahomed Ali, brother of the khedive of Egypt, is to marry an American girl.

Of the 374 mayors elected for English towns, 143 are conservatives, thirty-one liberal unionists and 121 liberals.

Kansas has the biggest apple orchard in the world. It comprises 1,800 acres and one year's product brought over \$80,000.

Frank Marki of St. Louis, is the only pensioner in Missouri who is awarded \$100 a month. He has lost both arms and a leg.

The British war office has ordered that recruiting is to be opened in London and in Aberdeenshire for the Gordon Highlanders.

The United States postal authorities have decided that mail matter need not be delivered at houses where vicious dogs are kept.

Right Rev. William Pakenham Walsh has retired from the see of Osory, Ireland. When a curate he baptized Mr. Parnell.

An estimate of the wheat yield of New South Wales places it at 11,000,000 bushels, and the exportable surplus at 6,000,000 bushels.

Oswald Dwyer, aged eighty, of Stratford, was severely kicked by his horse on Saturday, and his lower jaw bone and nose were broken.

The Prince of Wales had a successful shoot with the earl of Durham at Lambton castle. One day eight guns killed 2,100 pheasants.

John B. Ketchum's, the well known club-man of Chicago, will be probated on Saturday. The document gives \$265,000 to his wife.

Johna, Neb., was visited by a blizzard on Saturday, and in consequence great suffering prevails among the people. Trains are blocked.

Of the new Central underground railway in London more than six miles have been excavated, and still twelve miles have to be completed.

Lord Wolseley has ordered that the British troops should be vaccinated against typhoid. All soldiers ordered to India will be treated.

William Flinton, one of London's, Ont., oldest citizens, died on Sunday at the age of eighty-four years. He has left eighty-five descendants.

No information has been received by the French government of any collision between the British and French at Nikki, in the Niger region.

It is announced in London that the Heights, Witley, Surrey, the former home of George Eliot, the well known author, is on the market for sale.

The federation bill introduced by Sir H. M. Nelson, has been rejected by the Queensland, Australia, legislature by a vote of twenty-one to seventeen.

Rev. William Loughton, D.D., senior minister of St. Thomas Free Church, Greenock, is dead, aged eighty-six years. He was ordained in 1830.

WARNED BY OFFICIALS.

Kingdome Miners Warned to Move Down the River.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 30.—The party which arrived here yesterday on the steamer City of Seattle from Skaguay, say that before they left Dawson city the following notes of warning had been issued and prominently displayed by the Canadian officials at that place:

"The undersigned officials of the Canadian government have carefully looked over the present distressing situation in regard to the supply of food for the winter and find that the stock on hand is not sufficient to meet the wants of those now in the district. We can see only one way out of the difficulty, that is an immediate move down the river of all those who are now unemployed, to Fort Yukon, where there is a large stock of provisions. Within a few days the river will be closed and the movement must be made at once."

"It is absolutely hazardous to build hopes upon the arrival of boats. It is almost beyond possibility that any more food will come into this district. For those who have not laid in a winter supply to remain here any longer is to court death from starvation, or at least, the certainty of sickness from scurvy or other troubles. Starvation now stares every man in the face who is hoping and waiting for outside relief. Little effort and trifling cost will place them in comfort and safety within a few days at Fort Yukon other points below, where there is now large stocks of food.—Capt. Constantine, of the mounted police; D. M. David, collector of customs; Thomas Fawcett, gold commissioner of the Dawson district."

SHIPMENTS ARE MANY. F. J. Atkins Now in South Africa—Running Full Time. YARKER, Nov. 30.—Potatoes are being brought here by the carload and shipped to Montreal. Four carloads of cattle have recently been shipped from this section to Buffalo, N.Y. J. C. Connolly has just unloaded a carload of cutters and has ordered another. Mr. Lawson is running the blacksmith shop of J. C. Connolly and is fitting out some fine wagons for spring trade.

Miss Coppage Going Against All Records—She Is Over Weight. NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Miss Helen Coppage, who is ambitious to break all previous fasting records, arrived at the Broadway Central hotel yesterday from Columbia, Ohio. She expects to fast sixty days, taking nothing during that time but water. She is a rather stout woman, twenty-seven years old, and weighs about 175 pounds. Her fast will begin on Dec. 6th, in a hall where the public will be allowed to watch the progress of the feat. She has made two long fasts previously, one of thirty-one days, and another of twenty-four.

Will Fast Sixty Days. Newspaper Tactics. A Rochester clergyman, Rev. F. L. Anderson, has the right idea of the true newspaper. In a sermon reviewing the course of the Rochester newspapers during the recent campaign he said: "A newspaper should be a newspaper, even during a political campaign, and not an organ that is in a newspaper and not an organ will continue to give the news fairly and accurately no matter how heated the contest may be. During the last few weeks it was impossible to get at the facts except by reading all the papers, and we were not at all sure of them then. A newspaper should give the plain unvarnished truth about the public meetings of their opponents and give their speeches and arguments as well as those of their friends, and a first-class newspaper will do this. When an account of an opponent's meeting is full of slurs and sarcasm unworthy of a college freshman, sensible men get the impression that it was a pretty good meeting."

