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The French and The Drama.

(William Winter in the N. Y. Tribune.) The French actors are photographs of every day life. The composite English temperament is deep and passionate, and in everyday life it is grave and reticent; but, once aroused and liberated, it moves and speaks with tremendous celerity and vigor. It has been said before in this place that the idolatry of French art is a pernicious delusion. The French have never produced such a captain poet as Shakespeare or Byron; such a captain as Nelson, such a statesman as Pitt, such an orator as Fox or such actors as Mrs. Siddons, Edmund Kean, Edwin Booth, Ellen Terry and Henry Irving. In acting, the Irish have achieved greater things than the French---their record in the dramatic field being exceptionally orilliant. But Garrick, in his day, predominated over his Irish rivals hard driven though he may have been by both Henderson and Barry; and Kean, in' his day, eclipsed, for a time, everybody on the stage. The French sometimes produce a conius, like Rachel, the Jewess, who shatters their total fabric of lace and embroidery; but the essential greatness of achievement in the dramatic art is found in the record of the English-speaking stage; and it is a stultifying error that the votary of acting is bound to worship everything dramatic that comes ou of France.

One on Bragg.

Some years ago in Alabama one of the most talented lawyers practising in the South was the late Colonel Bragg, but he had a peppery temper.

Not only did Colonel Bragg's disposition involve him from time to time in serious differences with his colleagues, but it also led him to break off amicable relations with a Judge Robinson, a most estimable jurist, who, while presiding over a suit in which Bragg was interested, had by his decision incurred the resentment of the advocate. So, for a long time the Colonel declined even to speak to the Judge, save when it was absolutely necessary in the course of business. Finally, however, his better nature getting the upper hand, Colonel Bragg determined to apologize to Judge Robinson and endeavor

ponder with a somewhat dream

About Lord Kitchener we are always hearing a similar account of austerity, true or false. The foundation of the whole Rhodesian theory, the theory upon which Rhodes is credited with having trusted mainly to unmarried lieutenants, was again perfectly expressed by the chief imperialist poet, by Mr. Rudyard Kipling, in "The Story of the Gadsbys," and especially in its animated metrical epilogue:

Down to Gehenua, Or up to the Throne, He travels the fastest Who travels alone.

The whole broad meaning of the thing, in Rhodes, in Kitchener, in Kipling, is that the more you get yourself entangled and tied up with a woman, the less efficient you are likely to be. To the whole of which we may not unreasonably reply with one question: "And Nelson ?"

The Ragpickers Hoard. (From the London Globe.)

The little town of Brailleul, in the north of France, has within the last few days been the scene of a singular incident. The premises of a petty marine store dealer had become such a public nuisance to the neighborhood from accumulations of rags of several years' standing that strong complaints were made to the police, and as the owner refused to mitigate the nuisance or to deliver up his keys the place had to be forcibly entered and cleared.

The contents, in an unspeakable condition of offensive decay, filled twelve carts, and underneath all the rotting mass, which was evidently there to serve the double purpose of hiding place and scarecrow, were two great leathern sacks weighing . 160 pounds, and stuffed full of money, mainly silver, though there was some copper. The old hoarder is almost broken hearted at his secret having penetrated.

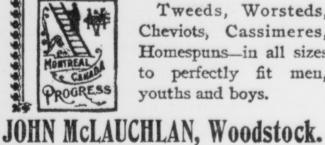
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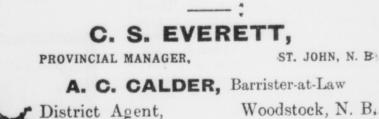
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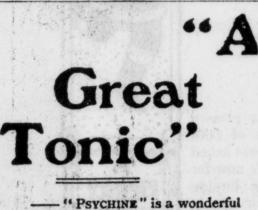


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to effect a renewal of their former comparatively pleasant relations. Meeting the Judge one afternoon on the steps of the State House, he impulsively thrust out his hand and said:

"See here, Judge, let's be friends again. This thing has gone on long enough."

"Why-er, Bragg," asked the Judge in the meekest mildest way imaginable, "what's the matter ?"

"Simply this, Judge," continued the fiery Bragg, "I admire you so immensely that I cannot for my life be content to remain on bad terms any longer. I felt that I must speak to you.'

"Why-er, Bragg," piped the Judge in the thinnest of voices, a well-feigned look of astonishment on his tace, "why-er, Bragg, haven't you been speaking to me ?"

At this the lawyer wilted .- Lippincott's Magazine.

> Name Survives The Use. (London 'Globe.')

