

A Fair Spiritualist.

LOVE'S PEPELEXITIES

The Cross of the Legion of Honor.

Sunday Services. NORTHCOLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Sunday School Anniversary. PRACHEM'S.

Morning, Rev. J. Gibson, of West Melbourne; afternoon, Rev. W. Macmillan.

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Shortly after last Christmas the question of adopting a minimum wage began to occupy the minds of the Northcole Council.

We are on the eve of Christmas again, and still the matter of the minimum wage is being discussed.

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LOCALISMS. The recent damage law suit, whereby the Northcole Council, in which the latter were successful, cost the council £126 12s.

The circle of interest is widening in connection with the localism in this manner, which now bids fair to be a big popular event.

Mr. McLean, who won his heat in the recent trial, has had a first-class education in the "dramatic" which makes art to be distinctly understood.

This particular evening was a great success in connection with the A.N.A. and the attendance numbered about 30.

Mostly young men, and whilst the speaker seemed to enjoy themselves with the various forms of amusement, the strategic lines on which the establishment managed prevented anything like rowdyism.

All Saints' sale of work was successfully launched on Thursday afternoon, and has been continued with satisfactory results.

The monthly meeting of the Northcole Public Library committee was held at the town-hall on Monday evening.

Dr. Tolson, in the chair, there being also present Mr. W. A. Gibson, Mr. J. D. Dalton, and Whalley.

The reading-room were being maintained at the rate of £120 per annum, and were gradually falling off, which is only to be expected during the summer months.

In the interest in the draughts room continued to be maintained in all likelihood close the room during the hot months of the year.

The institution for some time past has been worked on a business basis, and it is gratifying to find that there is now a few pounds in hand after meeting current accounts.

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NORTHCOLE TOWN COUNCIL. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5.

Present: Crs. McLean (Mayor), W. A. Gibson, Campbell, Dennis, Candy, Boothby, Smith, Raykes, Parsons, Harry, Pearl, Thompson, and Marks.

WATER REFORMS. The Secretary Metropolitan Board of Works wrote requesting that the amount of water used in connection with the street channel, street watering, &c.

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A WOMAN'S VICTORY. BY ANNE BRITNALL.

Author of "More Than Constancy."

CHAPTER VIII.—(Continued). "Once on the road to Melbourne, my grey mare was a good deal better than she was sitting in a low chair, and she was able to sit up for a little while."

"How did you dare to enter my private rooms without my permission?" she asked haughtily. "I have a most unimpeachable reputation."

"I am very much obliged to you, I am sure," she said, "but I must go now. I have a great deal to do."

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THE CROSS OF THE LEGION OF HONOR. It was one of the most interesting incidents of the war, and it was one of the most interesting incidents of the war.

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TAKEN IN WAR.

The Colonel came home upon leave... The Colonel came home upon leave... The Colonel came home upon leave...

CINDERELLA CLUBS.

How they arose... The founder's story... The Cinderella clubs... The founder's story...

THE WIDE WORLD.

Mr. William Morris takes an album... The artist's work... The artist's work...

A SOHO TRAGEDY.

Professor Lombroso contributes to the September 'Forum'... The artist's work... The artist's work...

CRIMINALITY AND HEREDITY.

The paper hunters of London are increasing at the rate of something... The artist's work... The artist's work...

NEWS FROM ALL SOURCES.

Future Motive Power... When coal and oil are exhausted... The artist's work... The artist's work...

POPULAR SCIENCE.

What will be the standard motive power of the future... The artist's work... The artist's work...

THE LADIES' COLUMN.

Viola and Lovena... Ladies' gossip... The artist's work... The artist's work...

WIT AND HUMOUR.

It says in his place... The artist's work... The artist's work...

Dancing and Brains.

She had been to a party the night... The artist's work... The artist's work...

Journalism in Japan.

A book just published on 'Japanese Journalism'... The artist's work... The artist's work...

The Judge and His.

How many rats should put an ordinary man to flight... The artist's work... The artist's work...

Testing the Purity of Gas.

To test gas properly requires the use of many chemicals... The artist's work... The artist's work...

