

Bugler Dunn a Favorite.

Bugler Dunn the boy who displayed such conspicuous gallantry at the battle of Colenso, has made a big hit with royalty. Last week the Princess Christian visited Netley Hospital, where Dunn and twenty other wounded members of the Dublin Fusiliers are being treated. As she passed Dunn she patted the bright-faced youth on the head and remarked to her friends: "This is my pet." Then addressing Dunn she said: "Would you like the Queen to do anything for you?"

"Yes" replied the boy. "I should like for her to send me back to the front again." Yesterday Dunn and his comrades were discharged from the hospital. The boys were carried shoulder high through the streets to their barracks, and simply loaded down with presents. They will be granted their request to return to the front.

North Sydney Iron Works.

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—John F. Stairs, ex-M. P., Halifax, and Graham Fraser, New Glasgow, are in town making arrangements for the flotation of a big steel and wire works of the same nature as the Dominion Steel Co., to be located at North Sydney. The report is that William MacKenzie, Toronto, Frank Ross, Quebec, and Dan Mann, Montreal, are interested. Senator George A. Cox, Toronto, who is director in the Whitney syndicate, is also said to be interested. He believes there is room in Canada for two big concerns. It is not yet decided whether the company will be floated here or in London, but the departure of William MacKenzie for London next week is reported to be in connection with arrangements now making.

Surgeons From Colonies.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—In the house of commons yesterday, General J. W. Laurie, member for Pembroke, asked a question in reference to a telegram sent by Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain to the Earl of Minto on October 23rd, 1900. In reply, Mr. Wyndham, parliamentary under secretary of state for war, stated that the medical act of 1858 prohibits the appointment as army surgeon of a practitioner unregistered in the United Kingdom. The general question of reciprocity with the colonies regarding medical qualifications was to be broad a question for the war office to deal with alone.

Rulers Of The World.

Meat Eating Nations are the Leaders in Every Branch of Human Achievement.

The ruling nations of the world are meat eaters and history records that they always have been.

Vegetarians and food cranks may explain this in any way they choose, but the facts remain that the Americans, English, French, Russians and Germans are meat eating nations, and they are also the most energetic and progressive.

The principal food of the heroic Boer soldier known as Biltong, is a sort of dried beef, affording a great deal of nourishment in a highly concentrated form.

The weak races of people are the rice eating Chinese, Hindoos, and Siamese, regarded since the dawn of history as non-progressive, superstitious and inferior physically and mentally to the meat eating nations who dominate them.

The structure of the teeth plainly indicates that human beings subsist upon a variety of food, meat, fruit and grains, and it is unhygienic to confine one's diet to any one of these classes to the exclusion of another.

Meat is the most concentrated and most easily digested of foods, but our manner of living is often so unnatural that the digestive organs refuse to properly digest meat, eggs, and similar, nutritious and wholesome food, but it is not because such food is unwholesome, but the real reason is that the stomach lacks, from disease or weakness, some necessary digestive element; hence arising indigestion and later on chronic dyspepsia.

Nervous people should eat plenty of meat. Nervous people should eat plenty of meat. Nervous people should eat plenty of meat. Nervous people should eat plenty of meat. Nervous people should eat plenty of meat.

Nervous dyspepsia, catarrh of stomach, gastritis, sour stomach, gas and acidity are only different names for indigestion, the failure to digest wholesome food, and the use of Sturt's Tablets cures them all because affording perfect digestion the stomach has a chance to rest and recover its natural tone and vigor.

Sturt's Dyspepsia Tablets is the real household medicine; it is as safe and pleasant for the stomach ache of the baby as it is for the imperfect digestion of this grand sire.

They are not a cathartic, but a digestive and no pill habit can ever follow their use; the only habit Sturt's Tablets induce is the habit of good digestion and consequently good health.

A little book on stomach diseases mailed free by addressing F. A. Sturt Co., Marshall, Mich. All drug stores sell the tablets at 50 cents for complete treatment.

PRETORIA IS NOW READY FOR A SIEGE.

