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Perth and the Goldfields.

The antipathy of the people on the goldfields for anything Perthy is assuming quite alarming proportions. A very large sprinkling of the population of the chief goldfields cities seems to have determined to give practical expression to its desire for separation, and the result is not beneficial either to the southern portions of the colony or to the goldfields themselves. Western Australia, like every young country, has many and great difficulties to contend against in its struggle to become a nation, and if these difficulties are to be added to by internal dissention the progress of the colony must be very seriously delayed. The dislike which the people of the fields have conceived for the capital city and the older portions of the colony generally can only be traced to one source—the wrong-headedness and unstatesman-like conduct of the Premier and his Ministers. It is all very well for the Premier to boast about the rapidity with which the Government afforded railway communication to the goldfields, but railway communication is not everything, and even the goldfields railway line was constructed in such a way that the goldfields people were compelled practically to pay for it as it was built. This, of course, is ancient history; so is the tardy course followed by the Government in erecting suitable official buildings in Kalgoorlie; so also is the iniquitious and grab-all policy by which the lands in the gold-fields towns were disposed of. All these things rankled in the minds of the residents, and more than all did the obstinate refusal of the Government to give increased legislative power to the enormous number of people forming the goldfields' population. On top of all these very real grievances the Premier—for it is useless for him to deny responsibility for the course events have taken—flouted public opinion on the question of Federation, and took every care that the goldfields people should not be allowed an opportunity of recording their vote on the matter. These, then, are briefly the causes which have led up to the present unfortunate state of affairs, and it is high time that a cure was sought for. It is very improbable that the present agitation for separation will be effective, but Western Australia has more to fear from the disaffection of a very large and influential section of her population than she has from the division of her territory. It is to be hoped that another election will shortly take place under the amended Constitution Act, and that it will result in the return to Parliament of men who recognise that the goldfields are the chief portion of Western Australia, and that the wants of the goldfields' people must receive attention. We may then hope to become once more an united people and to move forward again towards greatness.

The Alluvial Dispute.

The verdict of the Court of Quarter Sessions at Coolgardie by which the men charged with the larceny of ore containing gold from certain leases at Kalgoorlie were declared to be "not guilty" is likely to have serious and far-reaching effects. The verdict did not come altogether as a surprise, for the public was well acquainted with the fact that the height of popular feeling on the goldfields over the question was calculated to interfere with the even-handed administration of justice. The presiding magistrate spoke rather strongly of the action of the jury in acquitting the principal offenders, and it would appear from the evidence that his remarks were quite called for. The jurymen, however, were placed in a very awkward position. They should never have been called upon to deliver a verdict which left them no other course than to violate their oaths or to seriously imperil their commercial interests. A business man on the goldfields who would return a verdict in favor of sending an alluvial miner to prison for taking what the people of the goldfields say is the "birthright of the alluvial miner" ought to be prepared to close up his business forthwith. The goldfields would afterwards be "no place for him." As a matter of fact, the business people on the fields are heartily sick of the whole business, and quite recognise that the alluvial disputes are retarding the prosperity of the towns, but they dare not say so. The first batch of accused persons were acquitted on the plea that they were ignorant of the law—a very impudent plea in the face of the circumstances. The second batch—which included M. Bourke, the leader of the movement—obviously could not have been acquitted for the same reason. They seem to have been let off "on general principles" as it were. Now it would appear that there is nothing to stop these men going back on to the leases and continuing to take away and convert to their own uses gold which the law of the country says belongs to somebody else. This is indeed a pitiable state of affairs and reflects very gravely on the capacity of those who are called upon to administer the Goldfields Act. Obviously the proper course to have pursued was to have obtained a change of venu to Perth, where a jury might have been empanelled, comprised of men who have nothing to gain and nothing to lose by returning a verdict in any particular direction. The New South Wales Government in several industrial disputes found it necessary to follow this course, not because the city juries were more capable men or less kindly disposed towards the defendants, but because they were free from terrorism which always prevails in big labor centres over popular movements, and which in itself is a frightful blot upon our boasted freedom. In some cases in the other colonies the Governments have gone so far as to alter the place of trial to a district where a conservative jury might be relied upon—as instance the trial of the Broken Hill strike conspirators at Deniliquin. This certainly looked like straining justice, but against an application for a change of venu from the fields to Perth in these alluvial cases no objection could be raised excepting by those whose aim it is to defeat the law by intimidation and anarchy.

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A certain patent medicine man is advertising Tennyson's "In Memoriam" in conjunction with his cure-all. Frank?

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General Cronje has declined to hold any communication with Major-General Lord Methuen until the war is over. This is, of course, a very serious offence on Cronje's part, but present writer thinks that if he was a Boer general, he would say, "Fight and be d—— to you. You say you are going to take our country, then come on, but don't be surprised if we do all that men can do to prevent you." After all, what are international courtesies to a race that has got to be victorious or wiped out altogether.

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THE SURRENDER AFTER MAJUBA.

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It is now proved on the highest living authority that the settlement with the Boers after Majuba was not, as Lord Rosebery and the rest of us have supposed, an act of "splendid magnanimity," but the outcome of nothing more noble than that discretion which, according to Falstaff, is the better part of valour. Some time ago (says the "Scotsman") we drew attention to certain statements made on this subject by Dr Jorissen, who, as legal adviser to the Boer leaders at the time of the negotions, was certainly acquainted with the facts. Dr Jorissen said that the Free State Boers were ready to join the Transvaal Boers if we had not yielded, and that in point of fact we surrendered to the threat of a new military catastrophe. While mentioning this account of the matter, we unhesitatingly discredited the motive it attributed to British statesmanship, regarding it merely as to the distorted view taken by the Boers. It is now necessary to confess that for once we have done the Boers injustice. Their view was the right view, and the authority for this statement is none other than the Colonial Secretary of the time, Lord Kimberley. The passage in which Lord Kimberley has given us the true history of the surrender is found in the full report given by the local press of the speech which he delivered at Newcastle recently, though, strangely enough, it was omitted from the condensed report furnished to the press throughout the country. Yet its importance is so great that there need be no excuse for going back upon it, and its significance is so unpleasant, and it might be regarded as so incredible, that it may be as well to quote the passage from the Newcastle paper:—

"It was perfectly natural that there should be in the minds of many men—he believed it was in the mind of no less distinguished a person than Lord Salisbury—that the real origin and cause of the present unhappy state of things in South Africa was the convention of 1881, for which he (Lord Kimberley) and the Government of the day were responsible. So far as he (the noble lord) was concerned, and to a great extent Mr Gladstone, their reason was not, as some people thought, a mere sentimental reason. They found themselves in this position; the Free State was then very friendly. There was at its head President Brand—as good a friend of ours as any man in South Africa. President Brand ueed his utmost influence with the people of the Free State to keep them back from joining the Transvaal Republic in the event of war going on. At last Mr Brand sent a message in which he said he had done his utmost, that he had gone to the end of his tether and could not hold his burghers in any more, and that if England went on she would have the Free State against her. More than that, the Government had plain indications from the colony itself that there was sympathy there which might give rise to an extreme and serious difficulty; and the conclusion they came to, whether it was wise or not, was that, painful to the last degree as it was for them to make peace under such circumstances, they were taking the right course to avert the calamity they saw impending."

And so the "splendid magnanimity" myth disappears. It has hitherto been believed that when Mr. Gladstone determined to come to terms with the Boers after our defeat, he did so knowing that he had an overwhelming force ready at hand by which he might have inflicted defeat upon them, but that, being convinced that we had been in the wrong, he played the high-minded and Christian part of abstaining from avenging our disaster and freely conceeding to the brave Boers the political liberty for which they had fought. Now Lord Kimberley tells us that all this is a delusion. It was no "mere sentimental reason" that dictated the surrender. The sentiment was all on the other side, for it was painful to the last degree to make piece under such circumstances." Mr Gladstone and his colleagues made peace "to avert the calamity they saw impending."

From the Circle.

The Payne Family have been ringing out mild bells to fairly good biz. at the Town Hall during the week The entertainment this combination puts on is not to any very great degree different from that which long ago won them fame from end to end of the continent. There are the same tuneful selections on the hand-bells, the same mandoline duets, violin solos, sleigh-bell solos, and the same other items by the Paynes proper. The difference is made by Comedian Saunders, Miss Lorraine Tansley, and Miss Gleeson. Miss Tansley's contralto is pleasing, but her singing was marred the night of our visit by an insistent hoarseness. T. H. Saunders is a comedian this paper likes. He can keep his audience tickled for ten minutes and during that time say nothing offensive. This quality is singularly lacking in most comedians Perth knows. Another item on the programme that deserves much praise is the humorous trio by Misses Florence, Beryl and Lorraine, which besides being well rendered is refreshingly refined. It is hardly worth while talking about the performance of the Paynes themselves, as their items are uniformly good, and everybody knows it. At the same time this journal congratulates Miss Belle Payne upon the development of her violin playing. The little show now on at the town hall is the brightest, neatest, and one of the most enjoyable entertainments Perth has seen during the year.

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A pantomime without acres of gaudily colored canvas, a shopful of gorgeous dresses and scores of shapely legs would impress one who mentally pictured it as being like unto a plucked turkey capering round a Cottesloe sandheap. But Jones and Lawrence have proved that the similarity doesn't hold good when you leave such a pantomime in the abstract and come down to it in the concrete. "Little Red Riding Hood," now booming at Cremorne, does not give us triumphs of scenic art; its dresses, although effective, are not gorgeous, and its legs on the whole are not what the bald head in the front row expects to see at a Xmas show; and yet, all this notwithstanding, "Little Red Riding Hood" is a big succees, and calls for all sorts of praise. Pantomime "libretto" is generally nonsensical, and when it is merely a stringing together of alleged jokes from allegedly comic papers, its nonsensicality palls on one long before the forty-third scene of the thirteenth act is reached. The "Little Red Riding Hood" libretto, however, has the saving grace of "topicality." The concern was placed in the hands of a local pressman, who twisted it to Perth requirements, and as a result local allusions follow one another in quick succession from start to finish, which has the effect of keeping the audience tickled up to 11.30 or thereabouts. Some of the jokes are certainly awful—which probably accounts for the adapter's anxiety to remain anonymous—but then the awfulest joke ever perpetrated, provided it has a local application will always "go down bigger" with the gods than the wittiest saying imaginable about someone at the North Pole, or Timbuctoo, or anywhere else outside Perth. Added to this localisation the genuinely good pantomimic work performed by the members of the cast is solely responsible for the success of the show. In following the jokes about Forrest and the water scheme, and Governor Smith and the tramways, and in noting the excellent manner in which each and every actor rams his or her joke home, one is beguiled into losing sight of the absence of brilliant scenery, and dresses, and legs. The bulk of the work falls on the shoulders of Bellman and Moore, the Farleys, Harry Gray, Ettie Williams and Joe Cowan, and the ARGONAUT gets over the troublous task of particularising by herewith labelling them all "Good." There is more than the usual proportion of "variety" business infused into "Little Red Riding Hood," and the programme is a fairly good one all round. The Farleys put on a couple of sprightly turns and thereby have constituted themselves favorites. Carlton and Sutton are a double the ARGONAUT is inclined to praise more than perhaps their abilities as comedians warrant. This, because C. and S. put on a thoroughly clean turn, with genuine fun in it. Some of their witticisms were certainly standing round when the Creation took place, and have been standing round ever since, but then others were not; and C. and S. accomplish what they attempt—wit without vulgarity. The "turns" of the rest of the company need not be individualised. They are all as good as in the vaudeville shows of yore. At the tail end of the programme is set forth a list of "off" people who took a big hand in getting things in ship-shape for the pantomime, and to these as well as Messrs Jones and Lawrence themselves we tender congratulations for having achieved such good results from the material available.

New South Wales seems to be having a merry game with the other colonies on the cricket field this season. The mother colony is safe for the Sheffield Shield, and on recent performances an Australian Eleven would have to include about seven New South Welshmen.

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The ARGONAUT cricketers tripped it to Bunbury on Saturday, and were cordially received by their brother willow-wielders of the southern city, who placed drags at their disposal the following day, wherein the Perthites could go and see the various beauty spots round about. The ARGONAUTS had to take the beauty spots for granted, as after reaching Collie River bridge, it came on to rain, and they had to light out for town and shelter at a canter. On Xmas Day the Bunbarians gave the visitors an awful licking at cricket, and Boxing Day saw the entrainment of the vanquished braves for Perth. The ARGONAUT Minstrels "showed" in the Masonic Hall on the Saturday night, but owing to the inadequate manner in which the local cricket club had "worked up" their ben. the house was made up of 20 dead-heads and about 10 "pays." The Minstrels at least are prepared to swear to the truth of every statement that has been uttered anent the sleepiness of the Birthplace. But this comes of wounded vanity.

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"Sinbad the Sailor" bounded on to the Royal stage for the first time on Tuesday night in a bulky blouse, a pink pair of tights and a couple of very long white stockings. Also several other people in several other kinds of blouses and tights and stockings bounded on with him, and they started to say things in a silly rhyming fashion, only stopping now and again to let the audience admire the scenery or their legs, or to let someone sing or to give the funny man a chance to say "That's up agin my duck house!" The audience tolerated the silly rhyming and duly admired the scenery and the legs, and the several someones sang in a more or less praiseworthy fashion, and when he got his chance the funny man was rather funny with his duck house that had so many things agin it. The two big features of the show were the absence of anything startling in the dialogue and singing, and the presence of much very finely painted canvas. This latter constituted a fine little show on its own, and the submarine scene wherein the Ogre and Sinbad, with tanks on their heads, pull one another about in amongst the sea-weed and fishes was an eye-opener to Perth playgoers. The pantomime on the whole may be written down right here as one of the most elaborately staged affairs that has been seen on the Royal boards during the year. Of the players, Miss Kate Howarde made a sprightly Sinbad and showed off her gorgeous costumings better than a milliner's model. The young lady's voice is a trifle too weak—or was the night this journal looked in—for the theatre and the back seats had to take a lot for granted. But back seats don't mind taking all sorts of things for granted when Miss Howarde comes out in pink tights and smiles. The vocal honors of the concern were easily captured by Miss L'Estrange, who deserved every clap of the big applause she got for her "Only Once More." Miss Violet Bertram as the Princess did much that it was only right and proper for her to have done and sang one song well and another badly. Sydney Carden raised a number of laughs as the Duenna, and Harry Craig did ditto as "Tinbad the Tailor," although a couple of his song verses were so "blue" as to discount much of his good comedy. Arthur Hunter and John Cosgrove, as the "Caliph" and "Ogre" respectively, pulled through alright and the rest of the people on the stage did conscientiously what was required of them, that being the showing of the human form, divine and otherwise. The transformation was a gorgeous affair and elicited much applause, and the Harlequinade produced all sorts of cachinnations from those youngsters who were still awake when it came on.

IN THE GREENROOM.

The *Era* says that "Eva Clements is the Nellie Farren of Australia." Who is Eva Clements?

Tuesday night saw the biggest house at the Theatre Royal since the opening night of the Firms' Opera Co.

