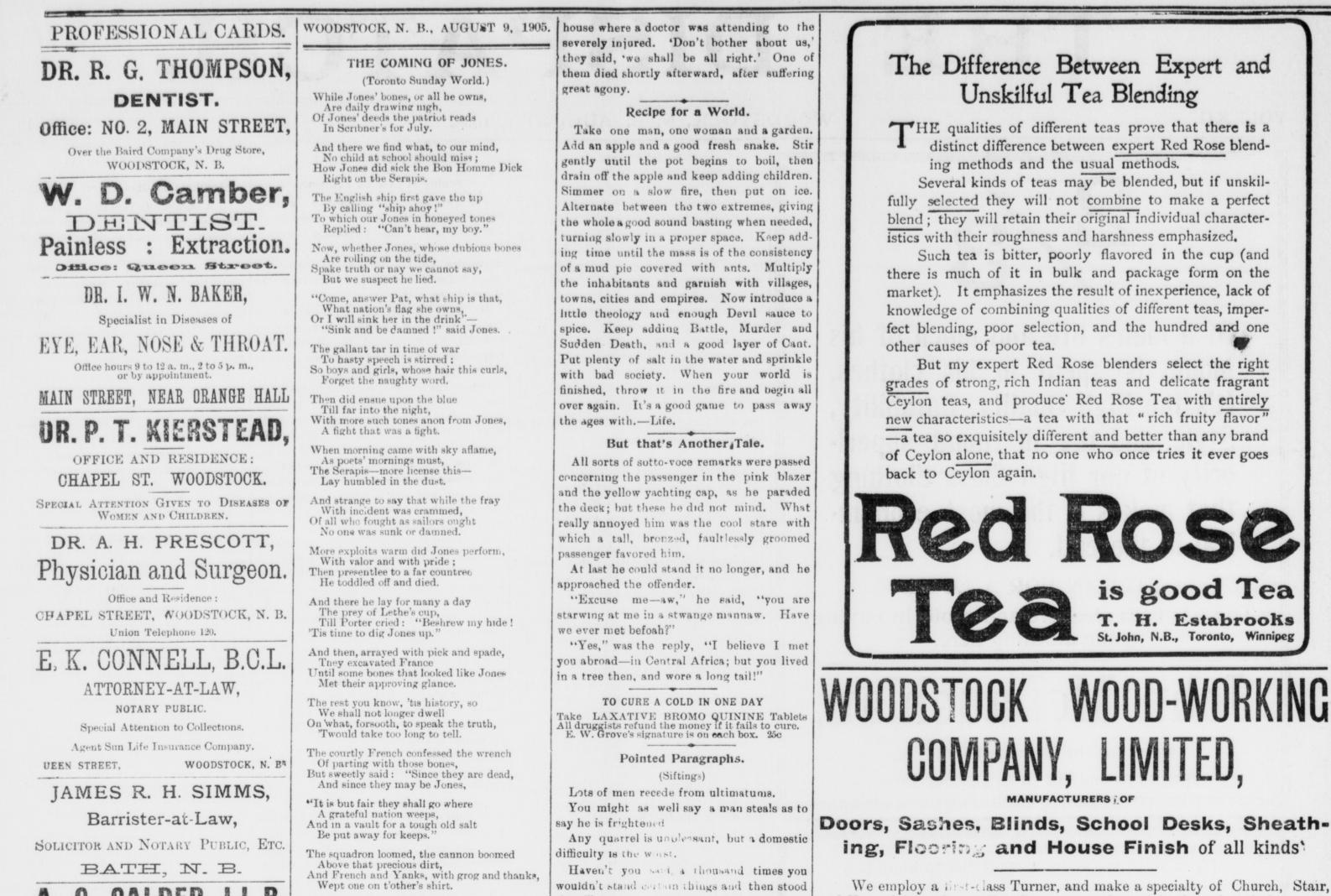
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-Roswell Field.

The Russian Soldier.

