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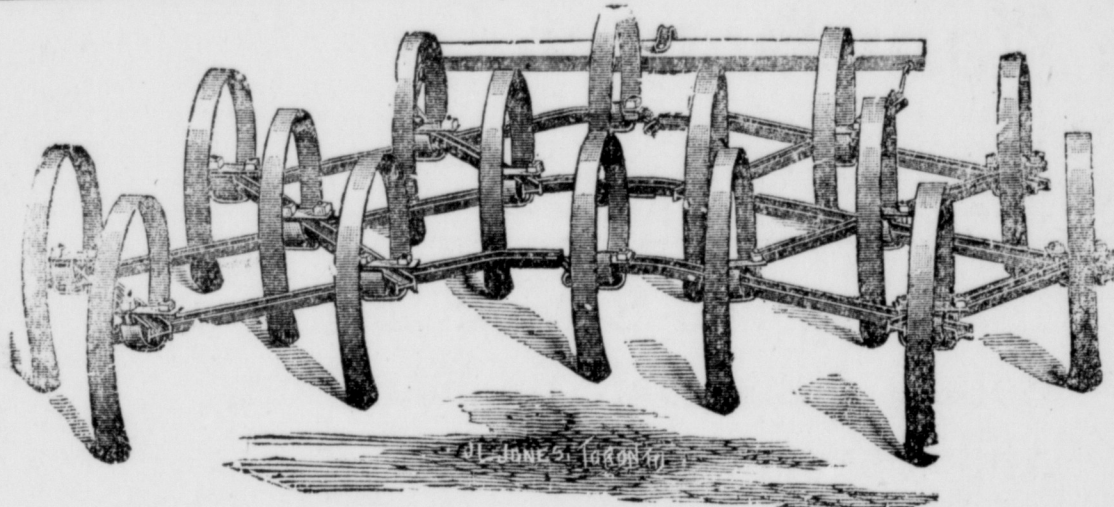
Sizes in Collars are broken, but have left sizes 14, 14½, 16, 16½, in turn down and standing Collars.

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NOTICE.

The fifth annual meeting of the Topique River Log Driving Company will be held at the village of Andover in the County of Victoria, at Beveridge's Hall in said village, on Tuesday the tenth day of April next, at eleven of the clock in the forenoon for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors, and for the transaction of such business as may legally come before the meeting.

Dated this 14th day of March A. D. 1899.
A. J. BEVERIDGE, President
J. C. HARTLEY, Sec. for Company.
N.—B. Every owner of logs or other lumber or timber intended to be driven by said Company during the coming season, must file with the Secretary a statement of the same, on or before the day of the Annual Meeting, and no lumberman can become a member of the said Company, nor be entitled to vote at its meeting until said statement has been filed.

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OSBERVA AND HIS FLEET.

The Spanish Admiral Recognized From the First That Disaster Must Overtake His Squadron.

An Italian naval contemporary publishes some highly interesting and remarkable letters written at the beginning of last year of Admiral Cervera, which plainly show that then, and for the two previous years, he regarded war with the United States as inevitable, that he fully realized, not merely the utter unreadiness of the Spanish navy for war, but also the incapacity of the Government to make ready for the struggle into which the country was drifting, and he records in the plainest words his full conviction of the tremendous disasters in store for the national arms on the sea.

Foreseeing that upon himself would devolve the terrible duty of leading his country's fleet to certain defeat and destruction, he tells his friend that he desires in his letters to place his views upon secret record—secretly being then his duty as regarded the shortcomings of the navy—in case it should one day become necessary to bring them to light in defence of his memory, or even of himself, when the folly of some, the greed of others, and the incapacity of all should have wrought their inevitable effect.

As an instance of the utter disorganization he points out that the Cataluna had been begun eight years before, and that her hull was still unfinished, all the national arsenals being in a like inefficient state.