The Fitzgeralds are at Adelaide.

Hamilton ("Tom") Hill, well-known on this side, is going down well through America, and he will invade London at an early date.

That was an interesting little incident during a performance of the 'Belle of New York' a short time ago. A gentleman was reading a newspaper right in front of the stage, and, of course, pretty nearly everybody was staring at him. One of the actors very properly protested, whereupon the gentleman asserted in a very audible voice that he had a right to read a paper if he liked, and wouldn't stop, and he didn't. I suppose people have a *right* to wear a green tie with pink spots at a funeral, says a London journalist, or to smoke foul-smelling shag in a smoking compartment otherwise occupied by decent folk, and these are the sort of rights this kind of gentleman would probably insist upon. This little incident, by-the-bye, took place, not at the Shaftesbury, where the popular piece is still drawing crowded houses, but in a provincial town with one of the touring companies.

In consequence of a sudden change of dates Bunbury turned out on the wrong night to hear the "Argonaut Minstrels," and when the show night did come along only half a hallful put in an appearance. The entertainment would have been a howling success if all the singers had sung in tune, and if the comedians had known their parts, and if all the "props" had not gone astray on the railway, and if the juggler's hand had been steady, and if the jokes had been see-able, and if the weather had not been so drink-provoking. This sounds a trifle rough but present scribe is anxious to demonstrate what he can "slate" a show with which he is connected just as he can slate any other. And it's quite safe to say anything he likes in the present instance as he is about the smartest man with his fists in the office.

The advt of a certain colored pill firm in a N.Z. paper starts off with "Messrs Gilbert and Sunderland have wittily shown that a policeman's life is not a happy one." Poor Sullivan! and to thus be twisted by a bilious pill man!

It is understood that J. C. Williamson has secured the new Chinese comic opera, "San Toy," for Australia.

Dante's younger brother, known to us as the big man's "chief assistant" is said to be a clever conjurer himself and will probably take up some of the dates that had been arranged for his brother.

The last song the late Signor Foli was heard practising was "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind." He caught a cold a few days after and died. It did blow, evidently.

Miss Louise Hepner who has just got back to 'Murka has "told a reporter of a funny custom they had in Australia of handing presents over the footlights, and enumerated gifts she had received in that way: a boomerang, shield, spear, an old pocket-book with a lucky ha'penny, a case of champagne (!) a diamond sunburst, and a St. Bernard dog!" Is it necessary to point out that Miss Hepner is herself a thoroughbred Yankee?

Dr. Charles Law, of Melbourne, who was recently in London, has returned to Scotland. To-morrow evening (says a recent "British Australasian") and also one evening next week, Dr Law will recite "The Absent-Minded Beggar" at University and Australasian club functions in Edinburgh.

Says a writer in the "Era":—"Miss Ada Reeve's generosity in giving her first week's 'Florodora' salary to the rapidly swelling fund for the wives aud children of our 'absent-minded beggars' in the Transvaal is another of the numerous instances of that lady's ever-ready charity." Miss Reeve's salary is £120 a week, which is certainly a nice little donation.

play now paralysing New York, opens in a bachelor's apartments, the owner's bed being occupied by the heroine of the piece, while he himself is snoozing on the table. The atmosphere of the following scenes is correspondingly warm, and the play threatens to be a huge success in consequence.

Personal.

"I must have liberty
Withal, as large a charter as the wind,
To blow on whom I please."
—AS YOU LIKE IT.

A paragraph appeared in the "Morning Herald" on Saturday stating that Louis de Rougemont was now in the thick of the fighting in South Africa. Now we shall get something nearer the truth about things in general Vaalwards.

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THE LINGARD SISTERS and Miss TOTTIE LORNE.

Herewith we present a photograph of Captain Victor Sellheim and Mrs Sellheim. When Lord Methuen's column scored its short-lived victory at the Modder river Captain Sellheim was mentioned in the cables as having performed a feat of considerable gallantry. With Colonel Codrington, of the 2nd Coldstream Guards, he swam nearly across the river to reconnoitre in the face of a heavy fire. When forced to return the two officers swam back with joined hands, and Colonel Codrington narrowly escaped drowning. Captain Sellheim was born in Queensland,



CAPTAIN AND MRS SELLHEIM.

The MacMahon crowd have been showing much bloodthirsty melodrama to large numbers of the people of the Port each night during the week.

SPECS: The height of absurdity was reached by Arthur Hunter at the Royal on Tuesday night, when he substituted for the line "Who made old England's name" (in "Sons of the Sea") the one "Who made Australia's name." And yet the gods gods yelled for more! Ain't it sickenin'?

"The Girl from Maxim's," a French play now paralysing New York, opens in a bachelor's apartments, the owner's bed being occupied by the heroine of the piece, while he himself is snoozing on the table. The atmosphere of the following scenes is correspondingly warm, and the play threatens to be a huge success in consequence.

The appointment of Mr John Waddington, popularly known as the "Boulder King," as a lieutenant of the city of London will be received with considerable satisfaction by that gentleman's many friends on this side. Mr Waddington visited this colony just two years ago. He is on the board of directors of a very large number of Westralian mining companies besides the Great Boulder, and is the moving spirit in the Central Boulder, Augusta, and West Collie Westralia, Limited.

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Lady Sarah Wilson is described by Australians who have met her lately as "a cool customer." She smokes cigarettes and "talks like a man."

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Lieutenant-Colonel Eager, who commanded the 2nd Battalion Royal Irish Rifles in the advance on Stormberg, is a son-in-law of Mr M'Culloch, M.L.C., until lately Minister of Defence in the Victorian Government (says a contemporary). Mr M Culloch's daughter met her future husband while on a visit to England some years ago, when they became engaged. Lieut.-Colonel Eager was soon afterwards ordered to India with his regiment, and here his intended wife joined him in June, 1897, the marriage taking place at Colombo on her arrival there. They visited Melbourne last Christmas, and were for a time the guests of Mr M'Culloch at his home, at Woodlands. On returning to India, about Easter, Lieut-Colonel Eager was ordered home, and had only arrived back in England when he was sent with his regiment on active service to South Africa.

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Mr John Wilson, the first Mayor of Kalgoorlie, is bound for the Transvaal. He has done a power of knocking about since he vacated the civic chair of the goldfields city, having visited Klondyke and many other out-of-the-way places.

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A large percentage of the rail passengers to Bunbury on Saturday landed in the southern city to find that their luggage had transhipped or trans-trained at one of the junctions up the line. Included among these was P.M.G. Sholl, and the t'othersiders on the platform could hardly credit their eyes when they saw that usually sleepy potentate careering wildly round the station in search of his lost collars and socks.

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Lord Hawke supersedes Ranji as organiser of the next English cricket team to visit Australia. The Hon. M. B. Hawke, the Yorkshire captain, was out here in the Summer of 1887-8, when two English elevens toured Australia. He captained the team promoted by the Melbourne C.C. and known now as Vernon's, G. F. Vernon having taken command after his captain had been summoned to England, owing to the death of his father. Lord Hawke's presence at the head of affairs practically assures the inclusion in the party of F. S. Jackson, the famous Yorkshire amateur.

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Mr Ben Strange, the black-and-white artist well known in Perth and on the goldfields, left Albany in the Nineveh for South Africa during the week with the intention of settling down in that distressful counthry. Ben first saw black-and white publicity in the columns of the Coolgardie "Courier" in the early days. Then he joined the Coolgardie "Pioneer," and after two years' work on it, during which he turned out some rattling cartoons, he accepted an engagement as cartoonist for the new-born "Clare's Weekly," thence eventually drifting on to the staff of the "Western Mail," which paper, we understand, he will represent artistically in the land of the Boer while the war lasts. Ben is a pure Bohemian, and as such has caused his various editors much worry and profanity because of the easy way he takes life; but he is a good fellow withal. His departure is a big loss to the little Westralian black-and-white world, as with so few of the men capable of doing press work we can ill spare any of them. And Ben was about the best.

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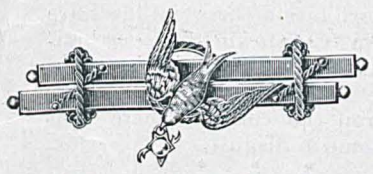
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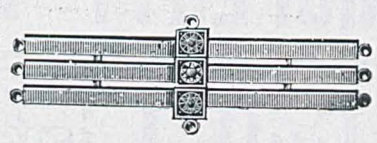
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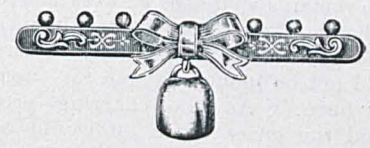
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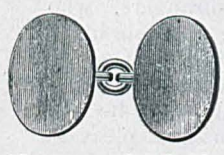
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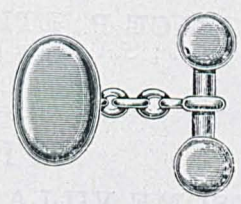
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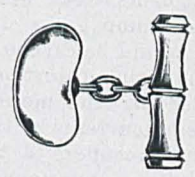
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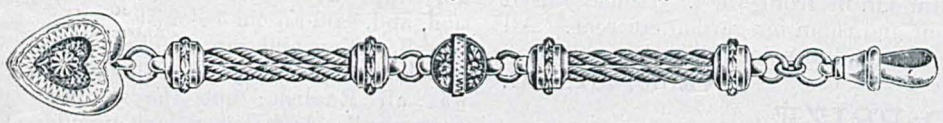
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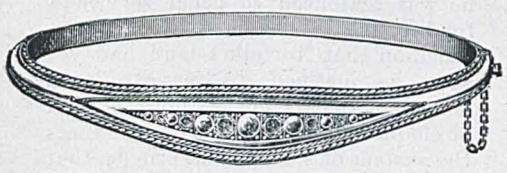
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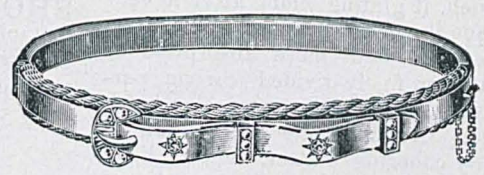
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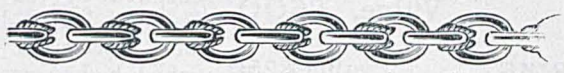
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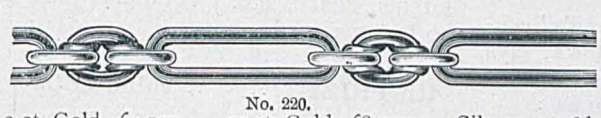
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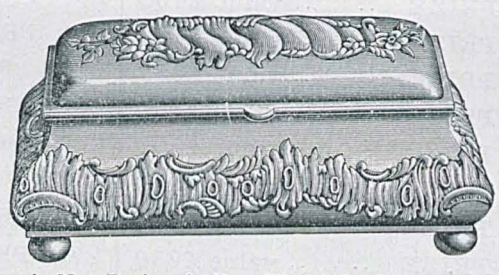
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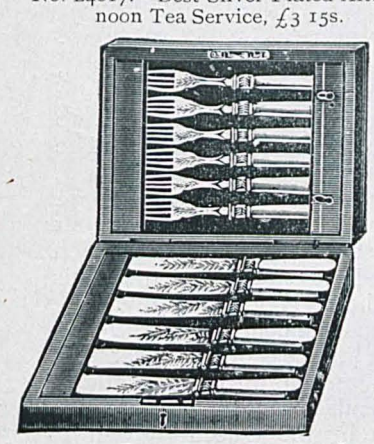
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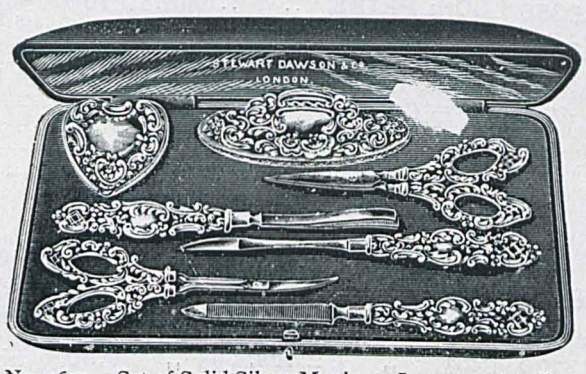
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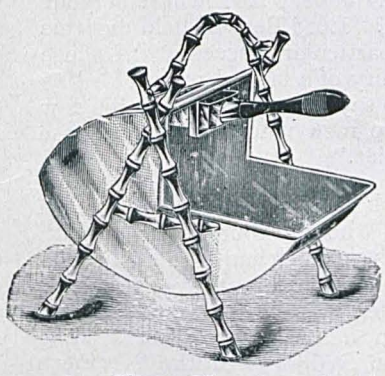
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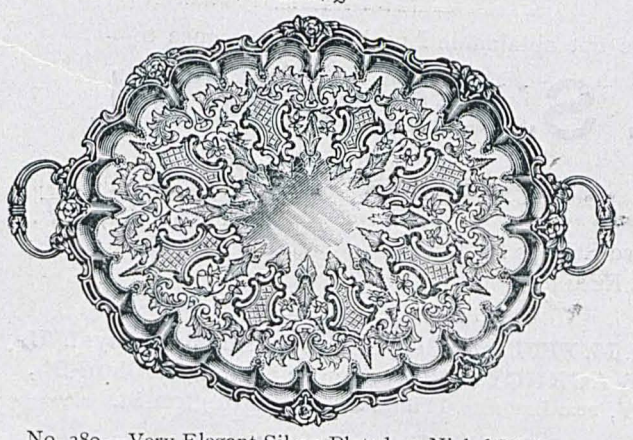
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Mr J. G. O. Tepper advances the theory in "Knowledge" for November that the dark areas on the surface of the moon, commonly known as seas, owe their dark appearance to the carbon dust lying on the surface. As water and air disappeared and with them animal and vegetable life, organic remains would be slowly charred by chemical action under the influence of the great heat of the sun. There would not be enough oxygen for them to "burn." As the charring proceeded the gases given off would be absorbed by the nearly red-hot minerals. "The only circumstance that would remain unprovided for on account of its weak affinities to any of the common gases at high temperature would be carbon, and most likely in the form of dust or minute flakes, wafted by the more and more decreasing currents of the last remnants of an atmosphere to the lee of gentle declivities, and upon the great low-lying plains, wherever the opposing currents counterbalanced each other. Since the total disappearance of the atmosphere no currents can possibly exist, and the finest, lightest dust must remain eternally undisturbed, except by the rude shock of a colliding meteor, or when ploughed aside by such, if gliding along after a very oblique impact. It is well known that there is no body more absorptive of light than finely-divided carbon particles; hence their intensely black aspect. At the same time, dust, or loosely cohering matter, reflects little light, except at very oblique angles of incidence."