Queen Victoria's Childhood.

In a paper on the 'Childhood of Queen Victoria'... The artist's work... The artist's work...

THE BACHELOR'S SOCKS.

As a bachelor's socks are so important... The artist's work... The artist's work...

DO YOU SUFFER FROM LIVER COMPLAINT?

Or any symptoms of a disordered digestion... The artist's work... The artist's work...

THE HEART IN LIVING.

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THE HORTICULTURIST.

The Orchard and Fruit Garden. The best of proper pruning consists in thinning out the branches...

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.

Farm Buildings and Economy. An action of Arthur Young's is now remembering when the construction of farm buildings...

THE QUEEN OF THIEVES.

A REMARKABLE CHARACTER. The most illustrious woman of her age was the Queen of Thieves...

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, NORTH COTE.

SALE OF GIFTS. This afternoon an evening last opportunity the public will have of visiting the sale of work together...

PRESTON POLICE COURT.

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SATURDAY DECEMBER 14, 1895.

PRESTON SHIRE COUNCIL.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2ND.

Present:—Crs. Crawley (president), Paterson, Bayliss, Barrow, Bond, White, Nichol, Howden, and Howes.

BATHING IN THE CREEK. Cr. W. Healy wrote calling attention to the fact that a number of men and boys were in the habit of bathing in the creek, at all hours, Saturday afternoons and Sundays being the worst days.

Cr. Barrow moved that the attention of Sergeant Robinson be called to the matter. Cr. Healy seconded the motion. Cr. Paterson also called attention to the practice of small boys bathing in clay-beds, which he considered very dangerous.

The motion was carried. JEFFREY STREET CONSTRUCTION. James Tidd, executor of late Thomas Tidd wrote requesting refund of balance over and above his proportion of the cost of constructing Jeffrey street.

It was elicited that the work was not yet out of the contractor's hands, but would be by next meeting. Cr. Barrow moved and Cr. Bayliss seconded that the matter be referred to the works committee.—Carried.

BELL STREET WEST. The Shire of Coburg write in reply to this council's letter, stating that the matter of the conditions of Bell street west had been referred to the engineer.

BE SHAWNEE'S ROAD. The Shire Secretary, Epping (Mr. Jas. Ryan) write notifying that his council would be happy to confer with this council. Maloney's road any day after the 10th December.

Cr. White moved that the conference take place at Shire Hall, Preston, on the 10th inst., at 5 p.m. Cr. Bayliss seconded. Carried.

SHAWNEE STREET CONDUITS. The Secretary for Railways wrote stating that the crossings over Shawnee street would be required as requested by the council.—Received.

A BATCH OF COMPLAINTS. Wm. MacDonald, Murray road, wrote complaining of the "disgraceful state of Murray road, between Spring street and the Coburg road." The recent work of the daymen (filling up the ruts with light sand from the footpath) had turned it into a huge dirt bin. It was a terrible pull for the horses with a heavy load, in addition, residents had to suffer from dust storms at every violent change of the wind.

Also that part of Murray road at the boundary with Coburg shire requires special attention.—There being no cash drain on the Preston portion, to connect with the pitched drain made by the Coburg council, which causes the storm water from the Preston side to run all over the road belonging to Coburg, and also on private lands, cutting deep channels. He hoped the council would confer with Coburg with a view to remedying the matter.

It would take more than the life of any man at the table to pay off his present land indebtedness, and he did not look out for they would be so far in debt as to be "totally" insolvent. The council would have to amalgamate the positions and try to do without officers. He found that at present a sum of £250 was placed on the original loan secured for the completion of this street, but was afterwards rejected.

Cr. Bond seconded the motion.—Carried. PARK PRIVILEGES. M. Norton and Jas. C. Newton, joint hon. sec. Preston Friendly Societies Sports Carnival, wrote requesting the council to grant permission to allow bicycle races in the park on New Year's Day. It was also asked that intending competitors be allowed to use the Park for training purposes, before 7 in the morning and after 6 in the evening.

