

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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EDISON'S NEW SCHEME OF EDUCATION.

The announcement is made that Edison intends to devote three millions of money and eight years of his life, should he live so long, to developing a new scheme of education in which moving pictures shall play a prominent part.

which the pictures may afford great help in facilitating the progress of the learner. As an example we are told some films have been made showing the chemical crystallization of certain substances, magnified a million times.

SPEED AND HALF SPEED.

The Scientific American discusses the question whether the Titanic, if she had been running at half, instead of at whole speed, might not be afloat today.

Captain Smith has gone to his last account, and he died bravely, heroically, his last effort being given to place a little child in one of the lifeboats, which he refused to enter himself.

ANOTHER SPOOK PROPHECY.

The widow of Jerry Simpson of Kansas, known during his life as "Socksless" Simpson, is a Spiritualist. She claims to have established communication with her husband and from him to have obtained the information that Champ Clark will be the Democratic candidate against Roosevelt next November and will beat him.

Had the speed been only one-half, and the energy only one-fourth as great, the ship might well have been deflected from the iceberg before more than two or three of her compartments had been ripped open; and with the water confined to these, the powerful pumps could have kept the vessel afloat for many hours and surely till a fleet of rescuing ships had taken every soul from the stricken

TESTING AMATITE ROOFING.

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MC GEE TRAIL

(Continued from page 9) always call her Minnie. In the house I found the six children, five dead and one living. The dead were—Louis, 13; Penzie, 12; George, 8; Bridget, 6; and Thomas, 5. George had just died before I arrived out. There was one living boy, Johnny, aged 10. He was at my place till the Friday following. I called Sunday night and she said she would send him up Monday to stay with me till July 10th, when I would be through work at the factory. My sister sent down word that the

children were sick. Johnnie and I went up on Sunday to the funeral which was on that day as Johnnie wanted to see the children before the coffins were closed. The funeral was between 2 and 3. I drove to the cemetery with the three coffins. I did not return to the McGee house that evening.

Before leaving for the cemetery I had a talk with the prisoner about Johnnie. I said: "Can I have Johnnie?" She said I could if I would be good to him. She said she would rather give him to Joe McCarron but that she would rather keep him herself if she would remain in the house. I said I would be good to him and she said "all right you may have him." Then she started to cry and said she would be lonesome without him.

After I arrived home from the cemetery that night I intended going after Johnnie. When I got as far as Barney McGuigan's I did not feel very well and returned home. I intended going up early Monday morning for him but was still sick. I thought of going up in the evening but was worse. I did not send any message or send for the boy as I had too much to attend to myself.