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Here is what the "Daily Mail's" contributor, writing from Capetown, says of Harmsworth's friends, the

BLUBBERING OOFLANDERS:

It is disgusting to turn into any one of the Capetown hotels to find yourself surrounded by the rich refugees from Johannesburg and to hear them cry like children as they tell you what they will lose if the British do not hurry up and take the Transvaal before the Boers destroy Johannesburg. They actually cry in their plates at dinner and half strangle themselves by sobbing as they drink their whiskey at bedtime. The Mount Nelson, the Queen's, and the Grand Hotels are all full of these merchants and millionaires, faring on the fat of the land, idle, loafing, all of every day, and discussing what per cent of their losses the British Government will pay when they put in their claims at the end of the war. Some came here as clerks, some as laborers in the mines, and some are merchants who brought £10 worth of goods out from Birmingham a dozen years ago. They tell you that they have left £100,000 worth or £80,000 worth of goods in their shop and that, altogether, £25,000,000 is in danger of destruction in Johannesburg

"Oh, mine Got!" one has just been saying to me; "I can'd dell how much I shall lose by dis peezness. I shpeak mit much feeling, my frent. Blease excoose me grying. Vot do you dink? Do you dink I can git back dirty-dree per cent of vot I lose from de British Government? Oh, Got! den I lose £60,000. Ain'd it derrible?

They are pulling their long faces all over the place and shedding their tears wherever you meet them. It is enough to make a statue ill to have to hear and see them and move among them. Why don't they equip a regiment of rough-riders or make up a battalion of volunteers among themselves? Why don't they fight? The war has jeopardised their property and they have a keener interest in it than any Tommy or any officer now at the front. How can they see the cream and flower of English manhood rushing down here to spill its precious blood for them and never feel a blush of shame or a pang of any emotion except grief over losses which will still leave many of them rich.

Really, Capetown is a wonderful place. It is worth the journey to see the streets blocked by able young men, and the hotels crowded by rich refugees, while each night's train takes out the fearless gentlemen (officers and soldiers of our army) who are deliberately risking not only their lives, but more of worldly advantage than can ever come to these skulkers, who cling to the shelter of England's guns and weep while they wait for men to die that they may rush up to the British Treasury with their claims.

If the exhibition these refugees are making in Capetown were as important as it is conspicuous, one would think the Englishmen in charge here would drop the contest where it is and go home in disgust.

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In noticing Mr. G. E. Boxall's "story of Australian Bushrangers" (Sonnenschien), the "Spectator" picks out Jackey-Jackey of the forties as one of the gentlemen bushrangers, who copied the style of the English highwaymen. "He broke with Curran, his comrade, because Curran insulted a woman, and his gaiety while he was on the road fastened many a pleasant legend upon him. He was well educated and polite; when he met Governor Gipps they had a long conversation, and, said an old colonist to Mr. Boxall, "You and me couldn't have understood what they said, though it was all English; but they talked grammar." And Jackey-Jackey could write grammar, too. For when at last he was sentenced to penal servitude for life, and led the most bloodthirsty rebellion that Norfolk Island had yet seen, he justified his ferocity in a document that is not without a kind of eloquence. He bitterly denounces the system of slavery and cruelty that was pursued on Norfolk Island, and he plainly hints that he led the revolt inspired by the mere hope of the gallows. Jackey-Jackey was the victim of a pernicious system. The crime which he had committed in England was trivial enough, and had he not been sent across the sea he might never have become a hardened criminal. But he had not a large following, and the famous Jew-boy was his nearest rival, whose best exploit was, from his point of view, humorous enough. He rounded up the chief constable of the district, with a party of constables and volunteers who had gone out to seek for him, yarded them like a mob of cattle, and took their horses, arms, and whatever money they had, and rode away laughing.'"

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Hughenden Manor, the Buckinghamshire abode of Lord Beaconsfield, is being enlarged by Mr. Coningsby Disraeli, the statesman's nephew, to whom the estate was left. The "Academy" fears that the effect will be to render an interesting house commonplace:—"One regrets that the modesty of the mansion in which the grandiose statesman spent his happiest hours is lost thereby. He himself, man of contrasts as he was, loved the littleness of the place. All the greatness was in the associations, and particularly in that visit paid to him there by the Queen—a visit to which the greatest houses in Bucks could not aspire. If you cannot rival Stowe, and if you must be proud of something, you may as well put your pride in the very narrowness of your domain. Lord Beaconsfield did this with particular success. 'Excuse the vanity of a landed proprietor,' he used to say when he showed his few fields to men who owned immense territories."

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Frank Buller, the writer of sea stories, who will tour Australia with lectures shortly, had sea experience on the N.S.W. coast over 20 years ago when he was a lamp trimmer, etc., on a coastal steamer trading between Sydney and the Northern rivers. He ought to be able to write feelingly of the drudgery aboard ship.

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A POLITICAL PATRIOT.

The daily (sup)press has not chronicled the fact that Mr Frank Wallace, M.L.C., the chosen of Yalgoo, one of the best men in the Legislative Assembly, had offered himself for enrolment in the second contingent. He was prepared to supply his own horse too, but he was rejected, because he was only 33 inches round the chest, the standard being 34. It seems hard that a man's patriotic value should be proportioned to his chest measurement. If so, the rate of pay should be calculated on the same basis. A man 34 inches round the chest has less risk than the man of 40 inches. Mr Wallace must have long ago satisfied himself that he had not the girth measurement for a Premier, and now he finds himself obstructed from becoming a general for much the same reason, whence the subjoined inspiration arises:—

From the Opposition benches
You may sigh for pits and trenches
And may clamor for enrolment with a zest,
But your valorous devotion
Is a pigmy-like emotion
If you're only thirty-three around the chest.

With a mind imaginative
In the chamber legislative,
You may be a party leader if you're pressed,
But the military spirit
Says a member isn't in it
If he's only thirty-three around the chest.

Though you're really valiant-hearted
And your hair is finely parted
As if your trusty barber'd done his best—
Still the martial cut prevailing
Becomes wholly unavailing
If you're only thirty-three around the chest.

Though you own a stately charger,
Have the bearing of a rajah,
And would put your martial boastings to the test,
Still it doesn't much relieve you
If your country won't receive you
'Cos you're only thirty-three around the chest.

A par clipped by one of the dailies and headed "A Peer on this Miserable War" cannot be printed too often:—A distinguished member of the House of Lords, who wishes to remain anonymous, has expressed himself as follows regarding the war to a correspondent: "I am glad to see that you look upon this miserable war with healthy eyes. . . I look upon it as nine-tenths at least due to greed and ambition, lust of gold and of territory, the 'grievances' being leather and prunella; just enough for throwing dust in the eyes of those who are quite willing to be blinded. Its fruit will be as bad as its root; the destruction of two sturdy little States and increase of our territory, of which we have far too much already; aggrandisement — Imperialism — apparent power: real weakness. I protested while there was even a ghost of a chance, but the war fever is at its height, and any attempt to reason with a delirious patient only increases his fury, so the bad course must go on to its bad end. It is very sad to see reversion to lower and baser ideals in many departments of life just as oneself is departing."

A poor woman — the mother of eight children — called upon a Labor member last week and asked him to protest against her husband being sent to the Transvaal. Her husband did not wish to go, but had been picked by the swashbucklers. If he refused he would probably be dismissed, if he went and was shot she and her children would probably be left to starve. This is a sample of what jingoism means to the poor.—"Worker" (Q.)

About the most healthy sentiment that has been displayed since the outbreak of the war is that which is protesting in England against the setting apart of a day of humiliation and prayer. What course would such prayers take? "Oh, God, we know we are in the wrong, but we are going to keep at it, and we want your aid." If England is not in the wrong, then what cause for humiliation? If she is in the wrong, why add hypocrisy to the other crime?

The W.A. Artists' Art Union.

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E. J. Norman, Hon. Sec.

Sir John Forrest completed his ninth year of office as Premier on Wednesday, and on the same day left on a jaunt for the eastern colonies. Whilst away he will study the cases of Reid, Turner, Kingston, etc., with a view to learning how to avoid being turned out.

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Our second contingent has gone into camp at Karrakatta, and every band within a 20 mile radius of the city is practising up "Soldiers of the Queen" again. Next week there will be more reviews and processions and the following week more send-offs and affecting partings at the railway stations, and notwithstanding it all Paul Kruger will continue to sit on his Bible and smoke complacently. Even the preparations of a Western Australian mounted contingent can't disturb Paul's faith in the Almighty.

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Mr Justice Stone is a martyr to liver complaint, and yet he is the mildest tempered of the three judges. At present Justice Stone is very much indisposed, and a long sea trip is projected during the vacation.

Sheriff Roe has withdrawn his resignation because there was no pension to be got. Mr Justice Hensman made a sarcastic allusion te the fact in Court the other day. Counsel stated that a certain arbitrator had resigned and would not act. To which the Judge replied, "Probably he has got a pension."

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Eleven Premiers of self-governing British colonies visited the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, but only three of them are now in power, viz., Sir Wilfred Laurier (Canada), Mr Seddon (N.Z.) and Sir John Forrest (W.A.) Mr Seddon has just come back from a general election, very firmly established, and Sir Wilfred Laurier seems like going on for ever, so if the Knight of Bunbury can survive the political cataclysm, which the next general elections will bring about, these three remnants of the Imperial Gala day in 1897, should continue well into the nineteen hundreds, but:—

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One stumped the country
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'Owl this do?

THEY ARE MOST IGNORANT.

[FOR THE ARGONAUT.]

Perth LADY: "Don't you think the Boers are a very ignorant people, Mr Vox?"
Vox: "They ARE most ignorant, Madam, singularly so!"

HISTORICAL.

We are the British well-informed!
No one on earth can teach us;
Ours is the world, we have out-swarmed
Every nation, and well-nigh stormed
Heaven, where none can reach us.

Only an ignorant little crowd
Gives us the present trouble,
Will not allow us to take their gowd;—
But we shall crush them—we have vowed!—
Burst their Republican bubble.

That they are ignorant, who denies!
Else could they wish to fight us
For their country, our certain prize,
Grabbed, or annexed, or otherwise
Ours, though they try to spite us?

Ignorant are they, to be sure,
Or they had long elected
To be Briton instead of Boer,
Gladly a foreign yoke to endure,
So to be quite perfected!

That they are ignorant, still is proved
By their savage shooting;
All our officers are removed,
By a method never approved
Save in rank freebooting!

We are the well-informed; our rules
Come to us straight from heaven;
Those who oppose us must be fools,
Ignoraant blackguards, Kruger's tools,
Doomed to Hell's own leaven!

V.P.

Sir John Forrest is accompanied, on his journey East, by his press henchman Hackett. The latter is to exert his influence with the Eastern press to secure the acceptance of Sir John's Select Committee recommendations. The two Jacks are making a great effort to get on the topside of Federation again.

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What a screamingly merry Christmas we must have had! Boers and Brittons at each others throats in the Transvaal; 21 lives lost by a shipwreck off North Carolina; a batch of people killed by a falling rock in Italy; seven girls and one young man drowned in Sydney harbor; miles of country devastated and many lives lost by bush fires in Victoria; ditto Tasmania; a family carved up at a railway crossing in Victoria; a woman battered beyond recognition at Port Kembla; a case of wholesale poisoning at Purnango; a baby found in a kerosene tin at Bourke; outbreak of bubonic plague in Noumea; boating fatality in the Swan river; cyclists broken up at Fremantle; and defeat of the favorite in the Canning Cup. All these items from Wednesday morning's paper.

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Amongst the seasonable greetings from afar, come to us neatly printed little cards from the Martin Smith Co., Printers, Charters Towers (Q.), and from the editor and staff of the Bunbury "Herald," whereon are all sorts of good wishes, in each case displayed in an original fashion. This journal lifts its hat and replies, "Same to you, and many of 'em."

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The Farm.

Foods and Feeding.

We have now reached the stage where some of those stumbling blocks of scientific terminology which farmers unhesitatingly "shy off" may be considered. The term digestible ratio or digestive co-efficient denotes the proportion of the food constituents that is available to the digestive organs of the stock. The chemist's analyses are not the arbitrary measure of the value of feeding stuffs any more than soil analyses give definite information on the plant foods available to roots. In each case the chemical constituents are more or less exactly stated, but the percentage usable by the roots of plants or stomachs of animals has to be determined by practical experience.

Regarding the food stuffs, the digestive co-efficient depends upon the particular kind of food the other foods fed in conjunction with it, and the kind of stock to which it is given.

But to take all these side issues into consideration in the attempt to indicate some general principles by which a method of feeding can be followed would involve the enquirer in a hopeless tangle of thought from which he would see no exit. Therefore, for purposes of comparison it is assumed that the entire percentage of food content indicated by analysis is available.

The term albuminoid ratio expresses in numerals the relation between digestible albuminoids and digestible non-albuminoids. To arrive at this it is necessary to reduce the two components of the non-albuminoid constituents, namely, fats and carbohydrates, to a common term. The fat or oil content is nearly two and a half times as valuable as the carbohydrate content, as the former is multiplied by 2·4, and the result added to the carbohydrate or starch content, thus expressing the total digestible non-albuminoid content in terms of carbohydrates. To illusttate. An analysis of pollard beside us shows the albuminoids to be 11 per cent., fat 2.6 per cent., and carbohydrates 48 per cent. To find the albuminoid ratio, the percentage of fat, 2.6 is multiplied by 2.4, giving 6.24, to which the 48 per cent. carbohydrate is added, giving 54.24. The ratio thus stands 11 to 54.24. But to facilitate comparisons, the albuminoid content is stated as 1, the resultant expression of this ratio being therefore 1 to 4.9. When this slight difficulty is overcome the farmer will be in a position to compound his feeding stuffs on a methodical basis, and by noticing the results of certain foods on his stock will be able to frame a diet with the particular albuminoid ratio to suit his special requirements. There is no more need to feed by chance than to manure by chance, and even as his manures should be proportioned to the varying requirements of different crops, so should his foods or food mixtures be regulated according to the requirements and the animals.

Since writing last week we have come upon a useful table of the constituents of feeding stuffs, which is deserving of careful scrutiny:—

Alb. ratio.	Food.	Alb.	Fat.	Carbo.
1 to 1.2	Decort Cotton cake	40	12	19
,, 2.4	Separated milk	4	4	4·5
,, 2.2	Linseed cake	25	10	30
,. 1.7	Rape cake	25	7.6	24
,, 2.4	Beans	21	1.4	50
,, 2,7	Malt sprouts	19	1	49
,, 2.8	Peas	20	1,4	53
,, 4.4	Cocoanut cake	15	11	40
,, 4·5	Bran	11	2,4	44
,, 4·9	Pollard	11	2.6	48
,, 6.9	Oats	8	4·3	45
,, 9·7	Maize	8	4	68
,, 9·5	Rice meal	7·5	10	47
,, 29.8	Oat straw	1.4	.7	40
,. 9.3	Mangels (88% water)	1.1	.1	10
,, 8.3	Swede (87 o/o)	1.3	.1	10,3
,, 1.5	Treacle (90 o/o)	2.8		4.1

The digestible ratio is obtained by adding together the numbers of the albuminoid, fat and carbohydrate columns. Thus the digestible ratio of maize is 80 per cent., and of treacle 6.9 per cent. In the former a high digestible ratio occurs with a very low albuminoid ratio, and in the latter a high albuminoid with a very low digestible ratio.