The Enormous Fortifications Which the Boers Have Put up Around the Transvaal Capital in an Attempt to Resist the British.

Nature, aided by art and science, has made Pretoria, a very strongly fortified town. It is not impregnable. Probably no fortress in the world, not even excluding Gibraltar, is that. But the natural location of the town lends itself so admirably to simple protective measures that little, if any, military genius was required to suggest the positions of the defending forts.

Pretoria lies in a deep hollow or depression, which may be likened to a tea-cup with a broadened lip all around it. On three sides the hills that surround the town dip again on the other side to approximately the same level as on the townward side, but on the fourth, that is to say in the direction of Johannesburg, the hills flatten away to a plateau, the height of which may readily be estimated by the fact that Pretoria is 4500 feet above the sea level, and Johannesburg 5600 feet.

The obvious defences of this tea-cup formation of country are of course forts commanding the various approaches. Of these there are seven. Two were erected and completed between the years 1894 and 1896, and the others are of a somewhat later date.

The building of these forts gave cause to endless friction, jealousy, and, in fact, almost led to a kind of local international complication. It came about in this way. The Pretoria Government, having learned a lesson by bitter experience, trusts nobody, and being afraid of treason and divulgence of secrets, determined to break up the contracts for the forts into small items, and distribute them among different firms of diverse nationality.

EXPERT ADVICE WAS GOT. First of all, the Germans, being in the ascendant at the court of Paul Kruger, and being, perhaps, somewhat more free in the

distribution of palm-oil, had the lion's share. Captain Schiel, now our prisoner, and a man who has achieved notoriety in other fields than those of battle, was specially sent to Berlin to obtain the expert advice of engineers in the matter of fort building. He returned with elaborate plans and a small army of assistants. The fort at Daspoort, not far from the cement factory, was commenced under his auspices.

For some little time work went on briskly, if not altogether smoothly. The Government insisted upon the most stringent secrecy being observed, and even went so far as to stipulate that a batch of workmen engaged on one particular job should be exclusively confined to that part of the fort, and not allowed in any other.

Gradually the preponderating German influence waned, to be succeeded by the Hollander Dutch, and various Amsterdam engineers were sent out by the late Jonkheer Blaerlats van Blokland, the Transvaal Minister at The Hague. However, they did not last long, and the efforts of M. Aubert, the French Consul-General at Pretoria, succeeded in bringing about a complete change. Activity again prevailed, and the busy French ouvriers overran the new fortifications, only to be replaced in their turn by the Italians, or to be more correct by the Franco-Italian Building Society, which did its share in the completion of the Tower-of-Babel structures, until they too, in their turn, were ousted.

THE FORTS FINISHED. Eventually the forts were finished, and, according to the accounts of those who did not strictly maintain the injunction of secrecy, they are not lacking in formidable protections. Certainly, on the principle of two heads being better than one, the Pre-

torian forts should be nearly perfection, as they were built out of the combined wisdom of at least half-a-dozen different advisers.

But the regulations, altho' drastic in letter, were lax in practice. Several entirely unauthorized persons penetrated the mysterious strongholds. One Englishman, it is known, speaking German fluently, passed the sentries by pretending to be a German officer and after learning the password at a knelpel held the previous evening at Jahn's Transvaal Hotel. Two English engineering officers are said to have worked as navvies with the object of making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the structure of the forts; and it is alleged that full plans of the minutest details are in the possession of our War Office.

ELABORATELY FINISHED. The forts are certainly elaborately furnished with all the requirements of modern warfare. Piles of sandbags are stacked up to the level of the closing walls. A powerful searchlight in each fort is capable of sweeping the surrounding country for many miles. Telephones are laid between the forts and the Government building in Pretoria. There are large stocks of mealies (maize) ready for the eventuality of a siege. There is said to be communication by means of underground passages between the forts and the ammunition stores and magazines. Lastly, it is presumed that the approaches to the fort are mined in various directions.

WHERE THE FORTS ARE. The Boers must be credited with a certain method in their defences of Pretoria, and what can be done by the best Continental advice, aided by lavish expenditure of Utlanders money, has been done. The Wonderboom Fort is about five



Forts South of Pretoria, as Seen From the City.

