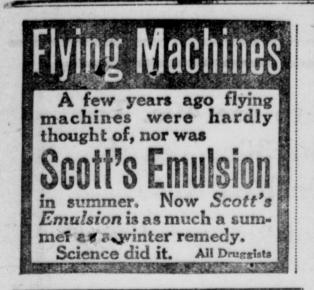
## THE DISPATCH.



## How the Comet Came.

A Humorous Tale by Erckmann-Chatrieu, Trans lated for the 'Evening Post,' New York.

Last year, just before carnival time, news reached our vilage that the world was coming to an end. Doctor Zicharish Piper of Colmar was the first to uttar that lugubrious prediction; and it was soon being read by everybody in the almanacs.

Zichriah Piper had calculated that a comet would come down out of the sky at Mardi Gras, with a toil thirty-five million leagues in length, composed of bei ing water, which would sweep across the east's in such a manner that the snow on the loftiest mountains would be melted, the trees would be wited and the people would be consumed.

True,"an honest savant in Paris, named Popinot, wrote later, that the comet would arrive, unquestionably, but would have a tail composed of such light vapors that no one would need fael the slightast inconvenfence. Everybody, he soid, should go about his buriness calmly, as the' would answer for all. That assurance did much to calm the apprhension. Unfortunately, we have in our town, an aged spinner of wool, named Maria Finck, who dwells in a back aller-a little old woman, white and wrinkled, whom people to to consu't about the perplexities of life. She lives in a low room, the ceiling of which is decorated with painted eggs, rib bons of rose and blue, gilded nuts, and a thousand other hizarre objects. She dresses or an antique fashion, and lives on cakes, two facts which give her a great reputation for wisdom hereabouts.

Maria Finck, instead of confirming the opinion of the good and honest Mr Popinct, isded with Zuchariah Piper, saving:

"Be converted and pray; repent of your

away, if the young ladies of the town would not hear of dancing.

'I am not particularly inhuman,' remarked Sorgeant Duchene, but if I had Zicharith Piper here, I would make life a sorry lusiness for him.'

And with all that, the most desolate were the mayor's secretary, the prs master's son, the tax collector and myself. Eght days before, we had made the trip to Stras bourg to get us costames. My uncle had even given me fifty france out of his own pocket in order that no expense need be spared. So I had chosen a Pierrot effect for myself. It was a sort of baggy shirt with long sleeves, and was finished with buttons which looked like onions the size of your fit and dangled down from your chin nearly to your knees. You covered your head with a black cap, whitened your face with flour, and then, if your nose was long, your checks sunken, and your eyes staring, you made a great impression.

The collector, on account of his plumpness took's Turkish costume, embroidered on al the seams, the secretary, a Punch suit, made of a thousand b t; of red. green and yellow a hump in front, another on his back, and a big bearskin bat reaching down to the back of his neck. The postmaster's son was going to dress up like a savage, with parrot plumes.

And after we had gone to such extravagant expenditures, were we not justified in wanting to wring the neck of the human race, to see our preparations all going to the winds because of the sill ness of an old woman and a Zichariah Piper?

But what were we to do? Peeple have a' ways been the same; the crazy among us will always have the upper hand.

Merdi Grassarrived. The s'ty was fu'l of snow in the day. We looked to right and to left, up. down--no sign of a comet! The young ladies were, indeed, upset. The men hastened to their cousins, their aunts, their godmothers, everywhere, saying; 'You see now, the old Finck person is crozy, all your notions about the compt are bot air. pure and simple. Do come's come in winter? Don't you know that they always choose the sesson of the vintage? Histon and mike up your minds. There is time still.

men and their damas organ to drop in armand arm, to take a look at the big room at the town ball; the sabres arranged in sun. patterns and the little tricolor flags botween the windows excited general admiration Then a change came over everyboly and they remembered that it was Mardi Gras; which has always been regarded as one of the young ladies hastened a way to get their the worst opium districts in Szechuen. Ow-



missionary friends how much of the land was devoted to this purpose. The answer I invariably received was that from 30 to 35 per cent, was so applied. This year however, I spent a much longer period traveling in Szechuem. and went over rather more ground than I did five years ago, and I did not see one field of opium on the whole trip and not a single one of the thirty or more people whom I questioned on the subject had seen such a field this past winter. Much opium in Szechuen in January, the month to which my inquiries related; used to be in Many recovered their courage. The old bloom and quite easy of recognition.

"At Chentu the provincial capital, the Rev. Joseph Beech gave me this illustration of the manner in which the prohibitory edict is enforced in his district:-He travels through a wide region embracing one country gowns out of the wardrobe and polish their ing to the great increase in the price of

## A Confirmed Observation.

#### (Plttsburgh Dispatch.)

A one-armed man entered a restaurant at noon and seated himself next to a little ther-people's-business man. The latter at once noticed his neighbors left sleeve hanging loose, and kept eyeing it in a how did-ithappen sort of way.

