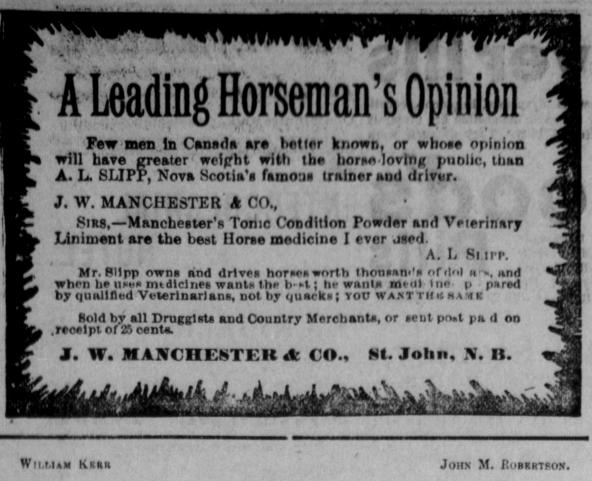
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"Now, Monsieur," observed Cronton, , were fainting in every-corner, and genueon, as he locked the door and put the key men were going about with glasses of in his pocket ; now Monsieur, we can have | water to sprinkle over them. 'The servants' ze kitchen to ourselves. Are you ready ?" had fled upstairs and locked themselves

"Eh! Oh! Well-er-not quite, you in. know," replied Vincent, temporizing, and Gertrude was in an agony of fear for casting about in his mind for an expedi- the safety of her lover. . She forgot everyent by which he could get out of being thing but that he was in imminent danger converted into soup-meat. The chef became excited at once.

key beesness Monsieur !" he exclaimed neux Browns of her acquaintance ! He or I lose my place."

art. "Monsieur must me excuse. I am "I vill make soup-meat of all ze vorld !"

a preference." No, no, none whatever !" replied Mon- They tried the door, which opened

and all I want is that you shall make a soup-meat entirely in your hands, you chair with his feet on the table. know, and feel sure you will give me the | "Come in ! he remarked, coolly. "I benefit of your exceptional talents." Crouton being very vain at these eulo- Crouton was unable to do it himself." gistic remarks his heart warmed towards the young fellow and he beamed upon struck. him.

"Ah, Monsieur !" he cried, "I will make such a soup of you as will do us out of the room.

both honor. You shall be one grand success. I promise you."

"Thanks, Crouton, thanks !" cried Vin- oaths. cent with gratiude and talking against time "you see I \_\_\_\_\_"

Here the chef who had been gracefully leaning his knife point on the table and stroking his imperial thoughtfully, broke | lunatic into the wagon. in with : "I sink Monsieur would make a ver nice-hum-ver' nice-"" Crouton, delightedly. "Ah, but a mag- self. nifique mock turtelle ! Vat you say to zat

and that she loved him. How she hated herself for ever comparing him disadvant "Ah, but I haf not ze time for ze mon- ageously with the Alton Jones and Moly-

impatiently. "I haf to make my duty was a hero, and she had called him a coward. "I know all about that Crouton " arg- Creeping downstairs, she leaned over

ued Vincent, "but Mrs. Gibbs would rath- the bannister and listened. Not a sound. er wait a few moments and have a good She could have cried aloud in her nervous thing than have you hurry and not do terror. The silence was appalling. Just justice to yourself. Besides I think I then the patrole drove up, and she ran to have a right to know what kind of a soup let in six stalwart policemen, she hastily you are going to make of me, you know." | explaining matters, and three went round |

"Cairtainlee, cairtainlee, Monsieur," to the servants' entrance, while she led replied Crouton, mollified at the interest | the others down the kitchen stairs just as his victim appeared to take in his culinary an awful yell greeted their ears.

a leetle 'vif ;' vell, now I sink-let us see shouted the maniac, who had regained -I sink-zat-but perhaps Monsieur has consciousness, "Sacre-sacre ; nom d'une pipe !"