WOULD COST 5000 LIVES.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Sun's correspondent with General Buller's forces, whose military experience entitles his opinion to the highest respect, expresses the conviction that it would be impossible to force a passage to the besieged town without the loss of 5000 lives. General Buller considers, and his countrymen will undoubtedly coincide, that such a sacrifice would not be justified when the same result may be accomplished almost without loss by General Buller's advance in the Free State within a month or six weeks. The only question is General Buller's ability to hold meantime, and, as he is in constant communication with Ladysmith, General Buller must be fully informed on this point. There is good reason to believe that Field Marshal Roberts' latest despatches take a highly hopeful view of the situation as a whole.

The Steeple That Grew.

In the state of Washington years ago, before it was a state, a tiny church was built beside a tree. The reason it was built on that site was that the rector, who was to have charge, thought the tree would make such a fine steeple. So it has. A cage for a bell, surmounted by a cross, was put on top of the tree, the rope for ringing the bell being carried down on the trunk. An English ivy grows on the tree. It found a chink in the roof, and pushed its way through, and now decorates the interior of the tiny church as well as the steeple. It took one week to build the church, but the steeple has been growing 500 years.—Outlook.

To cure a headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders. Ten cents.

Ladies, don't forget that 28c sheeting we are selling at 16c. Now is the only time to get it. Prowse Bros. 16.ii

On and after today, Mr. S. N. Earle's new music school will be open to the musical public for instruction in all branches of music. Vacancies for two or three pupils. 12

Twelve dozen fancy tea pots, come to us in mistake. For ten days we will give one away with every chamber set we sell. W. P. Colwill. 17

Tailor Made Suits.—Remember our tailor made suits this spring before you place your order. We have something nice to show you as soon as the carpenters go. 300 yards Costume Tweeds and Skirting showing for spring wear at PATON & CO'S. d & w 17

Hockeyists—Tomorrow is to decide the great contest. It is not Vics. pitched against Abbies this time, but Charlottetown battling for the laurels. Let the colors of the two city Hockey teams be dazzling in their brightness. Ramsay's has the blue and white, and blue and black in every shape of tie, made from the finest silks. Special discounts for tomorrow. 16.ii

In The London Theatres.

The Deonza Brothers are still enormously strong. Everyone is talking of them. They constantly renew the war pictures at the Alhambra, many of which are painfully realistic, bringing home the horrors of the conflict more vividly.

No where can the courage, temper and vivacity of the British nation be better seen than here. The faith in the generals and in the government is shown by the enthusiasm with which the pictures are received. Even the night after Buller's defeat his picture was received with rousing cheers.

The scene depicting the Red Cross Society tending the wounded on the field always causes a profound hush to creep over the house, and in the impressive stillness one can feel the sympathy, sorrow and emotion with which the people are moved. But, British-like, there is no ostentatious display of grief.

Many of the smart set come for a time to the Alhambra to see these pictures, including some society folk, who have probably never been in a music hall before in their lives. The other day I noticed Lady Grey Egerton and Mrs. Arthur Paget, both with a party of friends, who came for only about an hour.

All the volunteers have the entree at the Alhambra, and a yeomanry uniform serves as a ticket of admission to any part of the house.

Newspaper Postage.

At the Canadian Press Association meeting at Toronto last Friday there was a warm discussion on newspaper postage. The matter ended with the submission by the resolution committee of the following motion, which was carried by a vote of 23 to 12: "That the Postmaster-General be advised to recommend the Government to make the postage on all newspapers one quarter cent per pound."

Broke Out in Sores.

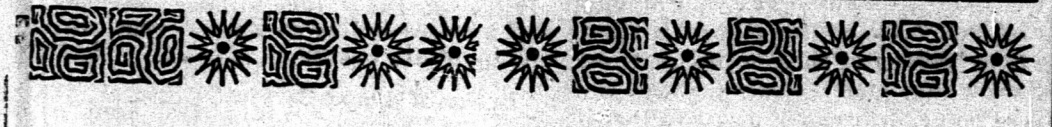
Any one troubled with sores or ulcers of the most malignant kind, that nothing else will cure, should try Burdock Blood Bitters. Its blood-purifying, healing qualities are unsurpassed.

