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TRUE SONS OF BRITAIN.

(By Mr. Thomas Burleigh, 17 Cecil court, Charing Cross Road, London, W. C.)

True sons of Britain, though your home Is not these isles amid the foam,— Ye come across the unfettered sea, Speaking the world-speech of the free. Your mother needs you; and from far aste, with dreams of Trafaigar, Of Wolfe, of Wellington, and all Who, like heroic Gordon, fall.

Her daughter-lands no more apart, Proud Britain feels her mother's heart Throbs with fond joy as now she shows A steadfast front to all her foes.

Greater than Carthage, Rome or Greece, Is now your mother grown; and peace Is still her watchword, prayer and hope, Yet with her foes she ave must cope: Or cast her honor from its place; Or lose the freedom of her race; Or lose the empire all her own, The vastest that the world has known.

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THE WAR.

THE BRITISH REVERSE AT MAG-ERSFONTEIN.

LORD METHUNE SAPS THAT WHOLE CORPS OF BOERS WERE WIPED OUT.

London, Dec. 14.—The British reverse at the battle of Magersfontein, near Modder River, naturally has cast a gloom over the country; but the set determination to conquer is rising. The Morning Post says:-

"We have had our day of humiliation appointed for us. Let us accept it humbly and soberly and be better and stronger for the letter it has taught us. This last reverse will make us a fresh butt of Europe. There never was a more apt occasion to prove to Europe whot we are worth."

All the papers comment upon the extreme gravity of the situation and upon the momentous decision Lord Methuen now has to take-whether to remain at Modder or to retire on Orange River. The Times says: -

"At least 30,000 additional men mus be called upon and militia and volunteers turned to account. Efforts must be made increase the local colonial forces and Other offers of troops from Canada and other colonies must be sought and accept-

The Standard, which comments upor the "seemingly astonishing numbers of the Boers," conjectures that a substantial porportion of the Boers commandoes has been recruited from the Cape Dutch.

The scene of battle is described thus a correspondent: "Maegersfontein range terminates on the east with abrupt saddle rock, some 150 feet high. Boer entrenchents run around the whole front. The position is some two miles long, due east and west. The western ends of the trenches follow the contour of the kopjes and afford a retreat. The Boer trenches extend far beyond the kopje into the open plain. Those on the plain were hidden by screens of leaves. Those near the kopje were guarded by a double line of barbed wire. Evidently they feared our storming and bayonet attack.

THE BATTLE BEGINS.

Lord Methven's force is estimated at 11,000 men, and the Boers strongly entrenched are said to have been in effectives three to one at a point four miles north of Modder River: "At dawn, Monday, the Highlanders, advancing across the veldt, was suddenly subjected to a murderous fire from the trenches about 200 yards in front. The greater part of heavier.

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the fearful loss of the day was thus suffered in a single minute.

"Startled and overwhelmed the brigade retired quickly, but soon rallied and retained their position. This was on the

"On the right the Guards brigade advanced across the veldt against other trenches and fought an invisible foe for fifteen hours.

"At eleven in the morning the Gordon Highlanders were sent forward. The Boers allowed them to pass one line of trenches and then enfiladed them. We raked the Boer trenches with artillery throughout the day. The fighting only ceased with nightfall."

"We raked the kepje and trenches with an intense, well directed fire of 30 guns, including a naval gun and a howitzer battery, both using lyddite. I believe they effected severe damage. The Boer prisoners report that one lyddite shell fell among forty men, only five of whom escaped unhurt. Other shells burst in the enemy's laager, causing its complete des-

When the Highlanders met the murderous point blank fire of the Boers about 100 were mown down. The Black watch regiment, on re-forming, was able only to muster 160 men. The Boers also lost heavily in the trenches and also in the wire entanglements, when they came into the open in an attempt to make a flank movement on the British.

The terrific British artillery fire provoked no response except from the Boer rifles until nearly 4 o'clock in the afternoon when the Gordon Highlanders formed up to renew the attack on the entrenched kopje. They advanced with the utmost gallantry to attack the Boers, close to the place where lay their dead and wounded comrades on the Highland

The enemy opened with a heavy shrapnel fire as the British advanced and it was found physically impossible to take the Boer trenches. The British got within 200 yards, but could not get nearer. It was here that Col. Downham fell.