The first request was granted without dissent on the motion of Cr. Barrow; and it was also decided to comply with the second so far as the morning was concerned. Crs. Paterson, Nichol and Barrow voted against the park being granted for training purposes on the grounds that it was dangerous and in opposition to a recently passed resolution of the council.

The other councillors strongly supported the request. A. J. Robinson wrote requesting to know if lowest tender for printing had been accepted, and if not, why not. Also percentage of printing to be carried out, share on this year's contract as compared with last year's.

Cr. Howes moved that the information be given. Cr. Barrow said the committee had gone into the matter very thoroughly, and had recommended the tender they considered most advantageous to the shire.

Cr. Bond remarked that the committee had gone into the matter most thoroughly, it being a difficult matter to decide between the tenders, but finding that Messrs. Whalley Bros. had given every satisfaction in the field, and that their prices were considerably lower than last year, he supported their tender.

Cr. Bayliss said he was thoroughly satisfied with the committee's recommendation. If they allowed the matter to be re-opened by every dissatisfied person their duties would be ended.

There was no second to Cr. Howes's motion, which consequently lapsed. FINANCE COMMITTEE. Cr. Barrow submitted the report, recommending:—

1. That accounts amounting to £27 9s 4d be passed for payment.—Adopted. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE. The report was submitted by Cr.

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"At the meeting of two ways in a... "The grave is open, the grave is...

"The recent discussion in connection... "The clergy are declining, and the...

"A public answer to one of the... "The fingers of Mr. Gladstone are...

"Thomas Bradley, a farmer, recently... "The Congo district is a region of...

"Fully 1,000,000 men and over 70,000... "News from all sources indicates...

"Some remarkable cases... "The study of popular science reveals...

"A thing never said but often found... "Wit and humour are essential to...

"The Marborough-Vanderbilt... "The ladies' column features social...

"A correspondent writes to the 'West... "The number nine is a significant...

"If you wish to clean the furniture... "Useful hints for household management...

"Mr. Justin McCarthy's Reminiscences... "A collection of memories from a prominent...

"Some dogs for ladies... "A list of dog breeds suitable for ladies...

"Which restores the vigor of the youth... "A medical advertisement for a health tonic...

THE HORTICULTURIST.

CONSERVATION AND FERTILITY. The best of the autumn...

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

The surface soil... should be kept in a good state...

The Vineyard.

Work on the vineyard... should be continued...

Hardy Poultry Coop.

The hardy poultry coop... is a valuable addition...

How to Tell the Age of Pigeons.

How to tell the age of pigeons... by examining their feet...

The Orchard and Fruit Garden.

The rain which fell on the first...

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EVAPORATION OF FRUIT.

By J. S. SHERMAN. Of all the methods employed for...

Evaporated fruit of today is entirely... different from that of a few years ago...

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VISITORS TO MELBOURNE.

Should call at the following places: KINGSTON'S UMBRELLAS...

WOMAN'S SALVATION. The wife of a... man who was a member of the...

LOST MANHOOD. From the... of the... of the...

THE WEEKLY TIMES. ENLARGED. TO FORTY PAGES...

THE MOST POPULAR. DAILY NEWS. IN VICTORIA. IT HAS MADE PHENOMENAL ADVANCES...

AGRICULTURAL. Notes and Comments. A remarkable degree of...

THE TUNNEL. There was some delay at first, owing...

THE POWER-HOUSE. It is intended to supply a large...

THE STORYTELLER. IS OF THRILLING INTEREST. FASCINATING SERIALS AND SHORT STORIES...

ALL THE NEWS OF THE WEEK. THREEPENCE WEEKLY.

HARNESSING NIAGARA.

In several of the magazines this month... the project of harnessing Niagara...

Since these words were written... the project has been set on foot...

Much has been written as to the... origin of cricket. But, like the game...

That ideal is not the creation of... any man's mind. It became his through...

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MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR DACRE. Who Died in Sydney. Written for the Leader.

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THE SENTRY'S SHOT.

One sunny afternoon in the autumn... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

BLIND JACK.

A REMARKABLE ROAD MAKER. From the Catholics and the Protestants... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

A NIGHT IN THE CONDEMNED CELL.