It will be observed by those who remember the analysis of cocoanut oil cake given last week that the present table shows a considerably lower food value. This may be due to the variability of different samples of this cake, or to the fact that the only analysis we could discover last week was scarcely an important one.

Assuming the above analysis to be approximately correct, feeders will easily discern what foods may be reasonably expected to give the most economical returns at market rates.

For fattening purposes it would appear that rice meal, which can be obtained for £5 12s. 6d. per ton, is a good distance ahead of any other locally used foodstuff.

The digestible non-albuminoid content, equal to 71 per cent. carbohydrate, with the low albuminoid ratio of 1 to 9.5, gives a great fattening power with a minimum of waste.

For growing stock such a low albuminoid ratio would be disastrous. Some idea of the importance of the high albuminoid ratio necessary for young stock is derived from the fact that the colostruum or milk yielded by a cow having newly calved contains 20 per cent. albuminoids, and as water constitutes over 70 per cent., this albuminoid ratio is exceedingly high. British feeders regard 1 to 4 or thereabouts a good ratio for growing stock; but when it is taken into consideration that in our climate much loss of carbohydrate content is necessary to keep up the animal heat, etc., it is more than likely that this will give better results. In fact it will be found difficult to give an animal a liberal forcing diet of such a composition that it will grow rapidly without becoming rather too fat. And we think the principal reason for this is the warmth of the climate and the consequent small waste of fat and heat producing contents. It is often remarked that stock fed on the by.products of the dairy outgrow and out develop stock otherwise fed. This is probably due to the high albuminoid ratio of separated milk, and the high available form of the food contents. The practice of using molasses with cocoanut cake for growing stock has the support of theoretical teaching, as the high ratio (1 to 1.5) of treacle counteracts the fattening tendency of a food with an albuminoid ratio of 1 to 4.4, and a fat content of 11 per cent. Peas and beans form a highly valuable albuminoid food for stock, and at present values are the cheapest source of a frame creating diet on the market.

Many farmers may consider all this "figurin' and stuff" not worth bothering about. If these men are getting good profitable results from their feeding, and are satisfied, we forgive them. 'Leave well alone' is one of the few sensible sayings called proverbs. Nor is it for such as these we write. It is for those who, feeling there may be better systems than they adopt, are ready to attempt to improve. There are plenty farmers to whom what they call "book-learning" is impracticable nonsense. But it would appear an indisputable truth that the more a man knows about his business, the better he ought to be able to conduct it. Many instances of the failure of those possessed of considerable theoretical knowledge exist; but it was probably lack of practical experience that was at fault, which is an entirely different matter. The man who combines theory and practice is likely to be more successful than those who work with only one horse in his team. Briefly, all knowledge is gain.

Unless a buyer of good stuff has some approximate notion of their relative values on a food basis, he is easily led into buying whatever a persuasive agent wishes to get rid of. Again, by market fluctations, the cheap food to-day may become the expensive food next week, or a man feeding growing stock may be making money whilst his neighbor with the same food is losing by fattening his beasts.

In estimating the value of foodstuffs consideration must be taken of the resultant manure. Having previously gone fully into this matter, it is sufficient to say that generally foods with a high albuminoid content gives a richer manure than foods low in this respect, and that the manure from growing stock is not so rich as that from fattening animals. Next week we shall give some practical deductions from these principles applied to dairy cows.

Wet and Dry Milking.

Whether a cow's teats should be wetted when milking or not is a fertile subject of controversy among milkers. When all the evidence is weighed on both sides the rational conclusion is that, provided proper means be taken to ensure cleaniness, it depends upon the milker. There is everything against any dirty system of milking, and dry milking may be dirty milking just as surely as wet milking may be performed in a cleanly manner. The clean, well-washed hands of the milker operating on the clean, well-washed teats and udder of a cow are not likely to contaminate the milk, even if they are dipped into the milk once in a way. And if a milker can draw the milk quicker, more thoroughly, and with less annoyance to the beast when the hands and teats are moistened, it is foolish to condemn the practice, if, as before, proper precautions to ensure cleanliness are taken.

On the other hand, the dry milker who sits down to a dirty udder, possibly with cracked and scaly teats and probably having a lot of dirt clinging about the hair, is more likely to add unwelcome matter to the bucket than the other.

Milk either way: whichever is easiest to you; but do it in as clean a manner as possible.

The Breeding of Pigs.

"The breeding of pigs" was the subject of a lecture recently delivered by Mr E. Lewis of the unpronounceable place, Cillefwr. After 20 years experience he decides in favor of the popular Berkshire as the best all-round pig, and says that only once in his experience he ever saw a sow other than a Berkshire take a prize where all breeds were allowed to compete. He condenses pig management into four rules. 1. Keep the pig warm and clean. 2. Give them plenty of suitable food. 3. Let them have sufficient exercise; and 4, let the owner take an interest in them and keep his eye on them to see that they never stop growing. We are inclined to further condense pig management into the last rule alone. Pig breeding by proxy is seldom satisfactory, and if the owner takes any reasonable interest in the management of his pens the first three rules are superfluous. It is just this lack of interest, the common system of allowing pigs to drag themselves up or of desultory, spasmodic feeding that is the causes of the miserable runts often called pigs. In a discussion after the paper was read there was a consensus of opinion that the best cross for feeding was the Berk-Tamworth. The Tamworth blood gives a greater flesh-forming capacity than the Berkshire possesses, and the carcase of the first cross from pure stock is the ideal one for bacon curing, having the proper streakiness.

The Sheep-Goat Cross.

Although the hybrid produced by the crossing of the sheep with the goat is not commonly known in Westralia, it is far from being rare in other parts of the world. Indeed, this hybrid is peculiarly interesting to naturalists inasmuch as there are authenticated cases of the fertility of these hybrids between themselves: a somewhat unusual occurence among the offspring of such very distinct species. In South America it is customary to cross the ram with the she-goat, not the ewe with the he-goat. The well-known "pellones" of Chili are produced by the second and third generation of such hybrids. The cross between the sheep and the goat is termed "chabin" in French and "cabruno" in Spanish. In Chili such hybrids are called "carneros lunudos." Their breeding among themselves appears to be not always successful, and often the original cross has to be recommenced to obtain the proportion of three-eights of he-goat and five-eights of sheep, or three-eights of ram and five-eights of she-goat, such being the best reputed hybrids.

But apart from all usefulness for crossing with sheep, the Angora goat merits the patronage of the Acclimatisation Society on its own merits. There are hundreds of thousands of acres of jarrah country in this colony on which goats appear to thrive excellently, and which are, in their virgin infertility, utterly unsuited for sheep or cattle. The goat has been successfully used in many parts of America for taming rough scrub lands into kindlier pastures, and if in the course of years these scrub-loving animals will eat out the harsh indigenous vegetation and encourage grasses to replace it, and at the same time return a reasonable profit to the grazier, we have no hesitation in saying that the enormous area of country possessed of a splendid rainfall, which will be rendered productive, should be an important asset in Westralia's estate, and will give the pastoral possibilities of the colony a decided and required lift. It is said that the Angora goat is "masquerading as mutton" in Chicago to the tune of 2000 carcases per week. Being "singularly immune from disease" and cheaply raised, it might masquerade as mutton in our markets with great gain to consumers.

"Grade" Stock.

The term "grade" applied to stock was, we believe, first employed in America. Many suppose it to be identical with crossbred. This is not so. A crossbred animal is the result from the mating of two distinct breeds. Grade stock are animals with pure blood on one side only—generally the male. In describing crossed stock the breed of the sire is placed first—thus, a Berk-Yorkshire sow is one whose dam was a Yorkshow. A grade Berkshire sow is one whose sire was a pure bred Berkshire boar and whose dam was of that class appropriately termed nondescript, that is to say one that could not be credited with the characteristics of any recognised breed.

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Vanity Fair.

[BY "EGERIA."]

They eat and drink and scheme and plod
And go to church on Sunday;
And many are afraid of God,
And more of Mrs. Grundy.

A large number of relatives and friends of the pupils of Wicklyffe Ladies' College assembled at the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday afternoon, 20th December, at the invitation of the Misses Carroll, principals of the above school, on the occasion of their annual speech day. The prizes were distributen by Lady Forrest, and Mr Alex. Forrest in a short speech complimented teachers and pupils on the progress and success of their school. At the conclusion of the programme Miss Gladys M'Cartney, on behalf of herself and fellow pupils, presented Miss Carroll with a beautiful silver kettle and stand, on accepting which that lady said she was too overcome to express herself further than to thank them all for their kind thoughtfulness. The programme, among the usual items of instrumental music, class-singing, dancing, and calisthenics, announced a performance of "The Royal Baker," the parts being taken by Miss Hilda Berthold (Alfred the Great), Miss Lily Baker and Miss Ruby Digney (English earls, Athelstan and Edward); Miss Ada North (a swineherd), Garth; and Miss Ethel Miller (his wife), Emma. These parts were well sustained, Miss Etbel Miller as the scolding wife being particularly clever. Among those present were: Lady Forrest, Mrs Sinclair, Mrs Brooking, Mr Ward, Miss Mildred, Mrs and Miss Hull, Mrs M'Cartney. Mr Alex. Forrest, Mr and Mrs Gwynne, Mrs Robertson, Mrs W. W. Berry, Mrs A. P. Mills, Mrs Rains, Mrs A. G. Russell and Mrs Dynon.

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Thus the "Anglo-Dutchman": —Anglophobia is growing apace in Holland apparently. An Amsterdam barber has achieved local notoriety by refusing to shave two Englishmen, one of whom had already been soaped and lathered and had to leave the saloon in that condition for the more kindly protection of the street, and more to the merriment of the barber's remaining clients than to his own. . . . . .

The managers of the Amsterdam Panopticum (the Dutch Madame Tussand's) are wiser. They have refused to remove Queen Victoria's wax counterpart and that of "Gentleman Joe" from their places of honor to grace the "Chamber of Horrors."

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Mr and Mrs Edgecumbe, assisted by Miss Edgecumbe, entertained a large party of c ildren at their home "Hiawatha," Bulwer-street, on Thursday afternoon and evening. After the little ones had indulged in a delightful tea they were introduced to Father Xmas, who, in the traditional garb of Santa Claus, presided over a beautiful Xmas Tree, laden with all sorts of toys and presents, and decorated with Chinese lanterns and candles. After the distribution of gifts by Mr Edgecumbe, who impersonated Father Xmas, and the excitement attendant thereon had somewhat subsided, there were games on the lawn, music, and dancing. Mr and Mrs Edgecumbe spared no trouble to make the occasion a happy and memorable one for the children, who, in their turn, thoroughly appreciated the kindness of their host and hostess. Among the little ones invited were: Misses Gladys and Irene Whitby, Daisy and Ivy Lewis, Jessie Couston, Topsy Domela, Florence Barnett, Ilma Peden, Una Maxwell, Kathleen and Viola Taylor, and Masters Jack and Charlie Oldham, Horace Walker, Cleve Barnett, Alex. Couston, Lindsay Peden, Ernest Campbell, Horace Gray.

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The "Verein Germania" is not behindhand in providing entertainment for its members and their friends during the Christmas and New Year festivities. On Sunday evening, 24th, a concert was held, and on Monday (Christmas Day) a children's night was given, when there was a distribution of presents amongst the children from an illuminated Christmas Tree and singing On Tuesday evening there was a dance, and on Sunday next a social will be held seeing the old year out

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The souvenirs of "The Absent-Minded Beggar" printed on satin, which Mrs Langtry presented to everyone who attended the 100th performance of "The Degenerates" at the Garrick, were really exquisite, and are now worth more than a guinea apiece. One thousand two hundred and fifty copies were printed, which required over 950 yards of satin 24in wide, and which cost Mrs Langtry over 4s a copy. The exquisite sheen of the satin greatly enhanced the beauty of the work, and a large number of theatre parties were organised to secure these souvenirs for the purpose of making sofa pillows or framing them. Mrs Langtry recited the poem the chorus being sung (to Sir Arthur Sullivan's setting) by the boys of the Duke of York's school.

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Silk mittens are worn for evening-dress embroidered with glittering sequins, steel or jet.

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Some of those whose ideas of courtesy led them to answer their invitations to the garden party for the 29th are wondering if they be rather out of date or old-fashioned by so doing, having heard the announcement of the P.S. that the vice-regal residence is not an addendum to the G.P O., nor himself a collector of postage stamps. It is believed the above custom still prevails in Mayfair; but should we not be proud that our mother country's representatives cry "Advance Australia"?

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Many of the latest blouse bodices are made of velvet, velveteen, taffetas, and silk. These are all made on fitted linings, which, already boned and finished off with hooks and eyes, are being sold at the shops. Bodice blouses have fitting sleeves, whereas the shirt blouse is made with small bishop sleeves, gathered into a band at the wrist.

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Mr and Mrs Gillespie, of Guildford, whose marriage was celebrated on Monday, the 18th, left Fremantle by the German mail boat Frederich des Grosse for the Eastern colonies, where they will spend their honeymoon.

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Among others who left by the same boat to spend Christmas in the East were Mr and Mrs Barrymore and Miss Victor, of Cottesloe.

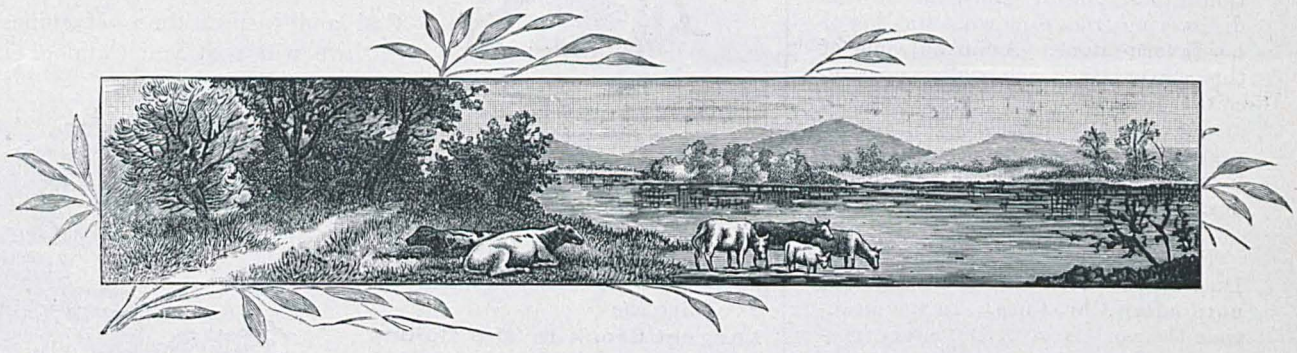
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Wife despondent, husband coarse,
Co-respondent, then divorce.

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The soldiers in the Transvaal are spending a merry Christmas. They are busy making out their wills and sewing their description cards in their coats in case of being shot!

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Elanslaagte means the valley or glen of the eland, a large antelope which is now nearly extinct in Natal.