The Boers had freely recoursed to barbed wire entanglements, which offered great obstacles even after the damage inflicted by the British artillery fire.

This morning (Tuesday) both sides occupied the positions they held before the battle. The greatest bravery was displayed by both officers and men. The wounded include Lieut. Col. A. E. Codrington and Captain Sterling, both of the first battalion of the Coldstream Guards.

A detachment of Boers posted among some thick bushes to the east maintained a most destructive fire on our right.' With the remarkable tact for taking cover which the Boers always displayed, they were, generally speaking, virtually invisible; and, although the enemy's artillery was practically silenced, his rifle fire was so persistent and concentrated as well as unusually well aimed, that it was absolutely impossible for the British infantry to take the position by assault.

At the first advance of the Highlanders the Boer shooting, probably owing to the darkness, was somewhat high. Otherwise the British losses would have been still

The British casualties in the battle of Magersfontein included the Marquis of Winchester, Major of the Second Battalion Coldstream Guards, who was killed, and Col. Downham, of the First Battalion Gordon Highlanders who wa wounded.

From official sources it is confirmed that 293 wounded including 21 officers have arrived from Modder River in Cape Colony, and that on Tuesday evening Lord Methuen telegraphed:

"As the Boers occupied their trenches strongly this morning. I retired in perfect order, here, where I am in security.

"I have gathered from some of the prisoners and from our men with the ambulances, who talked with the Boers, that the enemy's losses were terrible, some corps being completely wiped out. The Boers have been most kind to my wound-

EIGHT HUNDRED AND SEVEN TEEN BRITISH SOLDIERS.

KILLED AND WOUNDED IN THE BATTLES ON SUNDAY AND MONGAY.

London, Dec. 14.—The official report gives the total number of killed, wounded and missing of all arms in the engagement of Sunday and Monday north of Modder River at 817 The brigade lost 15 officers killed, 14 wounded and 5 missing and one is known to have been captured.

AWFUL SLAUGHTER IN THE HIGHLAND BRIGADE.

The war office has received a message stating that there was 650 casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men of the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein. Tenfofficers were killed, 38 wounded and 4 wissing. The following list of officers killed or wounded has been

Highland Brigade, killed-Geu. Wauchope, Lieut. Col. J. N. C. Goode, Capt. Elton, Lieut. Edmonds, Capt. Cowan, Capt. Lamberton, Lieut. Colonel Goff, Major Robinson, Capt. Wingate and Lieut. Cowie, Capt. J. R. Clark, Lieut.

Wounded .- Colonel Kelkham. Major Beer Kelly, Major Duff, Capt. Featherstonhaugh, Capt. Noyes, Capt. Wolf Murray, Capt. Richardson, Capt. Campbell, Capt. Gordon, Capt. McNab, Lieut. the Hon. W. C. Baillie, Lieut, Scott and Li-ut. Waterhouse.

RELIEF OF LADYSMITH A STOCK JOBBING FAKE:

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 .- London advices say the report yesterday that Ladysmith was relieved was gotten up by a clique who were trying to stop the slump in South Africa shares. The stock enchange went wild until an official denial came from the war office. The brokers sang, cheered and acted like crazy men. meson's thinkers and he mainstone

SHARP SKIRMISH NEAK ORANGE RIVER.

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- The war office has received the following despate h from th. officer commanding at Orange River

Thursday, Dec. 14.-Yesterday part of the mounted infantry under Captain Branshaw and Yorkshires and Lancashire guides under Lieut. McFarlane patroled enemy ultimately retreated to Germaberg. Boers have five men killed and several

BOERS ON THE TUGELA MASK THEIR BATTERIES

LONDON, Dec. 15 .- The Telegraph has

the following. Chievelley camp via Frere, Tuesday. Always the unexpected happens. The Boers have not fired a shot to day but have kept dead silence along their strong line on the hills north of Tugela River, including Grobler's Kloof. We could see bodies of mounted men riding out and wagons treding over hills to the camps. Yet the Boers must and clearly did see our forces. An attempt was made to draw them by sending men close to the river, but it failed. Evidently the enemy desire to mask their batteries until our infantry begin to move. Firing still continues from Bulwana against Ladysmith.

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MARRIED, AND LIVED ON \$1.50 WEEK.

BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE, THERE'S PLACE LIKE HOME.

