

Chinese Way of Doing Things.

(From the Tablet.) Lord Charles Bessford narrated to the Institution of Mechanical Engineers some amusing incidents of his experience on the land of the mandarins. In the presence at Shanghai, where he noticed a Chinese gun cleverly fitted with an Armstrong breech-piece, it was explained to him that the operation had been rendered necessary by an accident, the blowing of the original breech-pieces by the Chinese gunners. Later on, in visiting a fort in charge of a very clever mandarin, he discovered how the accident occurred. They were using a perfectly unsuitable powder for the 67-ton gun, and he remarked to the mandarin that it would blow the breech-piece off. The mandarin nodded, smiled, and answered, 'Yes it does.' The last time the gun was fired it had killed fourteen men, so they loaded and fired another, which killed twenty-four. These guns must have cost in mounting and breeching at least £50,000. In another place, being asked where the front of a battery of 60-ton muzzle-loading guns was, the mandarin pointed one direction and the guns in another. When this was pointed out to him, he said 'Yes, I think there has been a mistake.' The guns were arranged in a circle so that the men working the guns must inevitably have been killed by the discharge of the one directed, and so on through the battery. Lord Charles' demonstration of this self-evident fact left the mandarin perfectly unconcerned, and he only replied, 'Yes, some men would no doubt be killed, but the shot would reach the enemy.' In yet another place, he found that the gun was actually loaded in the magazine, and he pointed out in remonstrance that if there were any carelessness in pointing the gun after firing, the magazine would infallibly be blown up. The mandarin in charge gave me a rap on the back, and said, 'You are one of the cleverest men I ever met. The year before last, we did fire these guns, and we blew up the magazine just as you have said. I will show you where it was.' The mandarin added that he could not remember how many men were killed, but he believed that it was fifty. In a powder mill he pointed out the danger of having the grinding wheel, which might produce an explosion—the very thing, he was told, that had happened to the previous building which the present one replaced.

BICYCLE TRUST BEGINS MOVING.

Has Started to Dismantle the Indianapolis Factory for Shipment to Toronto.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., Dec. 19.—The bicycle trust has begun the work of moving the bicycle machinery from the Indiana bicycle plant in this city to Toronto, where the trust has established a bicycle plant to control the market in Canada.

Special Guns Being Prepared

LONDON, Dec. 19.—There are being prepared at Woolwich arsenal for shipment on Dec. 21, 8 5-inch guns on special arranged carriages. These guns are adapted for the use of a flying column, in view of facility of attack, pursuit and retreat. They are of long range and fire 50 pound shrapnel or lyddite shells or common shells. The arsenal is also furnishing 16 more 5-inch howitzers.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

REVERE HOTEL. Friday—Chas. French, Victoria; Burdette, Bridgetown; Dr. Douglas, Hunter River; W. Horton, Village Green; J. Lane, Vernon River; O. Sullivan, do; A. McLeod, Orwell; Edward Jardina, Marcell; J. Horn, Winsloe; Wm. McKay, St. John; J. K. McGougan, Malpeque; Mrs. Taper, Boston; D. Cole, New London; R. L. Pillman, do; J. McMillan, Millview; A. McMillan, do; H. Wood and wife, Bellevue; H. McMillan, New Haven; M. McDonald, Montague; Robert Ince Crapaud; Dr. A. Anderson, City; Mrs. Mahoney, Kinkora; Mrs. Saunders, St. Peter's; S. Simpson, Montreal; D. Mackellar, St. John; A. Roberts, Wallace N. S.; W. N. Robertson, Sackville, N. B.; D. A. Nicholson, Halifax; John McLeod, Dawson City; N. Campbell, Bradalbane; J. M. Nicholson, North Wilshire; J. A. Kelly, Royston; W. C. Hogan, Morell; G. R. McMahon, Emerald; R. H. McEwen, Bradalbane.

HOTEL DAVIES.