He writes from Cadiz: "The fleet is practically reduced to the three cruisers at Bilbao, the Colon, Destructor, and the destroyers Furor and Terror. As to the cruisers, their principle armament, viz., their 5.5-inch battery, is practically unserviceable, and the Colon, unquestionably the best of our ships in a military point of view, has not yet been furnished with her heavy guns. The Destructor might do for a despatch vessel, though her speed is hardly such as to fit her for rendering service of this kind to a fleet.

"The Furor and Terror are in good state but I doubt if they could use their 3-inch guns effectively. As regards the needs of a fleet, we often cannot procure the most necessary things. We cannot get coal from the arsenal here, and neither at Barcelona nor Cadiz can we get half the biscuit we require. We have no charts of American waters, though I believe somebody has been seeing to the matter. However that may be, we cannot sail at present. I am happy to say that the morale of the crew is excellent."

In another of the letters he tells his correspondent that he does not believe the Pelayo or the Carlos V. will be got ready in time to join the squadron, if at all. Of the battleship he knows nothing, but had heard very unsatisfactory intelligence respecting the Carlos V. Neither does he believe the Numancia or the Lepanto will be ready to go to sea in time, and the Colon will have to face the enemy without her heavy guns.

As for the eight principal ships on the Havana station, he says they have no military value of any sort, and would only be burned by the enemy. "Spain can only take the offensive by sending out swift vessels to do as much damage as they can in rapid cruises, but even a successful naval battle would be disastrous, for where and how could our vessels repair damages received in action?"

This curiously accurate forecast of disaster forcibly recalls the despairing letters written to Phillip II. by another famous Spanish admiral, who commanded the memorable armada destined to invade England. Medina-Sidonia's letters breathe the same desponding tone, and tell the same tale of insufficiency of armament and provisions, and of general mismanagement, and the same sense of inevitable disaster is expressed. Both admirals indeed, only assumed command reluctantly and in obedience to a sense of duty, and the historic parallel is all but complete.

In Earnest.

Every one suffering with a bad cold, or cough should be in earnest about having it promptly relieved. No medicine of modern times has been found so effective as Dr. Cook's Sure Cough Cure, the old English remedy. It will break up a cold with a few doses. Sold by all dealers 25 cents.

The Queen in France.

London, March 18th.—Up to now the reception given to Queen Victoria in the south of France has been all that could be desired. There was a pretty sight at Cimiez, when a deputation of fish wives and market women from Nice attended, in their picturesque costumes, this week, to present the Queen with a bouquet of choice flowers and an address of welcome. The deputation was received by Lieutenant Col. the Hon. Wm. H. P. Carrington, C. B., Her Majesty's equerry in behalf of the Queen, but the women insisted upon seeing the Queen herself, so they were allowed to station themselves at the Hotel Regina and Queen Victoria, on approaching them, ordered her carriage to be stopped and spoke a few kindly words of thanks to the delighted fish wives, who broke out into warm demonstrations of appreciation of Her Majesty's graciousness. The Queen held a family council at Cimiez recently to discuss the Saxe-Coburg and Gotha succession, the death of Prince Alfred of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, only son of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, making such a step necessary. The Duke of Connaught, younger brother of the Duke of Saxe-Coburg and Gotha, and third son of the Queen, came from Cairo to Cimiez in order to take part in the deliberations. It has been arranged that the son of the Duke of Connaught, Prince Arthur, who was born Jan. 13, 1883, and who is being educated at Eton, is to leave that school in July and go to Germany for the purpose of completing his education before he enters the German army. Very large and valuable estates go with the succession to the duchy, as the debts of Duke Ernest died with him, he having no power to encumber the dual reviews or estates.

Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales are reported to have given much satisfaction to the inhabitants of the Riviera by their tactful donation to the fund raised to assist the relatives of the victims of the Toulon powder magazine explosion, the Prince of Wales heading the subscription of the English residents with \$100.

COOK'S ANODYNE LINIMENT.

Parliament.