The North American, of Philadelphia, of the 4th inst., gives a lengthy account of the happiness of a newly married couple in that city, who are as happy as the clams, on one hundred and fifty cents a week; and if all the statements below are true, they will shed bright rays of everlasting hope on many a struggling young fellow in this very town of Truro. Well, here's what our Philadelphia con-

temporary says: Love's young dream for the newly n.arried Mr. and Mrs. Samuel H. Parkison, who live at 1636 North Mervine street, means the solution of a problem of how to live on \$1.50 per week.

The hopeful Samuel is employed as an assistant at a butcher's at Tenth street and Montgomery avenue. Should trade grow the nephew, millly. "The fact is I'm brisker there is a prospect that Samuel may obtain an increase of wages.

During the brief courtship which preceded the marriage, Mrs. Parkinson, then Miss Annie Freda Bott, was employed in domestic service at 1308 Camac street. Since the marriage, the young couple have been living with the oride's grandmother, Mrs. Emma Silverson, at the Mervine street address. They have two rooms, and for the present have been able to eliminate the question of rent.

Facing the problem of "light houseing" for two, within the limits of \$1.50, and provided with a tiny stove, and a few utensils by her grandmother, Mrs. Parkinson makes the following estimate of her ordinary weekly expenses:

hird, party introduced that	Cents.
Coal (3 buckets)	21
Wood (8 bundles)	
Oil (1 gallon)	
Flour (1 hag)	
Butter ½ lb.; lard ½ lb	22
Sugar and Coffee Dried fish (mackerel or cod)	
Beef and Ham	18
Potatoes	16
Total	
Balance for clothing, etc	14
Total	\$1.50
By careful management of the	
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balance, Mrs. Parkinson trusts that at least enough may be saved to provide shoes for Samuel and herself.

timate friends that he deserves to get married, but while he is sometimes troubled with the thought of what would bappen if his wife's grandmother should die, he faces the future for the most part with a have been surpassed by Micawber himself.

Write at once for full particulars.

STOVER BEST W FAX.

The Halifax Chronicle says: Some days in the direction of Roman and Zoutspan inspector of the I. C. R., arrived in this of the five largest bicycle manufactories drift about ten miles east of Orange River city and reported to the authorities the in Canada, viz-Massey-Harris Co., Goold to reconnoitre and report the strength of loss of \$200. Mr. Killam took lunch at Bicycle Co., Cleveland Co., Welland Vale the enemy reported to be holding the the dining room at Amherest and after. Co. The intention of the company is to drift. The mounted infantry found a wards poarded the incoming train for manufacture in the future all of the strong detachment of the enemy at the Halifax. He got off the train at Windsor several lines of wheels heretofore manudrift and a sharp engagement ensued. The Junction and later on arrived in the city. factured by the above companies. When he reached the Revere house he car in which he travelled, but no trace of the money could be found. The officials were notified of the loss and particular instructions were given a woman who cleans the cars to have a lookout for the money. No trace of the money was found up to four o'clock that day, but about 7 o'clock in the evening the woman gave the purse to one of the foremen at his residence, saying that she had found it I. C. R Policeman Dunn were made acquainted with the fact and as a result the woman was arrested on a warrant, charg-The matron at the police station searched the prisoner, but no money was found in his family to this city. her possession. She denies that she took

Children Gry for CASTORIA.

GETTING STARTED.

A strong inclination towards a trade or profession is often one of the surest signs that a young person will succeed in it, and if the inclination is strong enough and shows signs of performance, perhaps the young persons cannot do better than follow it, no matter what some of his advisers may say to the contrary.

A young man with mild manners stepped into the office of his somewhat crusty uncle who was engaged in the practice of

"Well," said the old gentleman, "now that you are out of college, what are you going to do for a living."

"I think I'll study some more and adopt the profession of law."

"That's right," was the sarcastic rejoiner. "Go ahead and have your own way. Don't take any advice. I thought we had a talk about that the other day. I told you the profession was overcrowded. But you won't believe me, of course. You've got to go ahead and put in a few years finding out for yourself."