Friday—Mrs. McDonald, Glenaladale, P. E. I.; Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Cox, Souris; A. J. Fraser, Georgetown. Wm. Welsh, Keppoch; D. Murphy, Halifax; Russell W. Davidson, Boston; Edwin Burk, Boston.

QUEEN HOTEL.

Friday—John Anderson, Kensington; Wm. Carruthers, Tynish; John T. Profit, Alberton; Dr. McCready, Alberton.

THE CHARLOTTETOWN CORRESPONDENT OF THE MARITIME MERCHANT SAYS:

Navigation here is as free as in mid-summer, and shipments of produce continue to be made. From the 15th October to the 15th December, one firm, Messrs. Cavell Bros. shipped 212,580 bushels of oats. The price paid farmers for oats is 28c., the figure they have been receiving for several weeks. The dealers quote oats at from 30 to 31c., and the indication is that there will not be any reduction. Dealers quote potatoes at from 20 to 21c. But the market is at a standstill, because the potatoes are all celled, and the farmers will not haul them out unless guaranteed a higher figure than the market warrants. There is plenty of presed hay in the hands of the farmers, but the dealers have not much in stock. The ruling price f. o. b. is \$8. The egg trade is about over for the season. The receipts are nil, and the dealers have very little hen fruit in stock. There is nothing doing in cheese, except in a local way, 12c. being the ruling price. All the cheese for export purposes has been cleaned up. The export of cheese this year is estimated at 55,000 boxes, compared with 44,000 boxes last year. Cheese averaged 2c. a pound more this year than last.

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Will lose by it, for they are determined to make their store Head Quarters for Bargains in all lines of...

Dry Goods, Clothing, Hats, Caps, Ties, Furnishings, Carpets and House Furnishings, Ladies' Fur Sacques, Men's Fur Coats, Fur Robes, in fact all Kinds of furs, Ladies' Cloth Jackets, Dress Goods, Silk Handkerchiefs of all kinds, Men's Warm Underclothing.

We are bound that this weeks sale shall be the largest in our experience. Come and see even if you don't want to buy. It's a pleasure to show our goods even if you don't buy.

PROWSE BROS., The Wonderful Cheap Men.

The Knell of the Parting Year is Heard

To some it may be a happy sound to others a sad one, But we'll make it happy for those persons who will give us their Christmas trade. We have all the cooking ingredients that are required for the festive season. Jams, Jellies, Peels, Flavoring Extracts, etc. Shoe, Stove and Daubing Brushes selling low. Until New Year a Teapot given away with every 5 lb lot of Tea. To our customers belong the spoils of an over purchase in Teapots.

THE OLD TEA STORE JAMES KELLY & CO

Presented With An Address.

Previous to his departure for the County Bay Circuit St. John, Mr. George Ayers, President of the E. L. of C. E. at Union Road Lot 39, was presented with the following address at the regular meeting Wednesday evening Dec. 20th.

To Mr. George Ayers. Dear Sir and Brethren.—We the undersigned members of the E. L. of C. E. of this place, desire on the eve of your departure from amongst us, to communicate to you in a small measure our gratitude for work nobly performed in the Sabbath school and choir, as well as in the weekly meetings of our Society and also to convey to you the unanimous expression of our warmest sympathy and good will. We are confident that wherever your lot may be cast, you will continue, as in the past, to labor for the "Glory of God and the extension of His kingdom," and we pray, that when your work on earth is ended, you may hear that "Well done good and faithful servant" etc. We trust you will be most successful in your new field of labor; and that before very long we will have you again at our meetings.

Signed in behalf of the members JOSEPH BRYANTON, MRS. (DR.) HENDERSON, IRENE M. ESSERY, ELBRIDGE HARDY, AMBROSE MELLETT, W. C. WEST.

Union Road, Lot 39, Dec. 22. Mr. Ayers in thanking the members of the League for their expressions of fellowship and goodwill, said that he felt amply rewarded if any one had been helped through his instrumentality in the Sabbath School, weekly meetings, or elsewhere. To him the work was doubly pleasant as he had the kind assistance and active co-operation of the members.

