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NIAGARA FALLS DOOMED.

TORONTO, Sept., 1897.—Those who have seen in the utilization of part of the water of Niagara to run a great electric power plant the beginning of the total destruction of our greatest cataract have usually been silenced when it is pointed out that the amount of water so used is at present a small fraction of that which passes over the falls. But Lord Kelvin, the great English engineer, who was one of the fathers of the "harnessing" of Niagara, looks forward with joy to the future employment of all the Niagara water for industrial purposes. He openly expresses the hope that our grandchildren may never see Niagara as it is now, and finds nothing but good in the prospect. This is certainly an industrial and not a sentimental age, and it must be confessed that the Niagara of the future is likely to be a good deal like the present falls in the Catskill Mountains—absent except when the water is "turned on" after payment of a fee. Only, the tourist must be wealthy or the occasion important to warrant the diversion of the mighty current from its work, so that it may once again thunder over its cliffs for the mere amusement of the spectator. We quote Lord Kelvin's prophecy from an interview with him reported in the Western Electrician. Says the English engineer: "I think we already see the beginning of what is destined to grow into a great industrial district around Niagara Falls, within ten or twenty miles of Niagara both on the United States and on the Canadian side. I do not prophesy anything, but I anticipate industry will advance on both sides of the border, and that the power of Niagara will be taken advantage of to any extent we may imagine. The originators of the work so far carried out and now in progress hold concessions for the development of four hundred and fifty thousand horse power from the Niagara river. I do not myself believe any such limit will bind the use of this great natural gift, and I look forward to the time when the whole water from Lake Erie will find its way to the lower level of Lake Ontario through machinery doing more good for the world than that great benefit which we now possess in the contemplation of the splendid scene which we have presented before us at the present time by the waterfall of Niagara. I wish I could think it possible that I could live to see this grand development."

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LOVE LAUGHS AT INSTALMENTS.

In spite of the fact that it is considered unlucky to postpone weddings, the marriage of a certain Tower Hill young man that was to take place in September has been put over to another spring, says Lawrence's American. He confided to a friend that it was all on account of bicycles. He had purchased one some weeks ago. His prospective bride, a clerk in an Essex street dry goods establishment, took it into her head to have a wheel, and also bought one on the instalment plan.

"And you see," concluded the young man, "if we were married in September of course she would leave the store and I have both wheels to pay for, and it's all I can do to pay for one, so the wedding has been postponed. She will get hers just about paid for by Easter, and we will probably be married then."

A terrible casualty has taken place at the village of Khnieleff, in the Koxloff district, on the western coast of the Crimea. While service was in progress in the village church an alarm of fire was raised. A panic ensued in the crowded congregation, and the efforts of the officiating priests to calm the tumult were absolutely unavailing. In the stampede for the exits fifty-four persons were killed by suffocating or being trampled upon and eighty others were seriously injured.

The steamer Buenos Ayres has arrived at Cadiz from Havana, bringing 1,200 troops who were invalided home. Twenty men died on the voyage, and about 100 were in a dying condition upon their arrival. A large number of the soldiers are incurably diseased. All lacked fresh food and clothing, which have since been supplied to them by the Red Cross Society.

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A NEW YORK MAN'S PROPOSAL FINDS AN ACCEPTANCE.

Orleans Avenue, Maisonneuve, and the surrounding neighborhood are busy discussing a pretty little romance in real life which reached a consummation last evening when Philip Anderson, of 371 West One Hundred and Fourteenth street, New York, and Marie Mitchenesse, an employe of the Hochelaga cotton mills, were united in marriage.

It is a pretty story. Months ago Marie bought a package of chewing gum. She says she does not make a practice of chewing, but on this occasion she bought some gum for a friend, and opened the package just to take out one square for herself.

On the tissue paper next to the gum were the words: "Will you please write to Philip Anderson, 372 West One Hundred and Fourteenth street, New York? I will answer."

Miss Mitchenesse consulted the lady with whom she boarded, and they agreed that it would only be a joke and no harm would come of it. She wrote a little note, saying it was she who had received the package with the request. And she wound up with: "Now what do you want?"

There was a business ring to the letter, and Mr. Anderson rather liked it. He replied that he was a young man with a fairly good position in a chewing-gum factory; that he would like to continue the correspondence, and, if agreeable to Miss Mitchenesse, would be pleased to receive her photograph.

Miss Mitchenesse was still business-like when she wrote, "Send me yours first and then I will send you mine." The photograph was received by return mail, and then the lady sent hers off. They were both pleased at the exchange.

The letters grew in number and their tone gradually changed. From "Dear Miss" it got to "Dear Miss Mitchenesse," to "My Dear Miss Mitchenesse," to "Dear Marie," to "My Dear Marie," to "Dearest," and at last the young man took his summer vacation and in August he landed in Montreal.

Evidently the two were satisfied with each other. Just what was said is not, of course, for publication, but there are tell-tale facts which make it appear that the young man asked her to name the happy day. He went away at peace with all the world, and Thursday morning he came back to claim his bride. It was a quiet little wedding. There were no presents of gold or silver—or checks. It was just a wedding.—Montreal Herald.

It was on the forty-seventh day out when some of the crew began to murmur, and one of them, more out-spoken than the rest, walking into Columbus's cabin, implied him not to go further. "Why?" asked Columbus. "What's the use of turning back, now that we're nearly half way there?" "We are afraid we'll never get back," said the sailor. "You'll lose your way before long." "Not at all," said Columbus, pointing through the stern window of his ship. "We can't lose ourselves. Do you see the wake of this ship?" "Yes," said the sailor. "It's my own wake I'm thinking of, your honor." "Well, never fear," said Columbus, calmly. "When we decide to return, all we have to do is to follow that wake back to Gibraltar, and from there the way is easy." The sailor departed satisfied.—Harper's Bazar.