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On the occasion of the performance of "La Traviata" at Craig-y-nos the guests staying in the house were one day led in the course of conversation into discussing gems, the hostess discovering from each what was his or her favorite stone. As an outcome of this conversation each one has now received from Baroness Cederstrom an article of jewellery made of the stone preferred as "a souvenir of the performances of 'La Traviata' at Craig-y-nos."

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Publication of the memoir of the Duchess of Teck has been deferred until after Christmas. In the meantime the work is receiving every possible assistance from members of the Royal Family, so that on its appearance it may be expected to prove a singularly authentic account of the late Princess and the period in which she played so prominent a part.

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From "Puck":—Mrs Flashout: "Yes, Bobby, all these beautiful silk dresses of mine come from a poor little insignificant worm!" Bobby Flashout: "Yes, mamma, and papa is the worm, isn't he?"

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Lady Sarah Wilson, who acted in the double capacity of Red Cross nurse and war correspondent for the "Daily Mail," London, in beleagured Mafeking, is described as being of medium height, with dark hair and well-marked eyebrows and of a very good complexion. She is a perfect dresser, an habitué at Newmarket, and a welcome guest at the most important country houses. She has two or three small children.

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Gloves, and even stockings have gems and beads introduced among the silken embroidery. Shoes, stockings, gloves, and fans are all made to match. Another novelty in gloves has come to hand. The hand and wrist are of kid, while the long upper portion is composed of lace, which closely fits the arm almost to the shoulder. A smart effect is brought about with black gloves which are adorned with lace embroidered with Rhine stones.

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The annual racing carnival for another year was begun at Canning Park on Boxing Day, and favored by the most beatiful weather that an ideal climate can produce. The attendance was very large and the racing good, and everybody seemed in the best possible humor with everybody else, and the only grumbling heard was that due to the usual incompetency of the railway mangaement. Those who drove had a better time of it, the soft breeze making the warmth of the sun agreeable, and the late shower of rain laying the dust on a road that is much improved for vehicular traffic. Many picnic parties wended their way to the flat, where the small fry have plenty of room to indulge their habitude of perpetual motion without encumbering their parents enough to debar them from backing the favorite and "going down." Several four-horse teams rattled in dashing style into the Park enclosure, among them being Mr W. G. Brookman's smart turnout and a large party, and Mr and Mrs W. W. Berry, who also entertained a large party of friends to lunch and afternoon tea at intervals during the day. A little excitement not catered for on the programme was that caused by a would-be guest of the Governor, who, being in that state of unsound mind produced by overmuch acquaintanee with the wine-god, wanted the crême de la crême to be as jovial as himself, his besotted wit evidently not understanding the melancholy air pervading the "little box" on such a gay occasion. The dressing at Canning Park is generally very smart, but perhaps on account of the coming garden party the best frocks were reserved for the latter occasion. The eel-skin skirt was much in favor and floral muslins with their silk foundations still hold sway and always look fresh and dainty. A pretty dress was of heliotrope muslin, the flowers being outlined most artistically with ruchings of silk chiffon in same color. A blue muslin with white lace looked fresh and cool, while a fawn dress with appliqué was a refreshing sight to a critical eye. A black brocade with coat-tabs lined with white satin and guipure and jet vest looked very smart, while the many youthful costumes of white looked sweet and becoming on the girlish figures of the wearers. The ubiquitous toque and the always-becoming boa give an air of "finish" to the simplest as well as the most elegant toilet. The Government House party consisted of Sir Gerard Smith, Miss Smith, Mr Ord, P.S., Mrs Conran, Miss Daniells, Miss Wemyss, Miss O'Hallaran, Mr Daniels, and Mr G. Browne. Miss Smith, white muslin, white hat, with chiffon and white feathers; Miss Daniells, white tucked costume, white hat with feathers and tulle strings; Miss Wemyss, black grenadine over white silk, black sequined toque with feathers; Miss O'Hallaran, black silk skirt, fawn coat, hat trimmed with black lace and pink roses; Mrs Conran, white and green costume, yellow hat with pink roses; Mrs H. J. Saunders, green floral silk with frills on apron, skirt edged with narrow black lace, sleeves and yoke of inserted black lace over heliotrope silk, black ribbon belt with large steel buckle, sash of black chiffon, hat raised from forehead with white chiffon, black and white feathers, green silk bows and pink cowslips; Mrs Hooley, black moiré with black lace over white silk, toque of black sequined chiffon and fancy straw, black feathers and crimson roses; Mrs Arthur Hassell, tailor-made coat and skirt, with black and white braid, white hat with "angel" wings and red velvet; Mrs Dickenson, charming costume of heliotrope, floral muslin, the sprays on sleeves, and yoke being outlined with heliotrope silk chiffon, toque of heliotrope chiffon and fancy straw with sprays; Mrs Brookman, pale blue inserted muslin over blue silk, with frills on skirt edged with black lace, bodice and sleeves tucked and vest of tucked white silk with ruched chiffon, a band of tomato-red velvet at the waist, hat of pink and cream, with frills of pink chiffon, pink silk wings with appliqué lace, black ospreys; Mrs H. M. Saunders, cream serge skirt, white silk lustre blouse, inserted with torchon lace and black velvet, white hat with black tulle, white and black plumes and sprays of violets; Mrs Athel Saw, white piqué skirt, lilac and black muslin blouse with black lace, white hat with white chiffon and sprays of lilac; Mrs Jenkins, floral muslin with touches of Crowstadt blue, grey hat, chiffon and feathers; Mrs Courthope (Sydney), black moiré costume with cream vest, black hat and feathers; Mrs Oats, black moiré elaborately trimmed with jet, pretty white and black lace boa, heliotrope hat with shaded heliotrope chiffon and feathers; Mrs Grimwood, black silk skirt with narrow green velvet ribbon with fichu of black lace, black hat with white lace, black feathers, and orange flowers; Mrs Jones, blue spotted muslin with pretty fichu of lace, chiffon sash, white leghorn hat with black velvet, chiffon, and red and white roses; Mrs Stratham, striped green and blue silk with black chiffon and beaded trimming, black beaded hat with ospreys and wings and bows of orange ribbons; Mrs Canning, white piqué skirt and white muslin blouse, black hat with chiffon and feathers, pink roses; Mrs Matheson, spotted navy blue muslin, guipure yoke and black velvet and chiffon with cream lace, black feathers, and chiffon pink roses; Mrs Byrne, grey corded silk with green chiffon yoke, pink hat with shaded ribbon; Mrs Draper, blue spotted muslin, tucked revers and vest, black hat with terra-cotta tulle, wreath of autumn leaves and ospreys; Mrs Lazarus, black silk with coat basque lined with white satin and trimmed with jet, brown hat with wreath of autumn leaves; Mrs Morris, black silk, broided skirt, inserted heliotrope tucked muslin blouse, white hat with white and heliotrope feathers. Mrs Beal, white piqué skirt, green and white silk blouse with lace, black hat hat and feathers, pink chiffon; Mrs Quinlan, dark blue muslin, white silk vest, black and white hat with feathers; Mrs Dynon, shot silk of blue and black with pink silk vest, black hat with chiffon, black and white feathers; Mrs Barratt, white and green striped silk with sleeves and yoke piped. with white chiffon on collar and vest, white toque veiled with black chiffon, black feathers. Mrs Strickland, black and white silk, white lace boa, sequined toque, white and black tulle, red roses and ospreys. Mrs Greenham, white watered silk skirt, pink floral muslin blouse inserted with white lace, lace collarette, fawn straw hat with pink chiffon, cherries and pink roses; Mrs. Mason, pink and white striped muslin, ma mie rosette hat, chiffon and feathers. Mrs. Foster, pink striped muslin with black lace, yoke draped with black chiffon, black floral toque, pink ribbon and roses; Mrs. Preston, pink and green muslin, pink hat with tulle and roses, shot silk coat. Mrs. Moss, fawn silk costume with chiffon vest over yellow silk, with revers and collar embroidered with jewelled applique, yellow toque, with pale green ribbon and orange roses. Mrs. Harris, black silk

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skirt, fawn corded silk blouse with lace and jet bonnet with lace and feathers. Mrs. Emanuel, white embroidered muslin costume, fancy straw toque, with white ribbon and yellow roses. Mrs. Price, floral muslin with pink silk garniture, white hat with chiffon and feathers. Mrs. Konigstein, black and yellow silk with yellow chiffon, toque of chiffon with yellow plumes. Miss Rose Parker, cream cashmere costume, black hat raised in front with black tulle and pink roses. Miss Harris, white pigné skirt, white muslin blouse, satin collarette, white hat; Miss Bergin, heliotrope and white floral muslin, with inserted lace and outlined yoke with black velvet and small steel buckles, belt of black velvet, hat with heliotrope silk and ospreys; Miss Staples, yellow muslin with heliotrope stripe and guipure lace, cream hat with green crown, pink roses and lace; Miss Neilson, green and white floral muslin and white chiffon, white hat with yellow sprays and chiffon; Miss Wilson, white muslin costume, white sailor hat; Miss Merritt, white silk dress with lace vest, green hat with pink ribbon and wreath of white may blossoms; Miss Hooley, lavender silk, relieved with geranium red, burnt straw hat with red velvet; Miss E. Hooley, fawn coat and skirt, heliotrope hat with same colored flowers; Miss Grimwood, green muslin, white ribbon, white hat with wings; Miss N. Wigglesworth, white muslin over pink silk skirt, green silk blouse with yoke of pink silk and black veivet ribbon, cream hat with plumes; Miss Canning, heliotrope muslin and chiffon, black hat with black feathers and pink roses; Miss H. Parker, fawn skirt and embroidered muslin blouse, lace collarette, fawn hat with tulle and feathers; Miss Eliot, white muslin costume, white hat with ribbon bows; Miss Gwen Eliot, white pigné costume, fawn hat with fawn velvet wings and black ospreys; Miss Carroll, blue floral muslin with ribbon and lace hat with ribbon and cream feathers; Miss Strickland, white pigné skirt, blouse and hat, relieved with deep violet shades of silk; Miss Browne, braided holland coat and skirt, pink vest, leghorn hat with cerise and brown ribbons and flowers; Miss Forrest, white silk costume, white hat with feathers and lace; Miss Kennedy, tussore silk with lace, black hat and feathers and red roses; Miss Price, pink and white muslin with guipure lace, white hat. Amongst the gentlemen present were Mr. Alex. Forrest, (Mayor of Perth) Messrs. Petherick, Locke, H. J. Saunders, H. M. Saunders, Handran Smith, Carter, W. W. Berry, W. G. Brookman, C. E. Dempster; Drs. Saw and Coventry; Messrs. Geo. Leake, Lazarus, Jocelyn, Saltwell, Salem, Frank Wilson, S. H. Parker, Q.C., Wilkinson, Geo. Parker, Wiltshire.

FASHION LETTER.

LONDON, Nov. 23rd, 1899.

SWEET FRIEND VANITE,

London is full! Everyone is here—both known and unknown—and in my opinion, could not be anywhere better, for this month's fog and dreariness can be lost sight of in the brilliancy and charm of the wonderful shops of our much-loved city. Almost every theatre too, holds out such tempting bait that one must indeed be hard to please, if one cannot make the days busy and the evenings entertaining. Unhappily, though, many of us have not left our country haunts for the sake of London's gaiety, but that we may be where we can get the earliest news of the war that to-day is all-absorbing. Many of us too, are here to see the last of our dear ones who are ordered to the front, and I can hardly decide which farewell is the most heart-breaking, that of the wife who cannot restrain her agonized sobs, or the wife whose seeming calmness is belied by the quivering nostril and trembling lip. Apropos of theatres, *I* am always an ardent playgoer (to use a good old-fashioned word that we seemed to have shelved of late) but, just now, we are all appreciating them to the full, as, in their gay cheeriness we can, for a few hours, forget our aching anxiety for the near ones to whom we so lately said farewell.

I saw "The Degenerates" one night, and was amused to notice how the poorness of the piece was balanced by the richness of the dresses—the only word appropriate to the one is "twaddle," and to the other "exquisite." Miss Lily Hanbury is magnificent in the first act in an evening gown of "coat of mail" with diamond shoulder-straps and the same gorgeous jewels in her hair. Mrs. Langtry's wondrous blue eyes rivalled in beauty the gems she wore—greater admiration of them I cannot express, as seldom have I seen lovelier jewels than were adorning those two beautiful women on the stage that night.

I hope soon to describe to you the much-talked-of dresses in "Hearts are Trumps," but alas! I had to book seats five weeks in advance!

But you, dear far-away Vanité, are more concerned just now with the delights of garden parties and races, *n'est-ce-pas*, and the ideas in your pretty little head all run in the direction of coquettish frocks, wherewith to charm all mankind. Well! you have my sympathy, and you shall have what is more to the point—my *suggestions*.

How do you like a white spotted washing net made over apple green glacé silk, the underskirt boasting two narrow frills, the overskirt, also be-frilled, cut to the same length but scolloped all round to give tiny, bewitching glimpses of the cool green beneath; yoke, collar and sleeves of tucked net and lace insertion, pouched bodice of the white over green, fastening with four straps of black ribbon velvet caught with crystal buttons, the same narrow velvet round the waist, finishing to the left of the front with a dashing velvet "chou," in the heart of which nestle three of the crystals? Complete this toilette with a white tulle toque, a veritable "trifle, light as air," bedecked with a gleaming osprey and a baudeau of massed blue hyacinths, a white parasol, as simple or as frivolous as it pleases you, and then, with so charming a turn-out in your possession, wish you may have a speedy invitation to the most "swagger" garden party of the season!

If you are bent on economy and would carry out this vision at much less expense, substitute a linen or mull muslin "slip" instead of the glacé, and for the tulle toque (which little confection might run into a high price and would certainly not be long-lived!) a high-crowned white picture hat with severe bands of black ribbon velvet and a "mount" of full-blown pink petalled roses.

Again! I see a China blue, figured muslin made over white, the skirt plain in front and cut at the back in three deep flounces from the waist, the loose bodice tucked lengthways from neck to waist, the sleeves tucked horizontally, the collar, tiny rounded vest and stiff "revers" of white glace silk, as well as the folded belt at the waist. To this gown of intense blue nothing would give greater distinction than a toque of black chiffon and tips, or an effective big hat of white straw, swathed in white glacé and turned back in front with two curling black plumes. *Then*, if you cannot score off your "intimate enemies" with either of those tasteful frocks it is indeed not the fault of your London gossip! By the way, I do hope you are trying to improve your hair in the way I advised last month, I am *sure* you will be as surprised and pleased with the result as *I* was. Talking of hair reminds me—at all evening functions the more originally you can adorn your tresses, the more successful will be your coiffure; call to your aid whatever you please—wings, tulle, jewels, flowers, pailletted butterflies or gem-tipped aigrettes, just what your own tast may suggest, and nothing that you can think of will be either too smart or too original.

Have you seen any of the pretty "floral boas"? They are made of pink rose petals and daintily puffed chiffon or *gaze de soie*; the delicate rose tint thus obtained is quite becoming to one's complexion.