"I am willing to take advice," replied trying to take all the advice I can get. When you told me to give up the idea of practising law, I went to a friend who is a civil engineer. He said my general education ought to give me a foundation for any profession, but he advised me to let civil engineering alone. He said there were too many people in the business now. He said commerce was the thing for a young man, and he gave me the address of a friend of his who keeps a drug

The druggist said that I could go to a college of pharmacy without any trouble, but he wouldn't advice me to do it, as there were as many people in the business as it would stand. He asked me why I did not take up medicine, I thanked him for the hint and went so see our family physician. He told 'me that it was an exacting life, in which the percentage of eminent success was small. In fact he said there were more physicians now than there was practice for. He had heard me sing, and asked me if I never thought of a career in music. I went to see a musician, and he tried my voice."

"What did he say?"

"He wasn't as gently considerate as the others. He said there were hundreds of people with better voices than mine looking for work. He thought I might make a good brick layer, or something of that kind. So I hunted up a brick layer and talked it over with him. He said the It is the opinion of Samuel's most in- brick laying business was overcrowded and he should think a man with my training would be a lawyer."

"So I came back here, and I am willing to start in and go to work studing with vou, or go through the list again, getting serene trust in Providence, that could not more advice, which ever you think pro-

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A. E. KILLAM ROBBED IN HALI- CANADA CYCLE & MOTOR COM PANY.

This company was formed a short time ago Amasa E. Killam, bridge and railway since to take over the plants and business

An amalgamation of some of the plant Capt. Bradshaw and three men were discovered that his purse containing \$200 has taken place, and they now running and seven men were wounded. The to North street station and searched the ford and St. Catherines. Altogether they are employing at present about eight hundred hands, and are turning out bicycles at the rate of one hundred and fifty per day.

Mr. Jos. N. Shenstone, the general manager of the company, has been in this city and vicinity for the past few days perfecting the organization for the Maritime Provinces. It is the intention to establish a branch office and warehouse in under the seat in the car. Detective this city. From this branch office all of Power, I. C. R. Inspector Skeffington and the business of the company for the Maritime Provinces will be transacted. The Company have been fortunate in securing the services of Mr. W. K. Rogers, formering her with the larcency of the money. ly of Summerside, P. E. I., as manager of this branch, who will shortly remove with

The business of the company in New the money, and says that when she found | Brunswick, including the city of St. John the purse she took it to the foreman will be in charge of Mr. R. C. Edgecomb, without ever opening it to examine its who has been so long and favorably known as the manager of the Gould Bicycle Co's. business in this city.

The Nova Scotia end of the trade will be looked after by Mr. W. C. Power, who has been connected for some years with the Massey-Harris Co. These gentlemen will have the assistance of Mr. W. A. Lockhart, who has also been connected with the sales department of the Massey-Harris Co.

The Canada Cycle Co. is a purely Canadian concern, using only Canadian capital employing Canadian mechanics and making Canadian wheels for the Canadian people. The Company has ample capital and facilities of all kinds, and in the manufacture of their bicycles they will combine all the skill of the various experts in all of the above Companies. In addition to the manufacture of bicycles it is the intention also to take up the manufacture of motor vehicles, and the expectation is that a number of these vehicles will be on the market during the coming summer. They have already secured models of various styles from France as from the U. S., and will no doubt reach as high a point of excellence in the manufacture of motor vehicles as they have already done in bicycles, - St. John Gazette.

"If the Cap Fits. Wear It,"

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COAL BRANCH NEWS.

A petition is being circulated, and is being numerously signed, to have a free grant settlement surveyed near the lake. and including Mr. Callum Ridge. The petition asks for ten thousand acres. This is a good move and should be encouraged

Too many of our young men are leaving the country. A farm in Kent county is a good deal better than being cooped in a narrow den in a factory in Boston.

Mr. J. D. Irving is putting up a mill at the Meadow, or near it. He will do a large business. Success to him, and to all such men.

Mr. Adams, the new poet, of Cocagne, was here with his books. He sold several here and in Mill Branch.

Mr. Andrew Hudson is buying up all the poultry he can get. A constant quack! quack! quack! is heard around his hen house. He will furnish many a Xmas dinner.

Mr. William Kenny is lonesome, so he writes home. Poor fellow! No won-

St. Cecilia is still the patron saint of Walter He says music hath charms to soothe the savage breast.

Roads are so bad that no one can move. A young lady says that Coal Branch is the best place she knows. Bliss she says is always in or near Coal Branch. To have Bliss is to be blessed.

X. Y. Z.