Boston's Clerical Romany. Washington Star. I have it on the authority of William Dean Howells and other eminent Bostonians that there is in the capital of Massachusetts a certain clergyman of widespread fame, who, unknown to the world at large, is a Romany. Every summer this reverend gentleman cannot resist joining some gypsy band and roaming from place to place as his kindred have done since the memory of man. Little do the good man's congregation dream that, while they picture him as sedately journeying abroad, he is sitting beside gypsy camp fires and chatting the wild Romany tongue, to all intents and purposes a vagrant. But, as Mr. Howells pointed out, none ever heard it said that this preacher preached any the worse for his wild, free life over road and prairie. Indeed, the increased vigor and eloquence of his sermons immediately after each successive annual "vacation" have long been matters of comment in Boston.

Wealthy But Seeks More. An old man residing in the northern section of the city is observed nearly every morning picking up rags and bones. He also makes a frequent visit to Anglin's bar, where refuse is deposited, and there searches about for what he might find. Today his estimated wealth runs away up in the thousands.

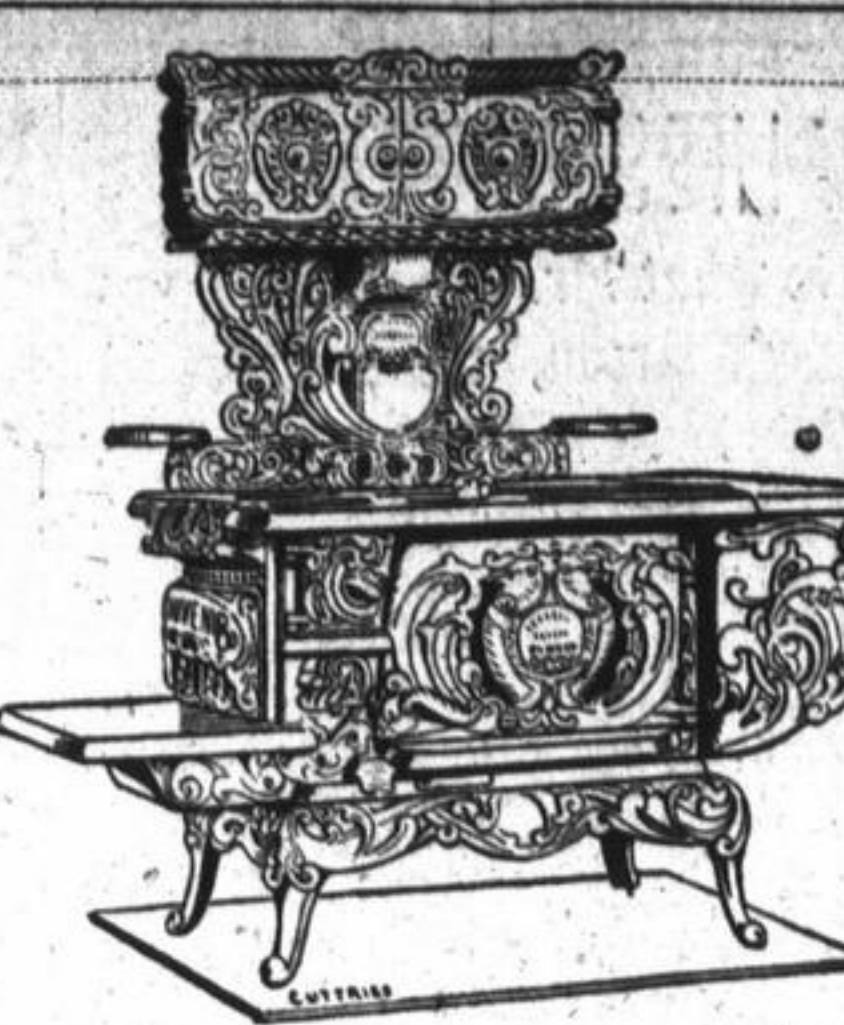
Christmas sale of Crockery—Another reduction in prices to-day. We offer beautiful printed toilet sets, ten pieces, worth \$2.25, for \$1.75, 79 Brock street. J. Craig & Co.

W. J. O'Reilly, late of the local post office, but now connected with the office of the general superintendent of the railway mail service, in the city spending his holidays, returned to Toronto to-day.

Knock Walkem, at present recruiting his health in the wilds of Renfrew, writes his father, Dr. R. T. Walkem, that he is improving rapidly, and shooting plenty of partridge.

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