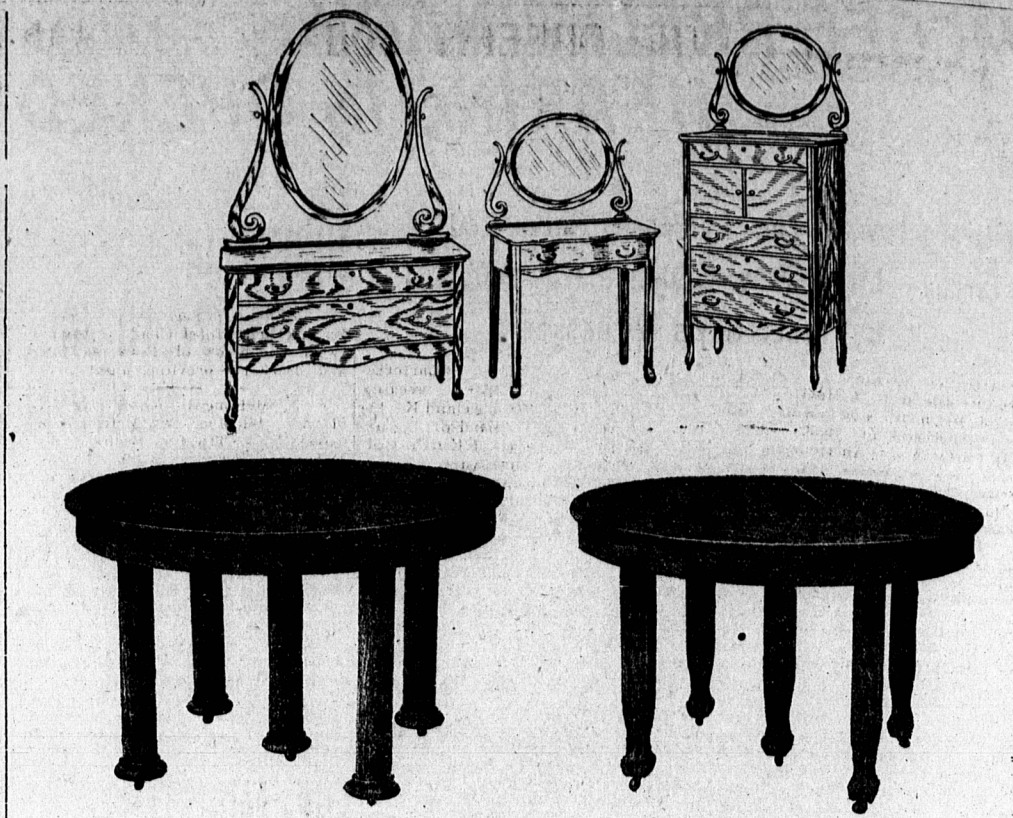
On Tuesday evening I got to McGee's and when I got there Dr. McIntyre told me that the boy was sick. I made no statement, only what the doctor said. I know nothing about the death of the children. I would not think that she did it. She did not leave her own house for three years. I brought home the supplies for the house. I last brought home the supplies the Friday before the children took sick. The supplies were a bag of cornmeal and some clothes. On the second of April Pat brought some supplies including some fish. My sister had already bought a half barrel from Joe McCarron. She sold eight dozen of them to Barney McGuigan and two dozen to myself and the rest remained. My wife used the herring twice and Johnnie had the herring once at my house.

I was discussing the matter with Tom McCarron, bailiff, and he said he had no doubt that she did it. I said I did not see how she could do it or how she could get any poison. McCarron said that according to the doctors and storekeepers that it was matches. I said I don't see how she could get the children to take it for there would be a bad smell or taste. Louis or Penzie would not take anything with a bad taste for I have been there when she would give Louis tea and he would not take it but said that there was a bad taste to it, but McCarron said she would sweeten it up and they would never know, and I said that might be so. I said it would be funny if the doctors' said matches was the cause. I said if she did it she was not sound in her mind.

I said she was awfully worried over losing her children in the winter. She had lots of worry trying to rear them and taking abuse from her husband. It was no wonder if she was out of her mind. She thought an awful lot of her children. I never brought her any matches. On the Saturday night when the children were dead I used one card of matches. Barney McGuigan was smoking and he asked me for matches and I gave him half a card.

Court met at 2.00 p. m. Thomas Cassidy, sworn. Live at Montague and am father of the prisoner and have lived at St. Mary's Road for many years. Remember when the five McGee children died. It was young James McKearney who told me the children were sick saying one of Minnie's children was dead and the rest were dying. Did not go to McGee's but went to Dr. Fraser's and sent him on Friday 12th. I went to McGee's on Saturday.

By Mr. Matheson—When were you to McGee's before children took sick? Witness—Was there on Tuesday of same week. There were just the father and mother and the children except Johnny there. They were at dinner and had potatoes and herring. They all sat down at the table together but Mrs. McGee who waited on the children, I took a cup of hot water, bread and herring. The herring seemed rather dar, different from other herring. I went again on Saturday about three o'clock. Pat McCarron was the first to tell me they were all dead. I remained about 15 minutes and everything seemed as usual. I went to funeral on Sunday. I seen my daughter on Tuesday 16th, John took sick Wednesday when John and his mother were alone in the house. John had about three quarters of a stick of candy. The mother appeared to be all right. I saw



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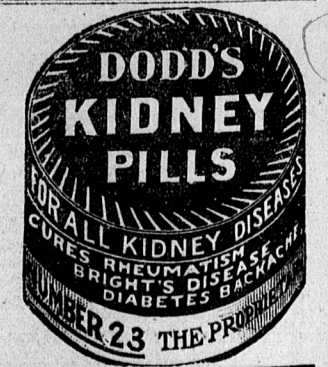
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