Mrs. James Thompson, Corris P.O., Que., writes: "My little boy, 4 years old, got so run down in health that he broke all out in sores. The doctors could do nothing for him. A lady told me to try Burdock Blood Bitters. I am thankful I did so, for this remedy made a rapid and complete cure, and, I believe, saved my little boy from the grave."

White's Caramels and Snowflake Chocolates.

Can be had at any of the following first-class stores.

- T. J. Morris.
- D. L. Hooper.
- W. Pickard & Co.
- W.A. Hutcheson.
- W. F. Carter.
- Stewart & Gates.
- Sanderson & Co.
- J. D. McLeod & Coe
- R.H. Mason.



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About the new arrivals—30 doz. of the latest, nobbiest and neatest Ties to be found in Tiedom—just arrived at Prowse Bros.

15 doz. Four-in-hands—The Tie of Ties. Just what you need to brighten up your winter suit. One look will convince you of this.

10 doz. Flowing End Ties in rich grouped stripes and checks, furnish the neat and gentlemanly effect demanded by correct fashion. These Ties are a forecast of Spring.

5 doz. Bows—These are goods that speak for themselves—See them. Our new Ties are a stock that blossoms with beauty. New season goods at old season prices—TIES 25c to 95c each.

PROWSE BROS.



THRO' THE VILLAGE SQUARE.

FROM THE FRENCH OF PAUL DEROULEDE.
As onward through the village square
Our column tramped with tapping drum,
I spied, with those who came to stare,
A maid who cried, with winsome air
And laughing lips, a rosy pair:
"Courage lads!" Quick as speech could come:
"Courage!" I said: "I'd have my share
If I might kiss a face so fair."
She eyed me, arch and debonaire.
Then turned her cheek, and said:
"Take some."
More I'd have had, and [some to spare,
But onward through the village square
Our column tramped with tapping drum.

NEARLY 1000 MILES SAVED.

Between Duluth or Chicago and Liverpool by Proposed Route Through Canada.

DETROIT, Feb. 13.—John M. Nichol Monday admitted that he was the projector of the Quebec and Lake Huron Railway, the proposed new air line between Georgian Bay and Atlantic tidewater, said Mr. Nichol:

"The line will be about 461 miles in a straight line, through a new and unsettled portion of Canada, and would shorten the grain haul from Chicago and Duluth to the seaboard by fully 500 miles.

"The rail route would be about the same length as that from Buffalo to New York, saving all the lake distance between Georgian Bay and Buffalo.

"From Quebec to Liverpool is called 2630 miles; from New York to Liverpool, 3130 miles, giving us another 470 miles saved on the ocean, or nearly 1000 miles less distance over our road to Liverpool from either Duluth or Chicago than over the present routes."

Patriotic Announcement:

A most patriotic announcement is made to-day on behalf of the E. B. Eddy Company of Hull, Que., the large paper, wooden ware and match manufacturers. This company has already subscribed through its head office \$1,000 to the Canadian Patriotic Fund, and responses have been made to this fund from the various employees in the numerous branches of the company all over Canada, at Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Quebec, Halifax, St. John, Winnipeg, London, Kingston, Vancouver, Victoria and at St. John's, Nfld.

For the "gentlemen in khak order south" the company now proposes a "war tax on sulphur matches." The announcement states: "Until the South African war is ended, we shall voluntarily tax ourselves half a cent on every gross of boxes of sulphur matches we sell from 1st inst., and will give the amount so raised to the Canadian Patriotic Fund on behalf of the Canadian volunteers at the front or to help those whom any one of them may have left behind at home who may be in need of help or comfort.

The best family remedy for Coughs, Colds, Croup, Hoarseness and every form of inflammation is Bentley's Liniment. Sold by Druggists and general dealers in two sizes. Price ten cents and twenty-five cents. Full directions on the wrapper.—Be sure and get Bentley's.