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Building Up the Empire.

A court martial is in progress at Dublin against crown officers of the 21st Lancers. They are accused of "ragging" a brother officer, Lieutenant Willows. Lord Roberts is in Dublin today, and is especially interesting himself in the trial.

"Willows is a colonial ranker, who gained his commission through heroism displayed in the South African war. He takes his profession seriously. His brother officers ragged him first because he had risen from the ranks, and secondly because he is a colonial. This kind of scandal is common in many regiments, where commissions are held by colonial rankers. The ordinary English officer considers the army a social preserve, and not a public service."

An All-the-Year-Round Cottage.

A house that expresses those qualities of comfort characteristic of the "cottage" and at the same time possesses such a substantial arrangement as to make it habitable all the year round is described and illustrated in the June Delinestor. Such a dwelling, while having the advantages of a Summer cottage is far more of a home, and the one shown is essentially "livable" and homelike. It is a house of moderate cost, attractive in appearance and artistic in furnishing. Home makers can find a wealth of suggestion in the article.

The Boer Generals.

A recent item about the Boer Generals, who were knocked out of business by the late peace, represents them as cherishing mutual ill-feeling even when staying at the same hotel. Both one and one of the Dewets are specially mentioned as boorish in behavior to each other. It is hinted also that they are looking to the British Government for military employment; if so, it might be good policy to utilize them. They are certainly not lacking in military capacity.

Jeweller.—"Diamond shirt studs? "Yes, sir; here's a set, neat little stones, for \$125." Customer.—"Huh! Out home in Chicago I can get—" Jeweller.—"Ah! did you say Chicago? pardon me, here you are. Just look at these big flashes. Three carats each! Sell you that set for \$3.50."—Philadelphia Press.

Russia.—"Delighted to find you so determined on the open door. But when are you going to open the door at home?"

United States.—"Oh, you don't understand the situation. Our susceptible manufacturers simply couldn't stand the draughts through it. The open door is purely for exports."—New York Evening Post.

Alfondly 0149.

Fred D. Tweedie, of Centreville, still owns Alfondly, the celebrated Standard Bred Pacing Stallion, 0149. He will stand at owner's stable during the rest of April. From May 1st, he will stand at Mar's Hill, on Tuesdays, and at Bristol on Fridays, during the remainder of the time at the owners stable, Centreville. Parties at distance wishing to use the horse may make arrangements by writing to the undersigned.

FRED D. TWEEDIE,
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EXECUTORS' NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Estate of George Cowan late of the Parish of Wakefield, in the County of Carleton, deceased, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and all persons having just claims against the said Estate are having to present the same duly attested to Louis E. Young, Solicitor, Woodstock, N. B., within three months from the date hereof. Dated this twenty-second day of April, A. D. 1903.

**MARY COWAN,
HUGH HAMILTON,**
Executors

3 mos. April 29.

Taxation of the Railways.

In discussing, in the Ontario Legislature, this bill to provide that railway companies should pay their share of taxation, Mr. Pettypiece discussed the history of railway legislation in Canada, and stated that the railway companies were an annual tax upon the people of this country to the extent of about \$10,000,000, and Ontario's share of that would be about 40 per cent. This was the result of the great amount of aid given to the railways by the Canadian Government. Mr Pettypiece sketched the systems in vogue in other countries, particularly in the United States. The bill he proposed was based upon that in force in Indiana, and adopted last year in Michigan. The Grand Trunk had some of its road in Indiana, and had asked to have its road assessed at \$39,000 per mile in that State. One mile of Grand Trunk road in Indiana paid as much in taxation as twelve miles in Ontario.

The C. P. R., which had 335 miles of road in Ontario, paid \$200 per mile in Michigan on a branch line and \$40 in Ontario. It might be said that the earnings were less here, but yet the passengers and freight charges were greater than in the States referred to: The Sarnia tunnel paid \$7.30 taxes in Ontario last year, and had received a subsidy of \$385,000. The American end paid \$25,000 in taxes, and had received no subsidy. In Michigan the assessment of the railway property was 14 per cent. of the assessment of the entire State, whereas in Ontario it was only 2 per cent.

—Even in our own country matters were different. In Manitoba the taxation was 2 per cent. of the gross earnings before 1902, and after that might be increased to 3 per cent. Quebec had an act in force obliging the roads to pay a 5 per cent tax. If the railways were taxed at anything like the proper amount it would mean a revenue of at least 50 cents per head to the people of Ontario.

Salvation Amy Self-Denial.

The well known Self-Denial week of the Salvation Army will be observed by that body from May 24th, to May 29th. Unusual activity has taken possession of the Army's energetic members in anticipation of this great event.