DIED

At the residence of his father, Mr. David Reeves, South Freetown, on November the 24th, after a lingering illness, Andrew Wallace Reeves in his 27th year. The deceased was much loved by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance.

Imitations

of Dodd's Kidney Pills are legion. The box is imitated, the outside coating and shape of the pills are imitated and the name—Dodd's Kidney Pills is imitated. Imitations are dangerous. The original is safe. Dodd's Kidney Pills have a reputation. Imitations have none or they wouldn't imitate. So they trade on the reputation of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Do not be deceived. There is only one DODD'S. Dodd's is the original. Dodd's is the name to be careful about—

DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS

"How's your friend, the explorer, getting along?" "Not very well. He went exploring in the dark a day or two ago and made the moths had riddled his last winter's overcoat."

FOR THE CONTINGENT. MONTREAL, Dec. 25th—Robert S. Thompson, employed at Auld's Cork Factory, 642 Laugelietiere Street is the latest recruit to the army who have endorsed Dodd's Kidney Pills in this city. Gradually but surely all prejudiced persons are being won over to the side of the conqueror of Bright's Disease and Diabetes, the two former tyrants of the human race. Mr. Thompson says: "I used several remedies and consulted some of Montreal's best doctors, but they could not give me any relief. I read of Dodd's Kidney Pills, bought a box, and tried them. Before this I could not sleep having to get up so often, but now I am all right in this and every other respect."

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AN XMAS ACCIDENT.

Little Willie was having a splendid time. Sitting up in bed, he was looking the yellow paint off a jumping jack that Santa Claus, with a careless disregard of the rules of hygiene, had left at the foot of the bed for him. It was just daylight, and at the rate Willie was travelling it was quite possible he would need a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets before breakfast. He certainly would if he persevered with his intention of licking all the color off his Noah's Ark after he had finished his jumping Jack. Willie was not particularly fond of yellow paint; in fact he was rather impartial as to color. But he did enjoy paint of some kind, if only the harmless red stuff on the back of his mother's hand mirror.

There was one thing Willie couldn't stand however—rattles. Egad, give him no rattles! There was no taste to 'em. He liked a good rich brown paint like they put on wooden horses, or a dark Paris green. It was a lucky thing for Willie that his mother always kept Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets in the house. This jumping Jack, however, was something new. It was of a good rich yellow, thick and oily. It was beginning to creep across Willie's mind that he couldn't grasp the flavor. It was a little beyond him. As a matter of simple fact the jumping Jack was too strong for Willie. He was getting sick before he had finished the job, and in urgent need of a Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablet already.

Willie felt deeply humiliated. Besides that he felt a peculiar and decidedly unpleasant sensation in his little stomach. So coming to the conclusion that the jumping Jack was a snare and a fraud, little Willie raised his voice and bawled lustily. Of course there was a great to do. His mother said it was his father's fault—the poor precious innocent lamb—and incoherent words to that effect. However Willie's digestive system was strong, and a couple of Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets had him all right by dinner time.

The best all wool ulster in the world for \$3.75 worth \$7.50 at Prowse Bros.

PAPERS AND MAGAZINES.

The annual sale of the papers and magazines of the Y. M. C. A., will take place on Tuesday evening the 26th inst at 8 o'clock. A good chance to get the best English and American papers and magazines at half price. By order, THOMAS W. MAY, T. S. 21td

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IT'S ALL OVER

The hurry and rush of last week is over. Christmas, 1899, is numbered with the past. Everything has passed off successfully. But there's somebody missed. You hadn't time to write or send the usual remembrance to one of your old friends. Well you couldn't do better now than to send that friend, in time for New Year, one of those nice little patriotic Transvaal Souvenir Booklets which are for sale at all the book-stores. Price 10 cents.