The Dominion Parliament met in the fourth session on Wednesday last. Among the matters referred to in the speech are the following:—

The negotiations which were set on foot during the recess between Her Majesty's government and that of the United States in reference to the settlement of certain questions in dispute between Canada and the latter country, were, I grieve to say, greatly delayed by the illness and subsequent death of two of the most eminent members of the commission appointed for that purpose. Considerable progress has been made on several of the subjects submitted, but a serious disagreement arose between Her Majesty's commissioners and the commissioners of the United States on the question of the boundary between Canada and Alaska. The question was referred by the commissioners to their respective governments, the commission being adjourned to the second day of August next in the hope that in the meantime the difficulty might be overcome.

I observe with pleasure that the mother country, Canada and other British possessions have recently adopted a penny postage letter rate. The satisfaction with which this action has been received by the Canadian people is a further proof of the genuine desire existing amongst our people for closer relations with the mother country, and the rest of the empire.

I am glad to be able to state that the satisfactory state of the finances of the country permitted a reduction on the first of January last of the Canadian domestic rate from three to two cents, and although such a reduction involves a temporary loss of revenue, it is nevertheless confidently expected that the cheapened rate will prove of such service in the promotion of trade, and in the genuine interchange of correspondence that, within a reasonable time the revenue of the post office will be restored to its former figure.

Much information has been obtained since you last met relative to the extent and value of the deposits of gold and valuable minerals in the Yukon and other portions of Canada. The returns from the Yukon have so far proved sufficient to meet the heavy expenditure which it was found necessary to incur for the purpose of preserving law and order, and it has been thought expedient in the public interest, to authorize the construction of a line of telegraph for the purpose of maintaining speedy communication with the people of this distant territory.

A measure will be submitted to you for the better arrangement of the electoral districts throughout the Dominion, as well as other measures of lesser importance.

A Phrenologist Speaks.

Prof. J. W. Crouter writes from Penetanguishene: "I was troubled with palpitation of the heart which became very severe. Hearing of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills I determined to try them, and after taking them for about a week I was cured."

Progress.

The gentleman who had rung the bell several times before the servant let him in was looking surprised and a trifle apprehensive when Mrs. Blykins came into the room.

"I called," he explained, "to inquire about your husband's health. He and I belong to the same organization, and several of the members desired me to call and see how he is getting along. We were very sorry to hear of his illness."

"It's very kind of you," she answered. "There was a crash which shook the chandelier."

"She paid no attention to it."

"I think it will be only a day or two before he is able to get out and go down town," she added.

The slamming of doors echoed heavily through the house.

"Has he been dangerously sick?"

"Not until today."

"But I understood you to say that he was convalescent."

"I think I may say that he is so. He wasn't well enough to be dangerous till this morning. But before noon he had discharged the trained nurse, quarrelled with the cook, smashed a rocking chair against which he stubbed his toe and thrown the canary bird out of the window. Those are always hopeful symptoms with him, and I feel fairly justified in saying that he is convalescent."—Washington Star.

Whatever is in Heaven and earth singeth praise unto God; and He is mighty and wise.

God is my sufficient support; in Him let those put their trust who seek in whom to confide.

Be discreet in all things, and so render it unnecessary to be mysterious about any.—Wellington.

It is exceedingly lovely to behold the pictures of purity, though they be hung in the frames of poverty.

A CARD.

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Men with Bad Memories.

When a man forgets his expectant bride on his wedding day and has to be reminded that it is time to repair to the ceremony it may safely be assumed that his memory is not the best. Several wellknown individuals, however, have been affected in this way, and it must have been somewhat trying to the ladies when they became acquainted with the state of affairs. Perhaps their actions after marriage fully atoned for this lapse of memory.

The celebrated Sergeant Hill appears to have been rather absent-minded, and it is related that on the day on which he was to be married he was so deeply engaged in an intricate case that he forgot the other important engagement, and had to be reminded of it by his waiting bride. Bishop Thomas, of Salisbury, was another absent-minded individual who forgot his wedding day until reminded of it by his servant. On another occasion, when this ecclesiastic was engaged in conversation, a gnat bit his leg, but, strange to say, he stooped and kindly scratched the leg of the gentleman standing near to him. The gnat kept on biting, of course. Other stories are also told of this dignitary which go to prove that his memory was not of the marvelous description.