The Army's beneficent operations are maintained purely by the free will offering of the people. The needs of its vast missionary labors among the heathen abroad and the down-fallen at home are chiefly met through the agency of Self-Denial. The Army is doing splendid work in its Industrial Homes, Rescue and Maternity Homes, Men's and Women's shelters, established in different centres in this country, while the world over, the Army has about 500 similar refuges for the fallen and destitute. The enthusiasm with which the Salvationist themselves enter into Self-Denial week is remarkable, and it would probably be hard to find a wearer of the uniform who has not in addition to pecuniary sacrifice, denied himself some luxury or partial necessity of food or clothing by way of discipline. The Self Denial fund is considerably augmented by assistance from outside friends far and near, and this worthy effort should not be forgotten by those who are in a position to assist. We wish the Army every success.

Press Notice for June Designer.

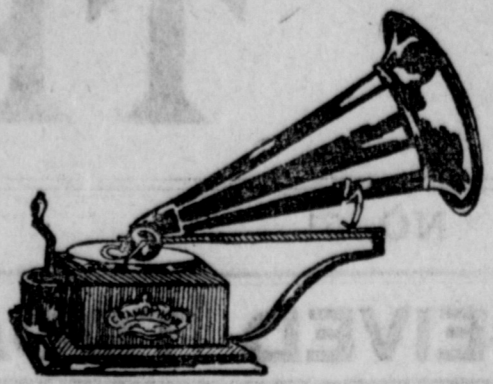
June being the favored month for weddings, that issue of The Designer gives special space to articles of interest to the women who expects soon to be a bride. "Brides and Bride Attendants," "The June Bride's Trousseau" and "Woman's Fads and Fancies" all cater to this one subject, and even the fiction leans to that side, for "Lavinia's Wedding Gown" and "Thalia's Successful Play" have matrimony as a theme. The fashions and millinery shown in this month are charmingly summery and dainty and so too are "Fashions and Fabrics" and "Points on Dressmaking," both of which have left heavier subjects to discourse on the light and airy side of woman's attire. In the literary portion of the book "The Magic of the Roof Garden," "Summer Sitting Rooms," "Farm Life for the Children's Summer Vacation," and "A Cherry Ripe Drill," all breathe of summer freedom and wholesome out-of-doors. A new department is "A Page of Puzzles" for little folks, while their elders are invited to edit for cash remuneration "What Women are Doing" and "Helps along the Way." An extremely interesting article treats of "Labor-Saving Devices for Women," and the usual departments of "Etiquette Hints," "Floriculture," "Book Notes," "Toilet Table Chat," "In Motherland" and "The Kitchen Kingdom" are none of them permitted to flag in interest.

The Farmer's Accounts.

In almost every community there are one or two persons who have some knowledge of bookkeeping, inventories and accounts, if indeed they may not be retired experts in this class of work. It would pay many a farmer to hire such a person to make out for him an itemized statement of his assets and liabilities, so that he can start in fresh with an exact knowledge as to just where he stands. Then, even if no regular books are kept, a similar inventory at the end of the year will show the farmer whether he has gained or lost. No business except farming is good enough to stand the carelessness in the matter of financial accounts such as characterizes many farmers.—American Agriculturist.

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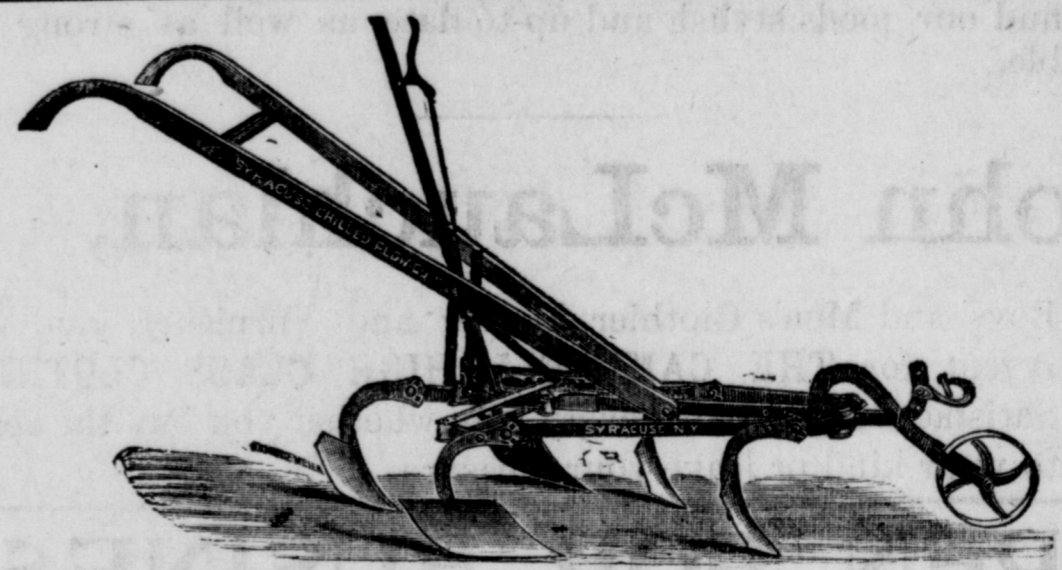
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