sieur. "I know you are an artist, chef, readily, and they rushed in. Vincent was dressed, and calmly smok-

success of me. I put my reputation as ing a cigarett, while leaning back in a

unlocked the door for you, as Monsieur

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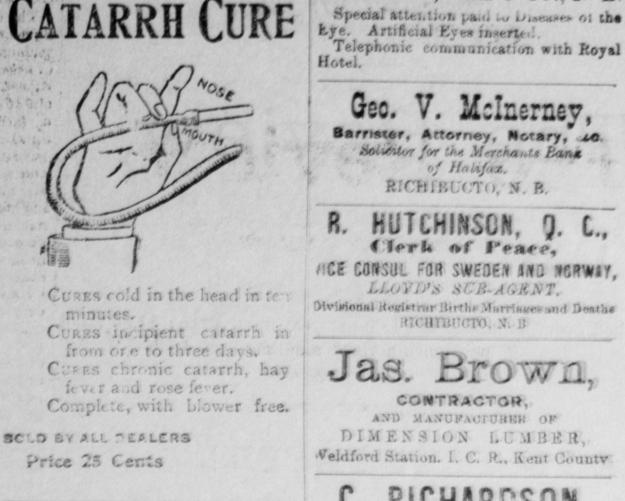
For a moment the officers were thunder-

"You'll find your man in that corner." observed Vincent, getting up and walk-

Just then the chef proclaimed his whereabouts with a yell and a string of French

Well, he's a daisy !" observed a burly officer, looking after Sternroyd.

"That's so," assented the others.



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-hein ?" "I say 'great," replied Vincent, en. hat and overcoat. thusiastically ; "immense ! the idea is worthy of you, my dear chef-worthy of

vou." "Yes, ze idea ees good, but ze execu-

tion." "Yes-the execution-" murmured Vincent with a shudder.

"Now we are ready, zen !" exclaimed Crouton, preparing for the 'execution.' "Here! Hold on, chef! I never though: you could be guilty of anything so inartistic."

"Vat, Monsieur ?" inquired the disconcerted chef with his hand in mid air "Well !" replied Sternroyd, with a little sarcastic smile, "do you intend to make soup of me with may clothes ou ? People would think even soups were tailor. made now instead of the work of an artist

like vou." Crouton was abashed. He had not

though: of that.

do you ?" asked Vincent following up happy ones. his advantage.

"Monsieur haf raison," admitted the chef. "I did forget. No, zat would not do at all."

"Then," continued Vincent, "I'll take Vincent, who promptly folding her in his after-after I-afterwards in fact-you man's return from the seat of war, and know."

Crouton was touched.

he take a ver' great interest in vat he do. the soup tureen into the fire ; but his I sank Monsieur."

playing a part in some private theatricals. marmars and had forgotten the denouement. He began to divest himself of his coat : wasn't it ? between the maiden and the but, oh ! so slowly. Then his vest ; but maniac."

his fingers trembled, and he "fumbled" several buttons.

" Monsieur is evidently not accustomated to serve bimself," observed Crouton, as he watched the other's attempts, with an indulgent smile.

"Vell, all ze more tenderer, is it not?" This started Vincent langhing again, and he was joined by Crouton, who enjoyed a joke now and then, especially of his own making.

Gerthrude had shown herself to be fall of courage and presence of mind until she saw Vincent was unhurt; then she "What ?" asked Sternroyd nervously. retired behind an umbrageous palm and "A ver' nice-mock turtelle ! cried had a little private fainting spell all to her-

> Upon recovering she went in search of Vincent and found him looking for his

"Are you going away so soon ?" she asked, aghast.

"Why, yes: I don't expect to dance "Yes," replied Crouton modestly. any more for I find my partners have all gone-and the engagement immediately

after supper is never kept you know." The tears came into Gertrude's eyes. "Oh, Vincent?" she cried, "I was so

frightened for you-don't go yet." Vincent was amazed-this the haughty, sarcastic Gertrude!

"Do you want me to stay ?" he asked, in surprise.

"Yes-and-and-forgive me for my unkindness to you."

All his resolutions vanished, and seeing his love for her in his eyes, she held out her hands and whispered

"Say you forgive me." He hesitated a moment, then took h r little hands and kissed them.