When a cabinet minister lets out the secrets of office to one of his opponents it may be taken for granted that it is done in a fit of abstraction, and that it is quite unintentional. The late Lord Derby, who was occasionally very absent-minded, was once walking with Lord Clarendon, an opponent, when he began telling him the secrets of the cabinet, and ultimately asked for advice. This was too much for Lord Clarendon, and when he intimated this Lord Derby came to himself, saying, "Really, I thought all the time I was talking to a colleague." Of course, Lord Clarendon did not make known the information thus placed in his keeping.

The great La Fontaine was another gentleman possessing a peculiar memory, and many amusing instances are recorded of his absence of mind. In fact, it is said that when he went to present his "Fables" to the King, he discovered, after he had delivered a very good address, that he had forgotten the book; while on another occasion he is credited with having called to visit one of his friends whose funeral he had attended some time before. Although much shocked when told that his friend was dead, he subsequently remembered having attended the funeral.

An amusing story is told in connection with a certain professor who seems to have had a bad memory. He visited a friend who was recovering from a serious illness, and took a bunch of grapes with him for the sick man. Becoming engrossed in conversation, however, the absent-minded individual began picking the grapes, and actually ate them all. Then, on leaving, he said to his friend, "Now, mind you eat those grapes! They will do you all the good in the world."

Another learned gentleman was troubled in the same way. One day he met a friend who told him an interesting piece of news. Later on in the day the gentleman in question dined with this friend, and actually told him then, as something of great importance, the story he had heard from him a little before. When this was pointed out, the unfortunate narrator of the story was much upset, and in his excitement put his host's napkin in his pocket instead of his own pocket-hankerchief. On another occasion, when attending the theater, he rose from his seat and bowed on the appearance of a celebrated actor, but the outburst of laughter which this proved soon brought him to his senses.

Ex-Senator Everts' Wit.

"It is a great pity that the witticism and delightful bon mots that constantly dropped from the lips of Mr. Everts could not be preserved. We all remember his characterization of the milk punch at the White House dinner as the 'oasis in the desert,' and who can forget his reply to the senator during the Hayes administration, when he was asked as to the success of the diplomatic dinner? 'Ah' he said, it was fine. Water flowed like champagne.' Then there was his retort to Lord Coleridge at Mount Vernon, when the foreigner doubted the truth of the story that Washington could throw a dollar across the Potomac river: 'You know that a dollar went much further in those days than it does now.'

"His most delightful extravagance was the farm at Windsor, where his guests were informed that they could drink 'either champagne or milk at their pleasure, as both cost the same.' I recall a story that he used to tell of himself that, arriving at the fall after a long stay in New York city, he was met by his little daughter, who exclaimed, 'Papa, I am so glad you have returned, for the donkey has been so lonesome.'

"Once upon a time General Anson G. McCook and I were talking of war day, when we were two boy colonels of Ohio regiments. McCook said: 'I had more trouble with the regimental band than with all the rest of the command.' I said: 'Yes, musicians are a sensitive set, and are constantly in a row.' Mr. Everts was seated at the other end of the room looking over the morning papers. We did not suppose he was paying any attention to us, but he interrupted and said: 'Well, gentleman, my opportunities for observation have not been so great as yours, and yet my limited experience has taught me that the usual band in the pursuit of harmony reaches discord.' You will remember his lengthy sentences when he addressed the Senate, sometimes attenuated, but usually full of power and splendid diction. To one who objected to their length he said: 'It is the criminal class who usually object to long sentences.'—Ex-Senator Maderson in the Chicago Record.

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"This war will do us good, I know." "In what way?" "My husband probably will come home feeling brave enough to help me discharge Bridget."