I am sure you will be interested to hear that I was one of the lucky audience at the "Palace" the first night Mrs. Tree recited "The Absent-minded Beggar." The enthusiasm was tremendous; scarcely had the gifted actress finished the words "Pay, pay, pay," before a perfect shower of gold and silver fell on the stage! In a very few minutes Mrs. Tree was up to her knees in coin of the realm, and then the manager, Mr. Morton, came forward and begged the people to desist and "put their money in the collection boxes, as he was afraid of the coins striking Mrs. Tree in the face!" The popular actor-manager's wife wore a most original and daring gown; it was of brilliant cerise moire, the skirt opening at the left side to show a petticoat of orange silk, elaborately embroidered in silver, the bodice was trimmed with fur and finished off with a sash of vivid apple green chiffon, the whole effect being a little bizarre, but altogether artistic and becoming.

We have had several very gloomy weddings recently on account of this terrible war. Lady Evelyn Crichton was married to the Hon. Gerald Ward, youngest son of the lovely Countess of Dudley, and Lady Mary Villiers to Lord Longford. Both bridegrooms have been ordered to the Transvaal. The wedding of Miss Chaplin and Lord Castlereagh is to take place at the end of the month. Another lately wedded wife, and an old schoolfellow of my own, Lady Tullibardine, has had to part with her husband, the Duke of Athol's eldest son, who, it may be remembered, was seriously wounded in the Soudan. A great many county and hunt balls are indefinitely postponed and a great many people who usually spend the winter in the "sunny-south" are not venturing further than Brighton this winter. Well, dear Vanité, I hope you will forgive this digression from millinery to military, but the one topic here is WAR. Good-bye, mon amie, I picture you beautiful and bewitching in the brilliant summer of Western Australia, and in the frocks designed by yours ever admiringly,

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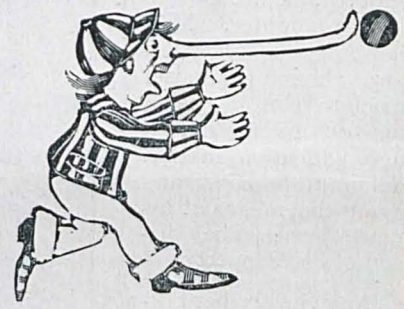
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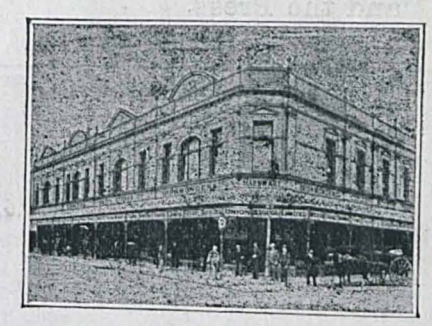
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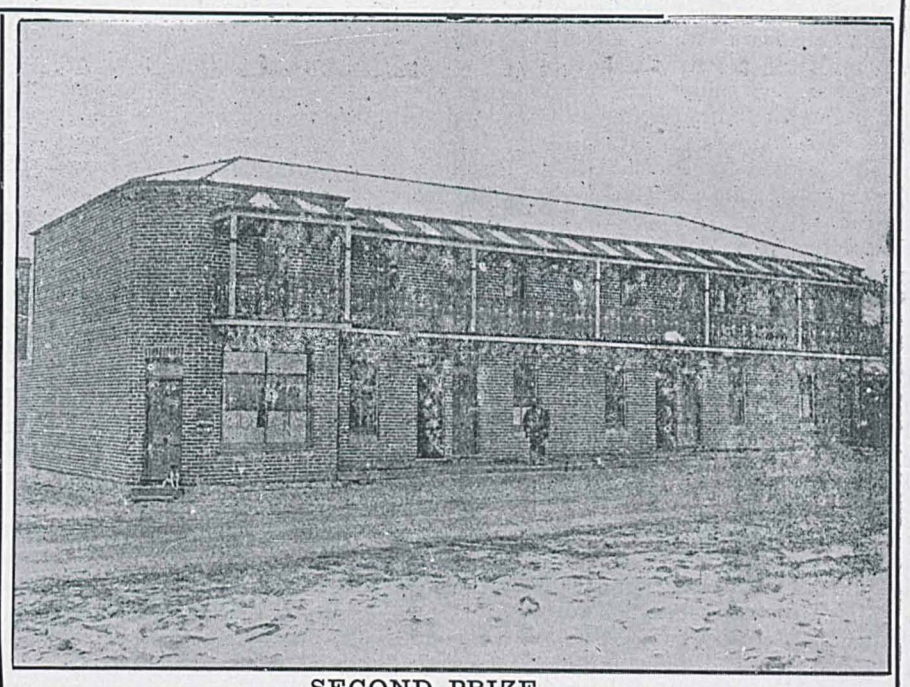
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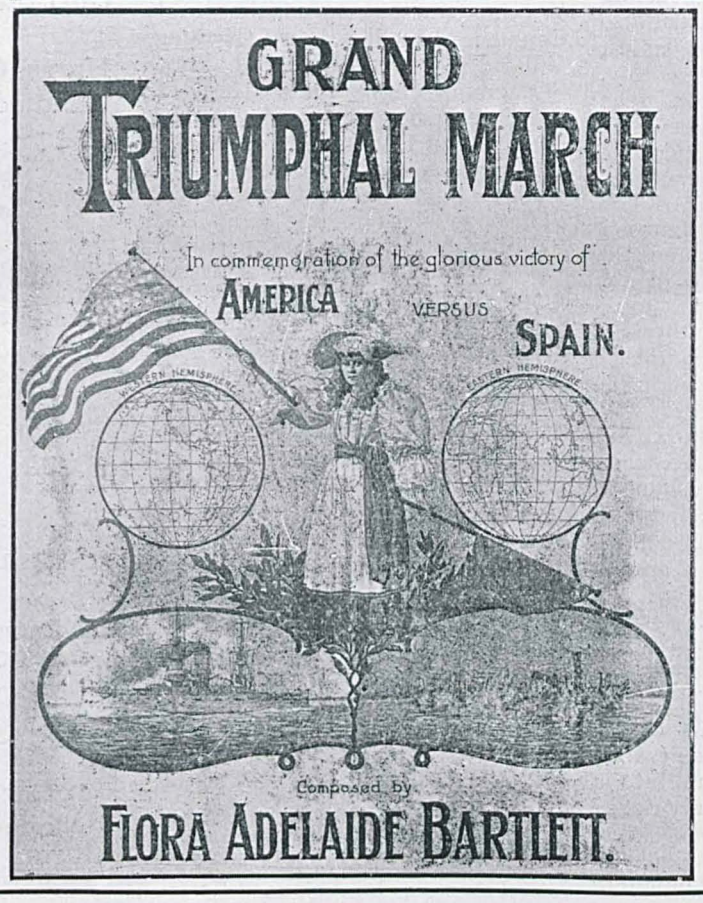
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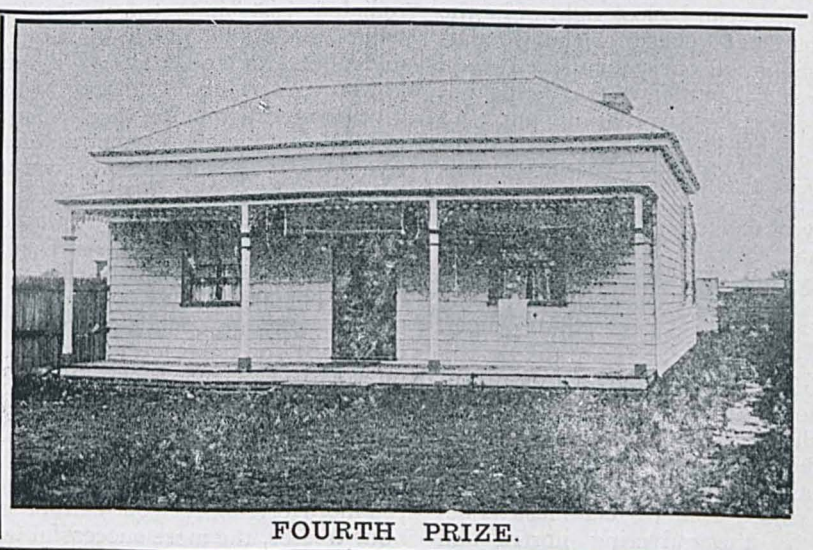


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Lapir, who started favorite for the Holiday Handicap at Randwick last Saturday, is by Grandmaster out of Eone, by Ajax from Enode, and, like Paris (Grandmaster — Enone), is owned by Mrs H. C. White.

Referring to the success of Tommy Driscoll, the Westralian jockey, on Carl in the Turretfield Stakes at the Adelaide Racing Club meeting recently, an exchange says: Driscoll, who seems as good with youngsters as he is at hurdleracing or steeplechasing, rode quite a nice race on Carl. He allowed the colt to settle into his stride at the outset, but as they made for the bend he sent Carl to the front, and from this out the young Carlyon gave his followers no quarter, winning comfortably by a neck from the fast-finishing Adelaide. The winner was bred by Mr J. H. Aldridge at Richmond Park, and is by the Chester horse Carlyon from Sylvan, by Fireworks. Carl, who is a brother to Carlton, who won the Newmarket in 1897, was bought as a yearling by Patterson for 100 gns.

At the Newmarket Houghton meeting on October 27, Carbinia, a Carbine filly, won a two-year-old handicap. She started favorite at 3 to 1, and beat eleven others. This is Carbine's second winner this year in England, Dum Dum being the other. Not as good a record as could be wished, but the "Special Commissioner" of the London "Sportsman" points out that Carbine has done a lot better than Isonomy did in his first season. However, the comparison is scarcely a happy one, as Carbine was not a newcomer at the stud, and even allowing for altered conditions, results should have been better considering the opportunities given him.

The Australian colt Essex, whom Mr Alex. Forrest tried to purchase, but was outbid by Mr W. R. Wilson, with 9.4 ran fourth in a five-furlong selling race at the Northampton and Pytchley November meeting. He was well backed, starting equal favorite at 6 to 1 in a field of 15 with a horse named Go On.

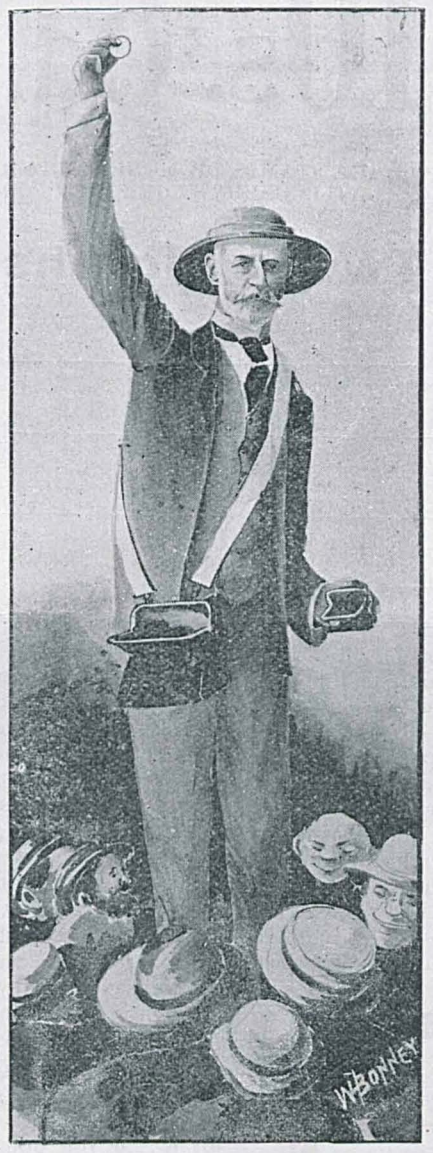
After the way he was taken to task for his handicapping of Oban in the Cambridgeshire, it was only natural Mr Mainwaring should pay attention to Australian or New Zealand horses when next any of them came under his hands. As a result, Multiform was given top weight (9st) in the Liverpool Cup, and he would need to be at his best to have had a chance with such an impost. However, the probabilities are against Multiform ever showing anything like his New Zealand form, as he has turned roarer, and a bad one at that, which is hard luck for Sir E. Vincent, who is having an unpleasant experience with his Australian purchases, as it was he who gave 3000 guineas for Cranberry after the A.J.C. meeting.

The Newmarket Handicap winner, Forest, was not doing as well as could he wished when the last mail left India. After working one morning he came back to the paddock slightly lame. It was thought he had struck himself, but subsequent opinion favored the supposition that he must have been cast in his box. However, it was reckoned a short rest would see him quite right again, and it is to be hoped such will prove the case.

Tarcoola, winner of the Melbourne Cup of 1893, who has been leased for three years for stud purposes, arrived at San Francisco in good condition.

Conan Doyle says that if England were in a hole we should have to trust to our sporting men to pull her out. "Current events in the Transvaal afford proof positive of the value of sport both from a fighting and educational point of view. That brilliant innings at Lord's, that famous rally at Blackheath, &c., have all been repeated in effect at Mafeking, Dundee, Ladysmith, &c For the rest, there is no doubt that an actual devotion to sport inculcates lessons of manliness, courage, discipline, and self-dominion."

Mr Tom Duff's Monster Calcutta sweep on the Perth Cup is meeting with liberal patronage at the hands of the sporting fraternity. It is fully expected to be the largest sweep of its kind ever held in Perth. Tickets are selling rapidly and can be obtained at the office of Mr Sam Grimwood up to the hour of drawing, 8.30 p.m. on Saturday night.



WHAT IT MAY COME TO

His Ex.: If you don't specu'ate, you can't accumulate.

W. R. Wilson (Victoria) and G. G. Stead (New Zealand), two of the leading horseowners in Australasia, have both met with little success this season.

The celebrated thoroughbred English stallion Nunthorpe is believed to have been taken by the Boers from the stud at which he was standing at Colesberg, South Africa.

Major George has designs on the Australian Cup with Seahorse. Nelson, the sire of the N.Z. Cup winner, missed the race some years ago, Trident getting up on the post. A Maoriland exchange says:—"There is little doubt that Seahorse is a smasher, and that he will make a bold stand against Merriwee and Co. if he is thoroughly fit. A horse that can cut out the 2¼-mile colonial record is just the sort of animal to have your money on; and it will take the best on the other side to beat him."

The Duke of Westminster, who died the other day, owned Bend Or, Ormonde, Orme, and Flying Fox, besides other turf celebrities. Thanks to "the Fox" he was at the head of the list of winning owners this year with close on £50,000 to his credit.

Mr H. C. White's Form, by Gibraltar-Formosa, ran very well in the Great Town Plate at Lincoln (England) with top weight (9st) up He finished fifth. The mile was covered in 1min 46 1-5thsec. Form started at 9 to 1.

A Melbourne exchange says that Private Willis, by Martini-Henry—Iolanthe, is a very useful little horse, who seems to win, or go close, whenever Stevenson advises his party to bet. He wore a bandage when he won at Sandown Park recently, but pulled up sound after each gallop. The Private Willis party are evidently "astute." Stevenson is the jockey who won the big Cup on Auraria.

S. Loates, who headed the list of winning jockeys in England last season, has accepted an engage-engagement to ride for Sir J. B. Maple for three years, at a salary of £2000 a year.