Of the many books having their origin in the present war not the least instructive is one by Mr. Maurice Baring, entitled 'With the Russians in Manchuria.' Mr. Baring is a newspaper correspondent who has been with the Russian army in fair weather and in toul and has lived intimately with general and private in every stage of the Manchurian operations. His vivid presentation of the horrors and heroisms of the battlefield have therefore the merit of personal experience and observation. His picture of the Russian soldier is not an unpleasant one, in fact it will prove a surprise to many who think of the Muscovite army as for the major part consisting of sullen, revolutionary peasants in uniforms and for the minor, of cruel officers and vindictive and fanatical Cossacks. Mr. Baring finds the officers neither drunken, brutal, stupid nor unconscientious. At the front there was nothing to drink except tea and occasional extremely limited doles of vodka. He admits that Russians, when they do drink, drink harder than Englishmen, but whenever drunkenness was observed it was when off duty, and in towns which occupied the same position toward the front as that held by Capetown toward Pretoria during the Boer war. He found that the officers did lack military instruction, that there was a general want of organization, cohesion and discipline in the whole army. but that the system was at fault more than the individual, and that it came from above rather than from below. The common soldier, according to Mr. Baring, is a splendid fellow, a man of wonderful patience and endurance, of stubborn courage and of inexhaustible good nature. Hospitality is a virtue which is universal. At the front luxuries and even nocessaries were scarce enough, in fact, lack, of food sometimes seems to have been a serious problem, but one and all were eager to share their last morsel with the stranger. On one occasion when Mr. Baring was lying half dead with fatigue in the rain, on the platform of a railway station, a soldier waited till he was asleep, then brought his own matting and put it under him, built a small tent of matting over him and brought him a sack for a pillow. When the correspondent awoke and remonstrated, he insisted. At dawn he brought a cup of hot tea. Mr. Baring offered him a rouble, but he refused. One occurrence which he relates reminds one of the death of Sir Philip Sidney. Two offic-

them?" Seme people complain because they can't get justice who should really be grateful because they don't get it.

"It doesn't require as much patience to put a baby to sleep as it does to fish, but the men can't see it that way.

How often do you know you are right, and yet the man you are arguing with is convinced you are not! And the half convinces you that you are wrong.

A Shocking Confession.

Benedict is a New Haven man who has been eight times the father of a bouncing bounder. In the outskirts of the university city is a little town among the hills named Prospect, and last year four of the children were sent there for the summer.

One day Benedict and his wife entertained at a dinner a new acquaintance, Professor B. The Professor is a bachelor, and, like many scholarly men, rather ill at ease in society.

"What a fine little family of children you have," he began with an admiring glance at the four stay-at homes

"Yes, indeed," replied Benedict proudly, "and we have four more in Prospect." The professor blushed his astonishment.-August Lippincott's.

Outdone.

An Euglish and an American merchant were discussing the relative importance of their businesses.

"Why," said the Englishman, "in my firm the clerks use 30,000 gallons of ink a year!" "Oh, that's nothing," retorted the American; "we saved that much ink in a year by ordering our clerks not to dot their i's."-Harper's Weekly.

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Sorry He Learned Law.

Attorney William S. Barnes has a new office boy. The last boy with whom he was associated resigned a few days ago because the law business did not suit his peculiar temperament.

"How long have you been here?" asked Barnes when the small boy made known his intention to engage in different vocation.

"Six months," replied the boy. "And you don't like the law business?"

"Naw. It's no good, and I'm sorry I learned it."-San Francisco Chronicle.



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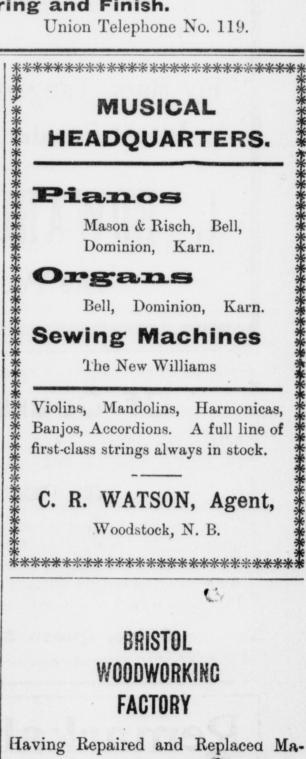
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