I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

NOT LADY GRACE.

When Lady Grace Cathbert stepped... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE MINISTER'S PROPOSAL.

"A good story is told of an English... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

RECENTS HOW AND THEN.

It is still the custom to allow a condemned criminal on the eve of execution... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE COOK WAS THE SAFETY.

Bernhardt herself never has any difficulty in finding her way... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

USEFUL HINTS.

SCUMMER BEVERAGES. Fresh strawberries... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

Reference to the "Queen's English" is sometimes met with the cynic... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

A WORD TO SMOKERS.

A word with the smoker—in no... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

ARE YOU AFFLICTED.

DYSPEPSIA, WITH CONSTIPATION... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE OTHER FELLOW.

How seldom do our dreams come true... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

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A REMARKABLE ROAD MAKER. From the Catholics and the Protestants... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

A NIGHT IN THE CONDEMNED CELL.

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NOT LADY GRACE.

When Lady Grace Cathbert stepped... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE MINISTER'S PROPOSAL.

"A good story is told of an English... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

RECENTS HOW AND THEN.

It is still the custom to allow a condemned criminal on the eve of execution... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE COOK WAS THE SAFETY.

Bernhardt herself never has any difficulty in finding her way... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

USEFUL HINTS.

SCUMMER BEVERAGES. Fresh strawberries... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH.

Reference to the "Queen's English" is sometimes met with the cynic... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

A WORD TO SMOKERS.

A word with the smoker—in no... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

ARE YOU AFFLICTED.

DYSPEPSIA, WITH CONSTIPATION... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE OTHER FELLOW.

How seldom do our dreams come true... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

WIT AND HUMOUR.

"What's the matter with Jennings... "I am an old man now, yet the remembrance of that one terrible night will haunt me as long as I live."

THE HORTICULTURIST.

The Orchard and Fruit Garden. As the main crop of fruit will ripen in succession during the next few months...

AGRICULTURAL NEWS.

A Dehorning Cattle. A correspondent of the "Frederick Gazette" writes that he has seen a cow which has been dehorned...

Prevention of Lockjaw in Animals.

The "North British Agriculturist" in reply to a correspondent who asks whether lockjaw is contagious...

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THE WIDE WORLD. Japan's Trade with Austria-Ungary is growing year by year. Last year the value of goods imported into that country...

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THE WIDE WORLD. A Fair Spiritualist; OR, A WOMAN'S VICTORY. BY "LADY." Author of "More Than Conquers."

AFTER NASEBY.

BY DAVID WESCHER. When the battle of Naseby had been fought, and the king's army had been defeated...

THE VINEYARD.

The culture of grapes either for making wine or for table use is one of the most important branches of agriculture...

How to Make Bennett

For the reason, says the "Housekeeper," one should secure the stomach of a cow by means of Bennett...

How to Tan a Sheep Skin.

A correspondent writing to the "Illustrated" asks how to tan a sheep skin and currier, and this is the way I would do it...

Worms in Horses.

A writer in a contemporary says that the worm is the most common parasite in the body of a horse...

First Pickle for Hams

The first thing to be looked after is to get your ham salted. Make your brine by boiling together...

Worms in Horses.

Not only do worms creep from man's hands and on that washed away, but they also creep from man's hands and on that washed away...

THE KITCHEN GARDEN.

Improvement in the kitchen garden is a matter of no small importance. It is a matter of no small importance...

THE VICTORIA ALLIANCE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Victoria Alliance Annual Report for 1896, just published, contains an interesting and valuable account of the work done during the year...

THE STORYTELLER.

IS OF THRILLING INTEREST. FASCINATING SERIALS AND SHORT STORIES.

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A young lady's impression. "Being asked to dine and sit at the table of the Queen is a great honor and a great privilege..."

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THE NAVAL WAR OF THE FUTURE.

A DREAM OF AUTOMATIC WAR.