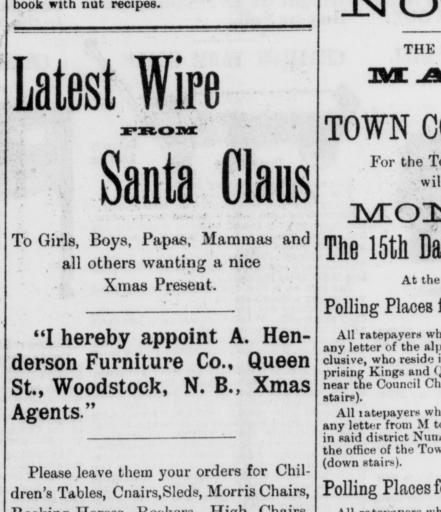
One of the most remarkable instances of the name of an article surviving its use is the peuknife. We talk of it every day, but the purpose for which the penknife was originally designed exists no longer. The pen of western civilization was fabricated, as old people remember, of quills, and quill pens are still affected by old-fashioned persons, who declare that no efficient sustitute has yet been found for thea. The penknife of our grandfather's day was, indeed, a triumph of the cutler's art in the keenness of its edge. According to a rhymed list of the requirements of a complete writer, the scribe needed 'a penknife, razor metal,' always at hand, and people who remember how soon a quill pen became unsuitable in the hands of vigorous writers will appreciate the necessity.

To be a good pen mender was one of the first essentials in a village pedagogue: his penknife was as indispensable to him as his can. Strangely enough, there were menders of pens who seemed born to tulfil the function, and men who could never learn the art let them try as they might. But the penknife, properly so called, is no more, and with its disappearance has vanished the expert who wielded it.

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The Canadian Commercial Agent, C. M. Kittson, of Cape Town, reports that the demand for butter of good quality in South Africa has this season been excellent and high prices have been paid. South Africa demands a good quality of table butter of natural color containing two per cent. salt. Mr. Kittson states that if these requirements are fulfilled butter should find a ready sale in South Africa at profitable prices. He also states that over a million dollars per annum is sent out from South Africa for hams and bacon, and advises Canadians to pay some attention to this market.

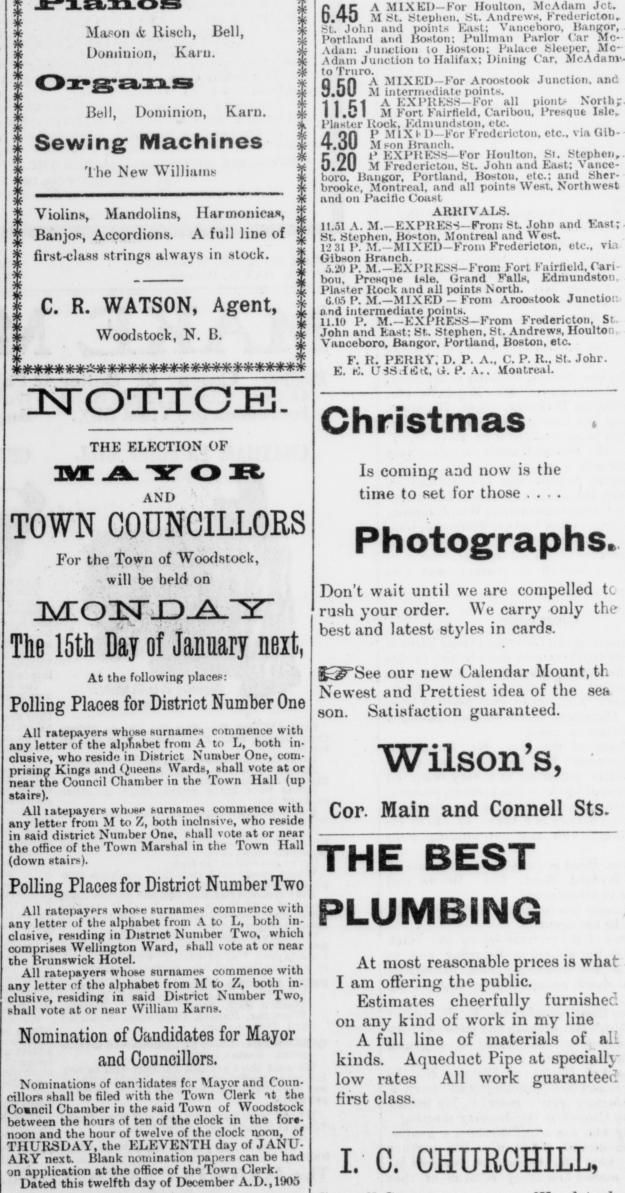
The use of nuts as food is becoming more and more popular. Without admitting the contention of the faddists 'that nuts should be substituted for meat, there is no doubt that, used with discretion, certain nuts might occupy an important place in the dietary. Chestnuts, Brazil nuts, walnuts, and almonds contain a high degree of nutriment. Cooked nuts are much more digestible as a rule than raw. Some one ought to get out a cook book with nut recipes.



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