"I forgive you," he said, softly. She held up her face, her sweet eyes "You don't use dressed meat for soups, still glistening with tears that were now

> Their eyes met-then their lips. "Gertrude-1 love you!" he murmured. What she replied was scarcely audible, but it appeared perfectly satisfactory to

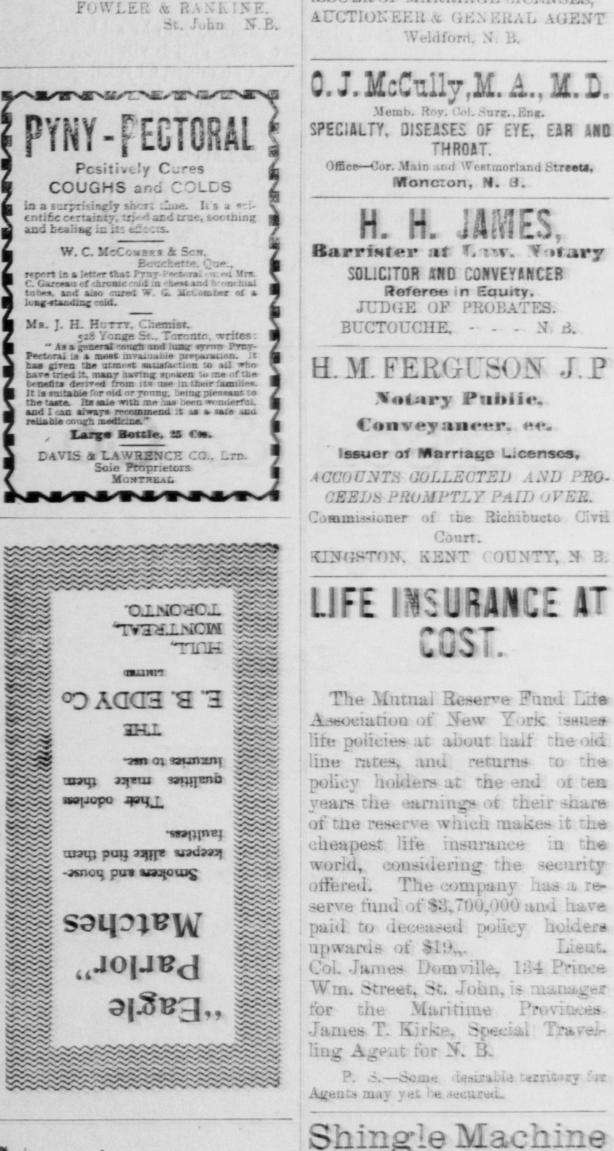
'em off for you. You see it will be easier arms, soared with her into elysium. for me to do it now than for you to do it The wedding took place upon the young

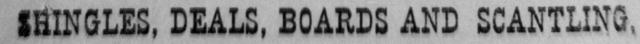
now Mrs. Vincent Sternroyd declares she had found her ideal, while Mr. Vincent "Monsieur haf always good heart an' Sternroyd says he fears he jumped out of

lovely wife only laughs, and throwing Vincent laughed. He felt as if he were her arms around his neck, kisses him and

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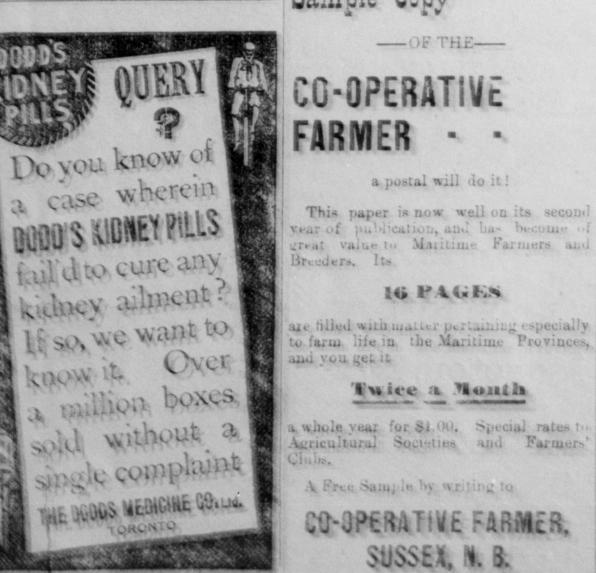
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Suddenly the horrible absurdity of the situation struck Vincent, and he got almost hysterical. He felt that if this last-di much longer he, would get crazy as his ompanion,

Presently he sat down to take off his shoes.

"Let me help, Monsieur," offered the good-natured chef, seeing the young man had some difficulty in pulling them off. Vincent held out his foot, and Crouton, 4 laving his knife down on the table, leaned a over and grasped one of the recalcitrant. shoes. Here was Vincent's opportunity and he took it, dealing the chef a terrible

Crouton fell backward, stunne !. Looking round for something with which to secure his prisoner, Vincent found a clothes line, and in a few moments had the maniac bound hand and foot. During this time conster nation regined in the upper regions. Guests were hurryg a vay, regardless of carriages. Ladie-



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