Mr. James Eastwick contributes to *Longman's Magazine* for September a brightly-written description of naval warfare as he believes it will be when all ships are fought by automatic guns, utilizing the recoil in such a way as to obviate the necessity of having any man exposed to the enemy's fire. Mr. Eastwick maintains that the fumes of the melinite shells will suffocate more men than the splinters of the shells will kill or wound, and therefore he describes, in the form of a tale "entitled" "The new Centurion," the kind of fighting ships he thinks will supersede all other types.

THE IRONCLAD OF THE FUTURE.
He tells us what he thinks ought to be done by narrating as an historian the changes which were made in the Centurion.

Her old boilers have been taken out and been replaced by new water-tube boilers, and her engine improved to match: she is said to log her steamer knots easily now. Her old 12 in. and 4 in. belts have been taken off, and in their place she has a belt of uniform thickness of sin. Harveyed Steel. Inside this there has been built a sort of turtle-back over her engines, boilers, and magazines, but is not a turtle-back exactly, for two reasons. First, it does not come quite to the sides, the space left affording room for excellent shoots between the upper and lower bunkers, so that we shall have no trouble about getting the coal to the furnaces. The second curious thing is that over the passage between the longitudinal bulkheads there is no armour at all: the turtle-back, instead of being continuous, is as it were split open, and turned up into two solid combings along the line of the bulkheads, which are carried up above these combings as far as the main-deck. The passage itself instead of having two decks, has three, the lowest of all being a magazine deck, that immediately above it being fitted with electric gear which I could not make out, while above this again is a mere grating clear of fittings, but communicating with the upper works by broad and easy stairs. Forward and aft are of course barbettes. They had been rebuilt, and were smaller at the base than they had been. Our old 29 tons guns are gone, and in their place we have two pairs of much longer and heavier pieces, presumably the new 40-ton guns. They have made a clean sweep of every other gun on board—guns, ensemates, shields and all, and in their place have given us an array of Maxims, 3-prs and 12-prs, without any sort of protection whatsoever. Even our old military masts, have gone, and in their place we have two light masts, not very unlike those of a castle miter, with three Maxims on each top, but no shields. The decks or flats along the passage between the central bulkheads, in close action, will hold the bulk of the ship's company, and from there the Maxims are to be fought by electric gear.

A NAVAL DUEL.
In the present paper we have only the first part of the adventures of the Centurion. She attacks and destroys two French torpedoes, and then intercepts the *Deputé de Lôme* as she was pursuing an English passenger steamer. For some time previous, all the ship's company had been trained to exercise their guns from below water-line, the sights being fixed by the aid of mirrors. When the fight came on, however, the narrator, for the purpose of the story rather than from any necessity, obtained leave to fight his gun from above, and this is what he saw. He was standing in the main-hold telephoning to his subs below to load and work the guns while he held the fire lever in his hand. He says:—"Engage as your guns bear," said the tiny voice of the telephone from the conning house close to my ear. The words came, "Fire upon the enemy," and I fired. Her Broad-sides sounded at the same moment as our guns, and there was a crash and a rattle somewhere about our decks. All that I knew or could think of was the task of watching those sights and firing as they bore. The French ironclad swept quickly past, and it was not easy to see one's mark with the bright blaze and drifting smoke of the two great guns always between one's eyes, and the reeking fumes of the cordite eddying round one every time that a breach was opened. Presently there came a pause in our fire, and at that moment she vanished from my sight behind the bridge, though I now could hear the Maxims roaring like rushing water and the boom of our fire or by the fall of the firing every five seconds or so like the taps of a big drum. We were in firing gear again just as the ship stood well across the enemy's stern, and brought my guns once more to bear. I was actually pulling down the firing-lever when the tiny voice at my ear said "Cease firing." Then I looked at the enemy and saw that her colours were gone. Her Foremast had been shot away and had fallen along her decks. Her great funnel had been wrecked, either by our fire or by the fall of the foremast, and her upper works had been frightfully cut up. Boats were called away and the first lieutenant boarded her, and soon we saw the white ensign flying over the tricolour.