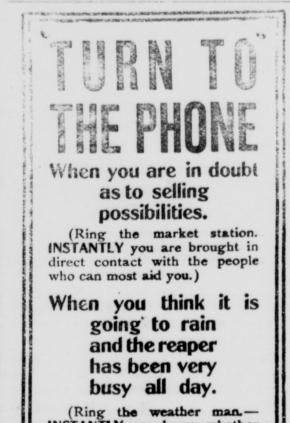
The one-armed man paid no attention to hin, but kept on eating with his one hand. Finally the injusitive one could stand it no longer. He changed his position a little, cleared his throat and said:

"I beg perdon, it, but I see you have lost un arm."

The one- timed man bicked up his lieve with b s right hand, and peer d auxiously ino it.

"B'ess my sou !' he xel ae', lo king ap with great surprise. "I do believe you're right.'

Boston Advertiser: Are we to have sticky chocolate drops? it appears that the federal department of agriculture has now forbidden the use of either shellac or any gum in coating or finishing chocolates. it is understood that the bureau of chemistry opposes shellac on the grounds of health. Manufacturers of higher grades of candy are said to use gum benzoin but food experts say evea vegatable gums disguise impuities and besides carry a trace of alcohol into the confection it might perhaps be contended that hardshelled choclotes better resist the assaults of germ and dust than the unfinised sticky varities. Here is a great issue



#### NOTICE OF SALE.

To the Heirs at Law, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of Joseph A. Kerr, late of the Parish of Woodstock, in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Farmer, deceased, Janet L. Kerr. his wife, and all others whom it may in anywise concern.

NOTICE is hereby given that under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the Fourseenth day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eight, recorded in the Carleton County Records in Book "Q" No. 4, on pages 71, 72 and 73 as NUMBER 50319 and made between Joseph A Kerr and Janet L. Kerr, his wife of the one part, and the undersigned Alexander Kerr of the other part: there will for the of satislying the monies see ured by the aid Indenture of Mortgage, default having been ade in the payment thereof, he sold at Public uction in front of the Law Office of Louis E. Young in the Town of Wood-tock, N. B. on Saturday the Sixteenth day of July A. D. 1910 at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, all the lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows: -"All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land and premises situate lying and being in the Parish of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton in the second tier of lots from the River Suint John and bounded on the north side by lands owned and occupied by Rantine Speer: on the south by lands owned and occupied by the said Alexander Kerr; being lands granted by the Crown to one Alexander Kerr, and having been conveyed by G. Howard Kerr to the Grantor Alexander Kerr, by Deed dated the Sixth day of March A. D. 1890 and registered in Book "N" No. 3 of Carleton County Records on pages 552 and 553. ALSO all that other piece or parcel of land, distinguished and known Lot Number Twelve in the Second Tier 28 the Speer Settlement in the Parish of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton .containing one hundred and forty acres more or less and situate south and adjoining lands here-in-before described, and being same land conveyed to said Alexander Keri by Charles & Clare by Deed dated the Fourteenth day of June A D 1900 and registered in Book "B" No 4 of Carleton County Also all that Records on pages 380 and 381. other lot piece or parcel of land situate in the said Parish of Woodstock and bounded and desnibed as followed: -On the west by the base line of the River Lots: on the south by lands owned by Henry Speer on the east by a lot of land coneved by Thomas Hav to Robert Hav in August, A D. 1871; and on the north by land owned by ee heirs of Robert Kerr, containing one h ndred acres more or less and being the n as part of Lot Number Nine. Beir g same d conveyed to the said Alexander Kerr by Mary Jane Teed and Silas W Teed by Deed dated the Nineteenth day of September D 1894 and by Esther Pinkerton to the said Alexander Kerr by Deed dated the 10th day of August, A D 1894 and registered in Book T No 3 of Carleton County Records on page 769. The foregoing lands being same conveyed to the said Joseph A Kerr by the said Alexander Kerr by Deed of even date herewith

TOGETHER with all and singular the build ngs and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging.

DATED this twenty-first day of May A D,

ALEXANDER KERR LOUIS E YOUNG Mortgagee, Solicitor for Mortgagee

## THIS MAY INTEREST YOU

sins, and do good in the name of the church: for the end is nigh, the end is nigh.

One could see st the rear of her room a picture in which people were descending slong a path strewn with royas. None of them seemed fo suspect whither that road led; they went dancing, some carrying bot. tles, others a log of ham. cthers a wret' of saugages. A musician, his het adorned with ribbons, planed the clarinet to enliven the trip. and all the unfortunates seemed nerfectly care-free and indifferent. as they ap proached the furnace of fimes in which the foremost were already falling with waving arms and legs in air.