The running of Oban in England has opened up the question of running horses out of condition A writer in the "Sportsman" says:—

In Australia this matter has recently been receiving some attention, but searcely so much as is called for. Sometimes there is no great difference in running a fat horse and pulling a fit one. The aim is often much the same in both cases. One authority in England attempts to justify the tactics pursued by the Oban party in readying the horse for the Cambridgeshire; but from this distance the whole affair bears a very questionable appearance. We all know the little game quite well. "Run them when they are short of condition, and there is no need to apply the brake. The stewards can say nothing, and you get the weight off. The practice may be "clever" and "business-like," and all that, but, fined down to plain terms, it is just an underhand method of deceiving the handicapper, and sometimes it is something worse.

The sale of Wellington Park (N.Z.) yearlings takes place next Wednesday.

Sunflower, a son of Cranbrook, is shaping well over the schooling hurdles at Melbourne.

Messrs C. W, Yuille and Co. on December 18, at the Victoria Horse Bazaar, sold the bay colt Battle Royal, by Carnage—Princess Alice, for 40gns. the three-year-old chestnut colt Orsino, by Malvolio—Sedition, for 25gns. This fashionably bred pair were the property of Mr J. N. M'Arthur, M.L.A., who has had no luck on the turf, and is apparently retiring.

Ouida, the dam of Strathmore, has produced a colt foal to Hotchkiss. The old mare was the last to foal at Wellington Park this season,

Zealous, a younger sister to the crack Seahorse, won the Cambria Handicap, for two-year-olds, at tke Takapuna J.C. Summer meeting This was the filly's first appearance.

Among the first to be mated to Tarcoola in his new home at San Francisco is the Queensland mare Trance, by Somnus.

Mr Joe Thompson anticipates a visit to Australia next year—most probably about Melbourne Cup time.

Normanby, by Gemma-di-Vergy—Kitty, winner of the Sydney Cup of 1885. dropped dead in his box at Carrowindra. N.S.W., last week.

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ALBANY CUP, 10,000 at 5, run Albany, February 10.
BOULDER CUP, 10,000 at 5, run Boulder, February
COOLGARDIE CUP, 10,000 at 5, run Coolgardie, February
KALGOORLIE HANDICAP, 10,000 at 5, run Kalgoorlie, February
AUSTRALIAN CUP 25,000 at 5, run Flemington, March 1
NEWMARKET HANDICAP, 25,000 at 5, run March
NORTHAM HANDICAP. 10,000 at 5, run Northam, March
SYDNEY CUP, 25,000 at 5, run Randwick, April, 1900.

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Mr Tom Hales is about again, after his severe illness. He was at Flemmington the other day to see his Carlyon colt, Caralbi, work.

The Burswood R.C. (unregistered) opened, like the South Perth club with a great flourish of trumpets, but already pony owners there have begun to display thieving tactics.

Canning Park Turf Club stewards shook hands with themselves on Wednesday over the attendance at the opening of their annual meeting. There was a record attendance, and the totalisator commission amounted to no less than £400. This goes to show that where the sport is sufficiently attractive the public will attend, "books" or no "books."

Triumph, thrown in at 9.6, was sent out favorite for the Hurdle Race, and the opposition being silenced in a great measure by Thackaringa and Williambury coming to grief, the Tremando gelding won easily from Ivy, with Bullock third. Oakley, the rider of Williambury, got a very severe fall, three of his ribs being broken. Triumph followed up his jumping success by winning the Ladies' Bracelet later on in the day, but in this event he just squeezed home in front of the Nor'-West horse, The Coon. Fun was made a hot favorite for the latter event, but, although he was only conceding Triumph 8lb, he could get no nearer than third. Surely this was not the true form of the half-brother to Lee Metford!

Gipsy Bill (who is another Black Demon and nothing more) carved out the five furlongs Club Handicap in 1.4¾, winning handsomely. Wise Step, another Derby candidate, was second. He received a stone from the Bill of Portland colt, for whom he is no match, over a short course. In the last race of the day Wise Step finished second to Islamite over a mile of ground, and in the Derby he has a better chance than Gipsy Bill. Jeffery, who will ride the last-named, does not look upon the colt as a stayer.

The Canning Cup upset the calculations of punters entirely. Euglo was voted a good thing, but the uncertainty of the turf was demonstrated when Australian came through at the entrance to the straight and won easily. Mural's stable mate had the services of Lawrence, Towton's first jockey, and he did everything that could be expected of a son of The Australian Peer. The dividend, £8 6s, was the best of the day.

Islamite won the Sir Gerard Smith Stakes, and in concluding these notes the ARGONAUT tipster plumps for the Bunbury horse for the Perth Cup.

The chief prize-winners in W.A. Tattersall's Canning Cup consultation were: Edwards & Steele, Perth (Australian), £1000; Messrs Favian, Curnow and Griffiths, Menzies (Euglo), £250; Nugget Syndicate, Menzies (M.J.), £100.

The consultations on Perth Cup, 25,000 at 10s and 50,000 at 5s, are going off at a great rate, and subscribers are reminded to invest early to avoid disappointment. Investors are requested to note that the Railway Stakes consultation 10,000 at 5, runs on Wednesday, is filling rapidly.

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MINING AND FINANCE

Being holiday time there is little in the shape of market movements to report, and so far as the mines are concerned they seem to be awaiting more favorable market conditions before making or announcing discoveries. In London business was resumed on Wednesday after a couple of days' holiday, Lake View Consols and Associated dropped back a little further, and Perseverances were not too strong, but most other lines showed a slight improvement over Saturday's closing rates. Great Boulder had a noticeable forward movement to £1 11s 10½d. Ivanhoes, Brownhills, and South Kalgurli were firm, whilst Hannan's Oroyo rose to £2 12s 6d.

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So far as the immediate future is concerned, the outlook is not very promising, though there seems no reason why the gloomy anticipations of further heavy decreases should be realised. Outside of the war nothing has happened that should have depressed the market. The mines are all looking as well as ever, and the best-informed people are quite sure that the difficulties connected with the treatment of the sulphide ores are rapidly being overcome. This being the case it seems clear that only an easier condition of things in the money market and a feeling of greater confidence in regard to the successful progress of the war in South Africa are necessary to convert the present "bears" into "bulls" of the most reckless description. In the meantime the investor's motto should be "caution." It is not a safe time for a man to buy what he cannot pay for.

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The London and W.A. Exploration Company, which in 1898 made a loss of £50,901 has this year made a profit of £116,835, and has paid 20 per cent in dividends. East Murchison United, Great Fingall Consolidated, and Long Reef are amongst its principal holdings.

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Latest London papers to hand anticipate a revival in the price of tin. The demand, they say, is so far in excess of the supply that the price is bound to recover, even if it does not get up to the big figures it touched a few months back.

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The attempt to bear Associated's and Boulder Perseverance seems to be meeting with a good deal of success, but it will be remarkable if there is not a heavy reckoning day for these particular bears before long.

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Golden Link Consolidated has decided to issue 25,000 of its reserved shares at £3 giving applicants a call over a further 25,000 at the same figure. The uncalled capital previous to this issue was 227,800 shares. This should give sufficient money to fully open up the property, but the directors are probably sorry that they did not make the issue two months ago when the shares at £4 would have gone off like hot cakes.

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At the meeting of Long Reef (Mt. Magnet) shareholders, held in London just before the last mail left it was stated that the credit balance at date of the balance sheet was £5,500. The directors in their report expressed the opinion that the necessity for erecting a cyanide plant would shortly arise.

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Thus the "Financial Times" of Nov. 23: Two announcements of interest have just been made in relation to the British Westralia Syndicate, which enterprise, it will be remembered, is presided over by Mr Frank L. Gardner, and which was the "parent" of the Great Boulder Perseverance, Great Boulder South and other companies. In the first place, we are officially informed that two of the properties on which Mr Zebina Lane acquired options on behalf of the British Westralia Syndicate are being registered, and will shortly be floated. The titles of the two undertakings are the Collie Coal Fields of Western Australia and the Windsor Consolidated Gold Mine, and the capitals are £200,000 and £150,000 respectively. Further, in the second place, we understand that the syndicate has undertaken the development of the White Feather Reward Companies. The remaining £20,000 of unissued capital of the former has just been acquired by an influential syndicate, of which the British Westralia Syndicate forms the most important factor.

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The manager of the Mulline public battery is in town for a holiday. He has done well with the vast mill that the Government has put up. Many skilled and much-testimonialed managers failed before Evans took the job on and made a success of it. In the early days on the fields Evans joined the "foorce." Then he became in turn prospector, mining agent, mine manager, and finally battery manager.

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The system of appointing the inspectors of mines to be examiners of boilers is a huge blunder. Not one in a hundred combines the dual knowledge of practical mining and mechanics.

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The British King mine which has been successfully developed by the London and Westralian Exploration company has just been taken over by the Great Fingal Extended Ltd. Mr, Veal, the new manager, is on his way out from England to take charge.

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Latest reports from Kalgoorlie state that the rich ore met with at the 400ft level of the Lake View Consols mine is continuing as the drive south is proceeded with. The ore is averaging from 30z to 40z per ton, and there is a good chance of some of the sensational stuff met with at the 300ft being found in the lower level. This would cause an immediate rise in the market. On the other hand it is quite possible that the covering in of certain influential "bears" and the consequent rise in the market would lead to the making

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of sensational discoveries. Such a thing has happened in the history of the Lake View Consols mine and may happen again.

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The gold export of the colony for the month of December will probably be announced next Wednesday. It should be about the same as the November total.

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The stripping of ore is said to have had so alarming an effect on the Associated now that demands have begun to be made on the sulphide reserves. With a great part of the rich chute gone, there is nothing much left to sweeten up the rock going through the sulphide plant. Poor returns will be the order of the day.—Kalgoorlie "Sun."

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The Great Boulder sulphide plant is expected to start in about a couple of months, and Mr. Hamilton is confident of success. The mine continues to open up well at all levels, and according to a reliable press correspondent the ore reserves now opened are greater than they ever were before. At their present price Boulders must be good buying for anyone who can afford to wait.

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The Kalgoorlie correspondent of the "Morning Herald" reports the arrival on the field of Mr. W. O'Gorman, of Cobar, New South Wales, who is going to report on the Australian group of the Associated mines for the London board. Such a report is urgently required and is likely to have the effect of re-assuring shareholders in spite of the present heavy drop in shares. There are many people who are not satisfied with the way the Associated has been managed, and an independent report from a prominent man should be acceptable to all parties.

THE MARKET.

Mr R. H. Barrett, stock and sharebroker, report under date Dec. 28:—The market for the week has been very quiet with little business doing. The bears have still been trending prices down. Unfavorable rumors about the Great Boulder Perseverance and Associated have had a tendency to affect the above stocks, and in fact the whole market. Perseverance opened at £10 5s and closed on Saturday in London at £9 17s 6d. Associated eased from £6 11s 3d to £6 6s. The exchanges in Adelaide and Perth have been closed since Saturday. The London Exchange was closed on Monday and Tuesday, but reopened on Wednesday, when prices, with the exception of Consols, were a shade firmer.

VERY LATEST QUOTATIONS.

ARGONAUT office, Thursday noon.

Mr R. H. Barrett, stock and sharebroker, Perth, received the following quotations from his London agents this morning:—

Ivanhoe, £12 10s; Great Boulder, £1 11s 9d; Golden Horseshoe, £14; South Kalgurli, £4 5s.

LATER.

Associated, £6 2s 6d; Perseverance, £10; Ivanhoe, £12 10s; Great Boulder, £1 11s 10½d; Hannan's Oroya, £2 12s 6d; Lake View Consols, £12 15s; Brown Hill, £9 12s 6d; Brookman's Boulder, 10s.

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Mr R. H. Barrett, stock and sharebroker, Perth, has compiled the following list of calls for W.A. stocks giving the latest on each company to date, with the number, amount, and date due:—

Company	No.	Amt.		Date Due.
Aberfoyle ...	8th	1d	...	Dec. 1
Boulder Central (old issue) ...	1st	6d	...	,, 13
Brown Hill Junction	11th	6d	...	,, 8
Bayley's United	—	6d	...	Nov. 18
Bonnie Charlie North ...	6th	1d	...	,, 8
Bldr. Consols. No 1	8th	3d	...	,, 8
Bonnie Charlie	9th	1d	...	Oct. 11
Boulder North Extended ...	8th	6d	...	,, 11
Boulder Half-Mile South ...	10th	6d	...	,, 11
Brown Hill Central	8th	6d	...	Dec. 13
Bonnie Charlie Central ...	9th	2d	...	July 12
Bayley's Great Oversight ...	15th	1d	...	May 10
Cumberland ...	3rd	6d	...	Sept. 13
Cosgrove's Bayl'y's Reward South	10th	3d	...	,, 13
Crœsus Prop. ...	8th	6d	...	July 12
Eleanora ...	2nd	3d	...	Dec. 13
Fraser's 1st Instalment... ...	—	6d	...	Nov. 8
Fraser's 2nd Instalment ...	—	6d	...	Dec. 6
Golden Chance	2nd	£1	...	Nov. 8
Globe G.M. and Extracting Co.	5th	1d	...	Oct. 11
Golden Queen ...	6th	3d	...	,, 14
Golden Zone ...	4th	6d	...	Dec. 13
Hans. Pride of Valley ...	21st	1d	...	,, 13
Hans. Wealth ...	6th	3d	...	,, 13
Hannan's Central Extended ...	9th	3d	...	,, 13
Hannan's Reward North ...	9th	6d	...	Oct. 11
Hannan's Ben Lomond ...	6th	3d	...	,, 11
Hannan's Eureka	7th	3d	...	Sept 13
Ivanhoe & Boulder Junction (late B. Charlie Extd.	12th	3d	...	Dec. 13
Ivanhoe Junction	7th	6d	...	Nov. 8
Island Lake Austin ...	37th	3d	...	Dec. 13
Island Lake Austin Consols ...	6th	1d	...	,, 13
Imperial Boulder	7th	6d	...	,, 8
Ivanhoe South Extended ...	8th	2/6	...	Oct. 11
Island Lake Austin North ...	4th	1d	...	May 11
Island Lake Austin South ...	5th	1d	...	Dec. 13
Kirkpatrick Consolidated ...	2nd	3d	...	Sept. 13
Kanowna Pug...	3rd	2/6	...	,, 19
Kalgoorlie Mint & Iron King (pref. shares)	1st	5s	...	Aug. 21
Kalgoorlie Bank of England ...	3rd	1s	...	Oct. 1
Kanowna Champion Lode ...	2nd	3d	...	Dec. 13
Kalgoorlie Proprietary ...	1st	3d	...	Dec. 13
Lady Mary Sth.	9th	3d	...	Nov. 8
Midas	5th	1d	...	Dec. 13
Menzies Lady Sherry ...	21st	1d	...	Oct. 19
Mount Benson...	10th	3d	...	Sept. 13
Mount Charlotte Central ...	4th	1d	...	Aug. 9
Mannahill Westward Ho ...	3rd	6d	...	July 12
Maritana Central	6th	3d	...	April 12
North Champion	4th	6d	...	Nov. 8
New Golden Record ...	1st	3d	...	Nov. 8
No. 1 North Norseman ...	8th	3d	...	,, 8
Nordenfelt ...	16th	1d	...	Oct. 10
New Fitzroy ...	10th	3d	...	May 10
Premier South...	5th	3d	...	Nov. 8
Queen Margaret South ...	3rd	3d	...	Dec. 13
Queen Margaret Central ...	5th	6d	...	,, 13
Reefer's Eureka	25th	2d	...	,, 13
Rochester Gwalia G.M. Syndicate	2nd	£2/10	...	,, 13
Royal Mint South	6th	3d	...	Oct. 11
Richmond Gem	16th	3d	...	Nov. 20
Slug Hill Proprietary ...	6th	1d	...	May 10
Three Colonies	14th	1½d	...	March 8
True Blue ...	34th	3d	...	Aug. 9
Warrior Menzies	13th	3d	...	Nov. 8
Yerilla	21st	2d	...	Oct. 11

So Mr F. Wallace, M.L.A., is to go with the contingent after all. Who said that he was only 33 inches round the chest?