THE RESULT OF QUICK FIRING.
As we neared her we cast off the lines and then boarded her, with a great deal of difficulty, for she was almost out of control, and the heavy seas breaking on her sides made it dangerous work to go near her. Once on board we stood dismayed at the ruin that those brief seconds had wrought. Of the destruction of her upper works we had all seen something, but of the state of her main-deck we had entertained no conception. She is clad all over, as you know, with four-inch armour, not thick enough to be of the slightest use against our heavy guns

but just thick enough to make every shell unfavourably burst inboard. And certainly every shell that had hit had burst with awful effect. Spar and main decks were started; every turret was wrecked; not a man seemed to have escaped from her main deck; those on her spar deck had been mown down by the Maxims as by fiery scythes. She was leaking all along her water-line, notwithstanding her cofferdams, and, indeed, if no help had been near, she soon must have foundered. Our prize crew had got to work already to rig a jury funnel, and as soon as that was done the first lieutenant was confident that he could get the steam-pumps to work and manage to keep her afloat.

This frightful damage had been inflicted on the Frenchmen without the Centurion suffering anything beyond two or three shells having burst on board. Two or three Maxims had been displaced, and but for the traces of the shells they might never have been in action at all. The story goes on to tell how the Centurion engaged three rigs of battle ships off Gibraltar; but the end of the story is reserved for next month.

—Review of Reviews.

IT IS SAID THAT.
The wonderful microphone makes the sound of a fly's footstep perfectly audible. If so, why can't the inventor do somewhat the same thing with the catlike tread of the burglar?

Quite anxious are the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company to dispense with the necessity of paying squads of men for removing, re-adjusting and replacing the red gum blocks which cover their tracks.

Growlers at the Melbourne telephone service should restrain themselves. A comparison made between the London and Melbourne system as to cost and efficiency, is much in favour of Victoria.

Our active and hard worked grip-men and tram conductors would hold with delight a device by which the points could be set from the car platform without the necessity of either having to alight from the car or driving. Who is going to be the car conductor's benefactor?

They make large things in America. We are told that the largest steel plate that man has ever assisted in rolling was turned out by the Wellman Iron and Steel Works, Chester, Pa. The dimensions of this gigantic plate were 37 feet 6 inches long by 10 feet 10 inches wide by 1 1/2 inches thick. It was for a rudder plate of an American steamer.

A formidable rival now menaces Britain's famous torpedo. Its captain—Captain Jast, a hydraulic engineer, of Melbourne—has so ingeniously devised it that, though only discharged from a single-barrel projector, yet it divides itself into two and strikes the enemy's ship not only above water but also below.—*Scientific Australian.*

THE IMPERIAL MISSION OF THE DRUNKARD.

Mr. A. J. Wilson, in the *Investor's Review*, is mightily satirical this month upon the high Imperial functions of the drunkard. He says:—

Within the last quarter of a century, to go no further back, we have spent nearly eight hundred million pounds on our army and navy, including the cost of little wars not paid for by the Indian riyot—patient animal that he is!—fat votes of credit for the delectation of our bureaucracy, and such oddments. And the national revenue from drink has in the same period of time come to within twenty millions of this overwhelming sum. The drunkards, therefore, have been the true guardians of our Empire and upholders of the brotherly goodwill which subsists between nations, and gets itself emphasised at all military parades and naval shows throughout Europe. Behold then the secret of our greatness. If the stability of our Empire had depended on the income-tax, or on a poll-tax, or on a land-tax, or on "inhabited house duty," or on "five shillings a quarter upon imported grain, or on all of these together, it would have long since come to naught. Resting on our magnificent drinking capacity, it has not only endured but increased in splendor unto this hour—witness the army and navy estimates *passim*. From this point of view we have always regarded the drunkard as the noblest of national benefactors and greatest mainstay of the constitution. Upon the highest grounds of Imperial interests, then, we plead for the liberty of all Englishmen to get drunk as often as seems to them good. Their noble thirst brings the Exchequer and the local rates even a good four and thirty millions a year.

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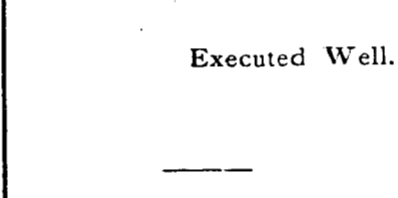
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