Imagine the inward thoughts of every reasoning person who looked st thet picture. We are not so virtuous that each of us has not a certain rumber of sins on his conscience and none of us can fl t er himself that he is going straight to Paradise. No, it would re quire a mighty presumptious person to imagine that things were going to work that way-t would cert inly be an exhibtion of most reprehensible conceit. So most of our townsfelk sald:

"We will not calebrate the Carnival; we will pass the Mardi Gras with deeds of repentance,"

This was an unheard-of idea. The adjutart and the captain, as well as the underofficers of the company at the garrison in our town, were in veritable despair. All the preparations for the occasion, the great room at the Town-Hall which they had decorated with moss and t ophies of war, the platform that they had built for the orchestra, and all the refreshments were going to be thrown



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little boote. Hall was full; we had gained the victory; as before. The Hsien official warned them not a young lady was missing. The musi of their danger, and ordered them to dig up ciana were all at their instruments; the high windows shone out into the night; the waltzas struck up, the other dances came after: the beaux and be'las began to have 8 most happy time; the aged grandmas, wallflowers though they were, gurgled with good spirits. There was a jam at the huffet; they couldn't serve rbfreshments fast enough. All down the outsile strinway plant opium or no', but whether they would you c'u'd see those who had been too well obey the Imperial edict or not. Their refurefreshed stumbling out. Outdoors the snow kept on falling.

that I could come in whenever I wanted to. Up to two o'clock I did not miss a single waltz, but by that time I had had enough. and I left. Once in the street. I re-considered whether I should go back or go home to bod. I should have liked to dance more but on the other hand. I was exceedingly sleepy. Finally I decided to go home, and I started down the street, still arguing th, matter with myself.

At the end of tan minutes. I was walking along thus in the dark and was about to turn the corner where the fountain stands, when, looking up easually, I saw coming along through the sir, beyond the trees. a great orb, red as fire. It was still thousands of leagues away, but coming on so enormously fast that in a quarter of an hour it was go ing to be upon us. The sight of it complete. ly upset me; I fels my hair stand on end. and I cried:

'It's the comet! Mr Piper was right!' And, without knowing what I was about, I dashed back to the Town Hall, ran up the staircase, upsetting those who were coming down, and cried, in a terrible voice: 'The comet, the comet!'

(To be Continued )

#### Stamping out the Opium Traffic.

The Chinese Government is very much in earnest in its efforts to stamp out the opium traffic and the growth of the poppy in the regions formerly devoted to it. Bishop Bashford of the Methodist Church in China in an interview published in The Shanghai Times, gives the following illustration of the way in which the edict against opium cultivation is enforced:---

"Five years before I had travelled extensively in Szechuen and seen fiields stretchcultivation of opium. I had asked my ond .- St John Globe. The state of the s

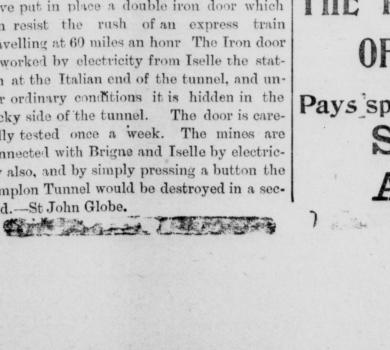
the drug, the farmers in this county At tan o'clock the big room at the Town resolved to defy the edict, and plant opium the crop, but they refused to do so. And the Hsien promptly notified his superiors of the farmers refusal. The latter issued a peremptory warning which the farmers still refused to heed, and the Viceroy at Chentu was then informed of the situation. His Excellency sent the farmers word that the question was no longer whether they should sal to do so was rebellion, and his Excellency intimated that he would treat it as such

My uncle had given me the latchkey so if they did not obey the Hsien and dig up their opium fields at once.

> "A few days later his Excellency sent soldiers into the country, the official in charge of whom, finding that the farmers had not yet dug up their fields, promptly put them on their trial for their disobedience. He satisfied himself that they had received proper uotice of the edict, and that they had refused to obey it, and then, without hesitation, he

ordered that several of them be beheaded. This was done in the middle of the recalcitrant farmers' own fields. They were taken out among the growing poppies, placed kneeling on the ground, and there decapitat. ed in front of their terror-stricken friends and neighbors. The lesson was a severe one, but it was effectual. The opium was at once dug up and the fields replanted with other crops, and according to Mr. Beech, there was not a single poppy field to be seen in the entire district this season."-Toronto Globe.

Both Italy and Switzerland are fortifying the entrances of the Simplon Tunnel while in the tunnel itself engineers are enged in construc ing mines and strengthening those already in place in order to blow up the tunnel at a moments notice in the event of war. Near the middle of tunnel, few yards from the Swiss frontier Italian engingeers have put in place a double iron door which can resist the rush of an express train travelling at 60 miles an honr The Iron door is worked by electricity from Iselle the station at the Italian end of the tunnel, and under ordinary conditions it is hidden in the rocky side of the tunnel. The door is carefully tested once a week. The mines are connected with Brigne and Iselle by electricity also, and by simply pressing a button the ing out beyond fields, all given up to the Simplon Tunnel would be destroyed in a sec-



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