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GOT THE WRONG LEG.

Abraham Sprawls was a veteran of three wars, and he used to live in Georgia. He had lost one leg in battle and walked around on a wooden stump. One day he got in the way of the fast mail and the engine ran over him.

One of his sons—and he had a family of 15—had witnessed the accident, and running toward him, shouted:

"Train's cut off dad's leg, and he'll git damages!"

He lifted the old man to inspect his wounds, but suddenly let him fall, saying in a tone of disgust:

"Durn it all! It's his wooden leg they've cut off!"

"Yes," groaned the old man as they wheeled him home, "it's jest my durned luck. Can't see, ter save me, how they missed the good leg."—Atlanta Constitution.

BAKING POWDER SECRETS.

Some of the Things Which Every Good Housekeeper Should Know.

"Our grandmothers did without baking powder and were not sensible of any difficulty in preparing quick dough," writes Ella Morris Kretschmar in The Woman's Home Companion. "But one wonders if results were not oftentimes crude because of the nice care necessary in using soda. In fact, there are certain legends respecting greenish yellow or spotted biscuit at which the present generation of housekeepers smile, thanks to baking powder. Soda, an alkali very injurious to the stomach, should never be used without an acid to render it a neutral salt, as cream of tartar, muriatic acid or sour milk, and the proportion must be exact or the mixture will be either acid or alkaline.

"Pure baking powders are simply a mixture of bicarbonate of soda and cream of tartar in their proper proportions, with perhaps twice their combined weight of rice flour, cornstarch or plain flour to insure their keeping. If really pure, they cannot be called injurious, the danger lying in the use of powders having impure ingredients, of which quantities are doubtless sold daily. So sensible have housekeepers become of these adulterations that many are going back to the use of soda and cream of tartar, the use of which, as indicated, requires both intelligence and care. If one is dependent upon the average cook a standard baking powder is the safest reliance.

"In the making of quick doughs (by use either of baking powder or soda and cream of tartar) there are two points not given in any cookbook, so far as the writer knows, which add greatly to perfection in results. To make such dough proceed as follows:

"Into one quart of flour (measured before sifting) put a level teaspoonful of salt and 2 heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, or a level teaspoonful of soda and 2 rounding ones of cream of tartar, mix thoroughly with the hands and then sift twice. Next add a heaping tablespoonful of butter or butter and lard mixed, rub up lightly with the hands and again put through the sieve, pressing the last heavier part through with the fingers or hand. Now toss the mixture lightly about as when first putting in the baking powder, and it will be found that the shortening is distributed with perfect evenness through the flour. Have ready a scant pint of sweet milk in a mixing bowl and into this put half of the flour. Beat hard for a few minutes, when the mixture will be as smooth as satin. Add rapidly the rest of the flour, roll out quickly, cut (if for biscuit) and bake at once in a rather hot oven.

"Some flours require more wetting than others, but the rule for guidance is 'a dough as soft as can be handled.' A little flour more or less will not spoil the general result if other directions are carefully followed."

CONSUMPTIVES' HEADS.

A Medical Man Says That as a Rule They Are Flat Sided.

Consumptives have flat sided heads. This interesting discovery has been made by Dr. Mark I. Knapp of New York. His paper on the subject, read before the New York County Medical association, is printed in The Medical Record.

One of the conclusions of Dr. Knapp is that tuberculosis can neither be infectious nor communicable. This is the opinion held by Dr. Shradly, editor of The Medical Record, and is the opinion not held by Dr. Wilson and his associates of the New York city board of health.

However this deduction is regarded by medical men generally, Dr. Knapp does not intend to be understood as saying that the fact that a man has a flat sided head (called medically a plano-parietal head) either already has or that he of necessity is doomed to have tuberculosis. That this assumption would be absurd Dr. Knapp shows by saying that centenarians and athletes are recruited from the ranks of the plano-parietals. Nor does he wish to be understood as meaning that tuberculosis modifies the contour of a head which previously had been of a different shape. Dr. Knapp says his statements are substantiated by a few hundred cases, of which 477 were collected from four New York hospitals. In all these cases only four exceptions to the rule were found.

The most important conclusion reached by Dr. Knapp is that the foundation of tuberculosis is laid in early life, and therefore the way to save the adult is to guard the child.

A Noble Work.

The Woman's Relief corps, in national convention at Buffalo, has accomplished a noble work. According to the report made by the national president, Mrs. Agnes Hitt of Indianapolis, "it has endowed and supports a national relief corps home for the wives and mothers of soldiers and dependent army nurses; it has led in the founding of homes in Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, California, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri; it founded and supports the memorial home in Pennsylvania; it secured legislation for the founding of a home in New York; it secured the legislation that provides government aid to the destitute army nurses; it established industrial training for girls at the Ohio Orphan's home; it has built memorial halls and monuments, and it secured a united movement for patriotic teaching and a flag on every schoolhouse."

An Eccentric Author.

Those familiar with Paul de Kocs could guess the nature of the novelist's work by a glance at his dress. When writing a comparatively serious chapter, he always wore a frock coat of military cut and ornamented with frogs. If engaged on lighter work, his costume consisted of a blue flannel dressing gown and an elaborately embroidered smoking cap.

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