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Says S.A. "Critic":—Mr Kingston will try to knock out the Hon. Ebenezer Ward from the representation of the Northern District of the Council at the election next May.

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The winners in connection with the ARGONAUT Christmas Number prize story competition were:—1, Sophia Oakeley ("Poor Eliza"); 2, G. Moxey ("Cured!") and 3, Julian Mitchell ("On the Verandah"). Cheques for the amounts stipulated may be had on application.

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Do. ...	4th	4s	100,000	Oct. 24
Bailey's United		6d	15,500	Nov. 20
Bendigo & Coolgardie ...		1s	832	Mar. 23
Burbank's Birthday Gift ...	5th	6d	3,750	Feb. 9
Do. do. ...	6th	6d	3,750	Mar. 11
Do. do. ...	7th	2s	15,000	Aug. 16
Do. do. ...	8th	1s	7,500	Oct. 27
E. Murch. United	4th	1s	7,500	Apr. 8
Do. do. ...	5th	1s	7,500	July 8
Do. do. ...	6th	2s	15,000	Dec. 20
Golconda ...	1st	1s 6d	6,750	May 12
G. Horseshoe (old company) ...	2nd	15s	75,000	Mar. 25
Do. Estates ...	3rd	5s	75,000	June 30
Do. (new coy.)	4th	5s	75,000	Sep. 30
G.B. Proprietary	19th	6d	40,000	Feb. 15
Do. do. ...	20th	6d	40,000	May 4
Do. do. ...	21st	6d	43,750	July 15
Do. do. ...	22nd	6d	43,750	Sept 23
Do. do. ...	23rd	6d	43,750	Dec. 16
G.B. P'rs'v'rance	3rd	1s	8,750	Apr. 15
G.B. Main Reef	3rd	1s	12,000	July 12
H. Brownhill ...	4th	7s 6d	31,875	Jan. 26
Do. do. ...	5th	7s 6d	31,875	May 1
Do. do. ...	6th	7s 6d	31,875	Aug. 1
Do. do. ...	7th	7s 6d	31,875	Nov. 1
Ivanhoe... ...	1st	5s	50,000	Feb. 9
Do.	2nd	5s	50,000	Apr. 20
Do.	3rd	5s	50,000	May 20
Do.	4th	5s	50,000	July 20
Do.	5th	5s	50 000	Oct. 20
Lady Mary ...	3rd	1s	3,000	Apr. 17
Do. do. ...	4th	1s	3,000	June 17
Do. do. ...	5th	1s	3,000	Dec. 13
Lady Shenton ...	9th	1s	8,000	Feb. 7
Do. do. ...	10th	1s	8,000	Mar. 30
Do. do. ...	11th	1s	8,000	July 11
Do. do. ...	12th	1s	8,000	Oct. 17
L.V. Consols ..	3rd	5s	62,500	Feb. 9
Do. do. ...	4th	5s	62,500	May 8
Do. do. ...	5th	£1	250,000	Aug. 8
Do. do. ...	6th	£1	250,000	Nov. 1
Mt. Malcolm Pro.		1s	10,625	July 15
Mt. Yagahong ...	1st	6d	5,000	Apr. 27
North Boulder...	2nd	9d	8,235	Apr. 28
Do. do. ...	3rd	1s	10,981	Oct. 7
Peak Hill ...	4th	2s	23,000	May 4
Do. do. ...	5th	2s	23,000	Sep. 20
Premier... ...	7th	1s	2,500	Apr. 17
Do.	8th	1s	2,500	July 17
Princess Royal...	6th	1s	4,000	Feb. 16
Do. do. ...	7th	1s	4,000	Dec 20
Q. Menzies ...	12th	6d	3,300	Apr. 26
Do. do. ...	13th	6d	3,300	June 9
Do. do. ...	14th	6d	3,300	Oct. 25
W.F.M. Reef ...	3rd	6d	3,507	Mar. 13
Do. do. ...	4th	6d	3,507	June
Do. do. ...	5th	6d	3,507	Aug 17
Do. do. ...	6th	6d	3,507	Nov

Grand total, £1,891,351.

Thus Kalgoorlie "Sun" on Kalgoorlie police officers:—The warlike Inspector Newlands who, to be in fashion, was spoiling for a bayonet charge on the enemy, has been called off to other parts. This is well. And if he were to revisit his former haunts at the Straits Settlements on a prolonged trip it would be much better. That there was not something more than an umbrella riot on that eventful evening in Brookman-street, when one subordinate received a fractured "konk," was in no way due to Newlands. He did his best, and more he could not do. He worked heavens hard to replace the lengthy Holmes, and succeeded; and the celerity with which he was dragged out of the position will be regarded by Kalgoorlie with the most serene and unqualified contentment. From the moment of his arrival on the scene of operations—when he told the men to stop carting and be arrested, and suffered them to smile blandly, and remark that they hadn't time just then, and continue carting—to the time when he left his hot coffee for the police court star-chamber business, and kidnapped the men to Fremantle, he was the moving figure in a phase of administrative buffoonery worthy of his masters. He leaves a memory which may point a moral but would scarcely adorn a tale. Another officer under marching orders, whose absence will be borne with the utmost complaisance, is Detective Kavanagh, of Mildura and other fame. This is the sickly, limp youth who, under the wing of "Spud, the Tyrant," christened himself "The Bull-dog," and generally let it be known what a hard, miserable, unhappy time awaited the man he happened to get "set."

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"Gloy" in S.A. "Critic": Re Adam Lindsay Gordon's lines:

Life is mostly froth and bubble;
Two things stand like stone.
Kindness in another's trouble,
Courage in your own—

a Melb. newspaper correspondent quotes from an article in London "Speaker" on "a great ancient house near Windsor," where in a certain room "two lines of lettering on the broad beam of the mantel arrest the eye," viz:

Lyfe is mainly froth and bubble. Two things stand like stone.
Kindness in another's trouble, courage in your own.

In connection with which it may be remarked:

Potes are often plagiarising;
One thing stands like stone.
When you see some lines surprising,
Make those lines your own.

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A correspondent writes: Once more the fire fiend has visited Northampton outskirts, much as he did six years back, revisiting all those settlers whose paddocks he swept then. Co-operation in fire-fighting is badly wanted, but do your readers suppose we joined forces? Not a bit. For two or three nights previous we watched the flames marching onwards, but when daylight came such of us who had work to do did it, and let the fire rip, safe in the thought that it would be the "other fellow" who would suffer; but when it had swept the paddocks regardless of five or six settlers, it only got shunted off its bee-line to the township by a narrow clearing made that morning round a mine camp by its occupiers—a couple whose united age may be 120 years—and one helper. The clearing was about forty paces from the canvas dwelling, the roof of which ignited from the heat of the air, and in a brace of shakes the owners owned just what they stood up in. Earlier in its course amongst the settlers just two or three more beaters might have mastered the flames at several points, but with husbands away, wives, babies, and old people to be protected, and so few volunteers, little could be done. Now we are wondering why the mine boss, who had half-a-dozen men, did not whip the harness on to his horses and drive those men over to the fire instead of letting them go to work, and why the trooper at the point of the bayonet did not drive out any stragglers he came across, and why all and any of us did not do this, that, and the other. But I suppose the next fire will find us "as befoah."

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The Literary Institute at Yerilla is closing its doors. This is one of the centres that an intelligent Government erected a public battery in, and lo! it can't keep a literary institute alive.

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The names of the second Westralian contingent should afford interesting reading when they are published. Already two legislators and one parson have been mentioned. It is really a great pity that the whole contingent could not be made up of legislators and parsons. They are the two classes in the community that could best be spared.

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[Translated for THE ARGONAUT from "Het Laatste Nieuws" (Brussels).

We had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Mr Erasmus, a true and real Boer from Transvaal, who, in the interests of his much-harassed country, is visiting the different States of Europe where he has a mission. Mr Erasmus is a young, eloquent, and well-educated man, who speaks three languages fluently; his father was one of the principal members of the first Volksraad. There were two sons, the eldest one was killed at a hunting party. Mr Erasmus said he wished to know Europe and "try to combat the dangers which threaten our Transvaal fatherland, which has been soaked by the blood of our ancestors through the machinations of the cunning English." I came to visit you, he contiuned, because the Brussels Flemish, fifteen years ago, received the Transvaal deputation with President Kruger in the most hospitable manner. The Flemish people are, in my opinion, a true Boer people, and your sympathy has been greatly appreciated by us. Of the whole great Netherland race it is especially the Flemish who have treated us most loyally. It would be preferable to have some thousands more Flemish inhabitants in Transvaal, to those gold seekers who endanger our liberty; your race, your language, and your manners are ours.

We asked him what he thought about the war. The war was our last resource, he replied. If we are annexed by England, we shall be morally and physically dead for ever, and our independence, which has already cost us the blood of so many martyrs, is at an end. We, the Boers, are ready to defend our homes and country; we possess 100,000 Mausers, and abundance of cartridges. In our former campaigns against the English we were badly armed, our men were obliged to carry on war with three cartridges each; they were obliged to take the cartridges from the dead English soldiers in order to be enabled to continue the fighting. . . . . and under such difficulties we conquered. At present the British will not find it so easy. Mauser and Krupp with their rifles and cannon will increase the chances of the Boers. We have a large quantity of war material, and our stores are abundantly provided with provisions.

We asked him if he thought the war would be of long duration.

"Who knows," he said. "Every Africander is prepared for a desperate defence; men, youths, old men, and women, everyone is armed, and when we shoot we never miss. When I was only eight years old my father would say: "My boy, what is a few drops of blood compared to thousands of your ancestors who lost their lives in the battles for home and country."

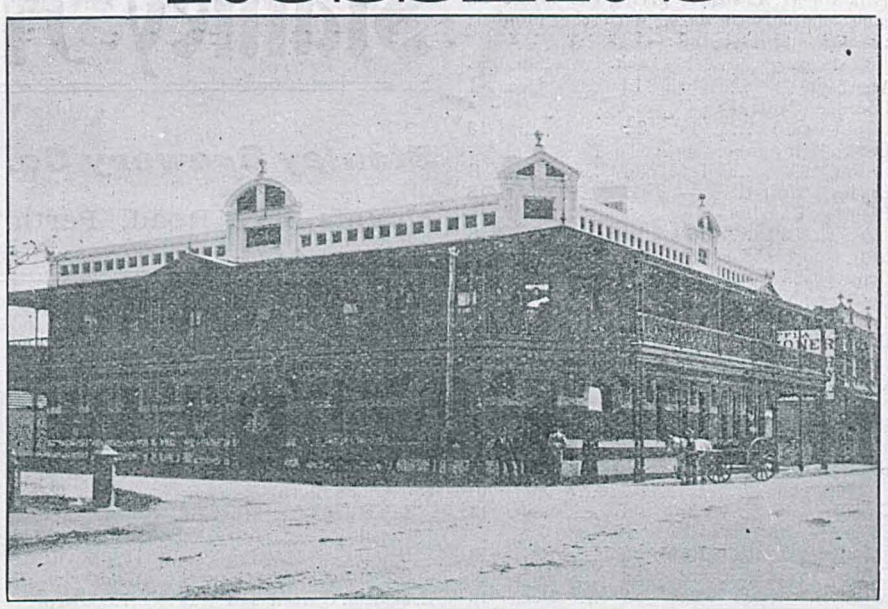
"Naturally," he said, "for with the reading of the Bible—the only book the Boer formerly possessed — he taught his child to include the following words in his prayers:—"Hate the Englishman, for he is your deadly enemy for ever." Thus with the mother milk we have imbibed this hatred, because the British have always persecuted, hunted, and robbed the Boers, as if they were wild animals."

"If the English surrounded you the Cape and Natal are in their possession; what will become of Delagoa Bay, the only harbor which gives access to your country?"

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There were some rather funny incidents at the meeting held on Saturday last in reference to sending nurses to the Transvaal. Very few of those present seemed to know what they were there for, and the scheme has evidently been undertaken without any definite idea of how it is to be carried through. It is a silly scheme, anyway, and chiefly because the nurses are not required in the Transvaal and there is a scarcity of nurses in this colony. It is a fact that nurses will have to be imported to take the places of any that may be sent away. It is all very well to say that the Imperial Government has accepted the colony's offer to send nurses but just now the I.G. would accept anything. Just as the strength of the Boers and the seriousness of Britain's undertaking was under-estimated in the past it is now exaggerated to a frightful extent, and the very people who boasted about the British flag flying over Pretoria on Christmas Day are now beginning to croak about the decadence of the Empire.

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The Imperial Government having restricted the number of nurses to be sent from this colony to 10, and having practically told them that they will not be allowed to do anything when they get to the seat of war would it not be a wise course to abandon the movement? The offer was a patriotic one—whatever that may be—and had the nurses been wanted would have redounded to the credit of the colony, but seeing they are not wanted why persevere in a course that is bound to lead to unsatisfactory results?

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The first triplets born on the fields made their appearance the other day. The papers are singularly quiet anent the event, for the reason that the three little strangers are what we might call three little "not wanteds."

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The latest scare item from the front is that Kruger has eight thousand European troops in reserve at Pretoria. How we do run to extremes over everything! The death of Joubert is rumored, and we think the war is over. Buller meets with a re-

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Fancy John Forrest being allowed to go out of the colony without being tendered a farewell! If this war keeps on much longer people will be forgetting to eat their dinners.

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A goldfields Wesleyan parson has volunteered for service with the second Western Australian contingent. Surely Kruger will throw up the sponge now. It would be interesting to know on what principles this holy is going to fight.

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We have been shown a funny postcard received on Wednesday by Messrs Griffiths Bros. They enclose order forms in the shape of post-cards (unstamped) in their packets of tea, and some wag spent 1d in stamps and sent the following order: Kindly forward to John Forrest, Hay-street, Perth, one ton separation tea, 1s 6d; one ton federation tea, 1s 4d; one ticket Kalgoorlie to Esperance (broad gauge) £1 1s.