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THE BRITISH POSTAL SER-VICE.

The report of the Postmaster General of Great Britain contains some interesting facts and figures. The growth of postal business in the home land has been steady and every decrease in the cost of postage has been met by an increase in the volume of mail matter. The total number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom for the year 1901 was 3,723,817,000, while the total post office revenue was £15,995,470, and the expenditure £10,064,903, showing a handsome profit from the enormous business. The postal authorities in Great Britain have been experimenting with the motor car for city mail deliveries similar to those in vogue in the American cities. The experiments in Great Britain have, however, not been altogether success

In Great Britain as in this coun try postal savings banks are operated in connection with the general mail business of the nation, but apparently more advantage is taken of them by the people there than here. Last year the public the greedy farmers who refused deposited in the British postal sav- to hire men when they were aware ings banks no less than £40,516,- that the labor market was over-436, and the total amount due to stocked. Apparently all hands, depositors at the end of the year excepting the poor individuals was £135,349,645. The Tele- who went west, are seriously to graph Department, which in the blame. United Kingdom is under national control and is run in connection with the postal system, showed a deficit in 1900 of £652,104. This deficit was, however, easily cov ered by the enormous surplus of the post office service, to which reference has already been made.

One cannot fail to be impressed from the postal blue book of Great Britain that the post office business of the United Kingdom is a splendidly organized piece of national property.-St. John Telegraph.

THAT OPEN LETTER

The Fredericton Herald, speaking of the open letter of Mr. Richardson to Premier Laurier, published a few days ago, says:-"From the temper of Mr. Richardson's open letter it is quite evident that he despairs of being reelected, and he possibly finds some satisfaction in burling a great mass of violent language at the Premier and the Liberal part. This is, of course, peculiarly pleasing to deavor Society meets at Rexton every the government's opponents, but it is not likely that Mr. Richardson's role of martyr will excite any great amount of sympathy or compassion in the political party with to, 11 and 7, Rexton, 3; also Friday, 30th, which he formally acted, and in which he might still occupy a prominent place had he not come to the conclusion that he was "it," and strong enough to bend the party to his own will,"

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

If Mrs. Nation is in her senses when she reaches Ottawa she will lock her little hatchet in her little satchel, and keep it there. Canadians have an eye for the bizarre, the grotesque as well as the Americans, but any violent demonstration of Carrie Nation will meet with reprobation and will end in her condemnation to imprisonment and fine, the same as would be awarded to any other disturber of the public peace.—St John Ga-

The Duke and Duchess of York will arrive one week later than scheduled. About September 22 is the latest approximate date. The Mayor of Halifax will have ample time to get his \$500 robes ready. He will be such a bangup swell the I. C. R. proposes to run special excursions to see him. The Halifax exhibition should have him on show.

It is reported in Montreal that the Hon. Tom Chase Casgrain, M. P., will resign his seat for Montmorenci if Clarke Wallace continues his aggressive anti-French campaign. Quebec's ex-Attorney General probably realizes that he is unequally mated with the member for West York He may also realize what Montmorenci's next verdict is likely to be.

The cigar makers of Montreal have been on strike 17 weeks. case it was long enough to revolutionize the cigar making industry. New apparatus has been in troduced which so simplifies the manufacturers state they will not who left them in the spring.

It is hard to say who is chiefly to blame for the fiasco of hurrying thousands of men to the west to save the Manitoba wheat crop and then allowing them to remain idle or return home in disgust. The men blame the C. P. R, the railway blames the Manitoba government, and the government blames

Speaking of a druggist whose certificate had been taken from him, and who had been practically pauperized for selling a bottle of beer, the Boston Advertiser remarks:-"If so heavy a penalty is inflicted upon the druggist who sells one bottle of beer, it may be asked, what penalty falls upon the This trick has made it difficult to prove druggist whose mistake has cost one or more lives? Is his certificate also taken from him? On the contrary, he is allowed to keep his that it results in the end in injury to certificate as if nothing had happened. In this respect it is a far more serious crime in this state to sell even a glass of beer than it is to kill off a whole family with the wrong prescription." A good many fool laws are enacted at the instigation of cranks and fanatics, (we have some of them) while the passage of salutary and sensible laws is opposed and defeated .-St. John Gazette.

CHURCH SERVICES.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH -Rev. D. Fraser, B. A., Pastor. Rex. ton, Sunday, 11 o'clock a. m.; Richibueto, Sunday, 7 o'clock p. m. Christian En-Monday at 7 30 p. m., and at Richibucto every Thursday at 7.30 p. m.

ST. MARY'S (ANGLICAN).-Rev. H. A. Meek, Rector. Sept. 1st, (18th Sunday after Trinity)-Divine service, Richibuc-Richibucto, 7.30, Wednesday, Sept. 4th,

METHODIST SERVICES-Rev. H. R. Baker, M. A., Paster. Preaching Sabbath-Richibucto, 11 a. m.; Molus River, 3 p. m.; Rexton, 7 p. m.; preaching at Mill Creek Friday, Aug. 30th, 730 p. m.

Couldn't Find the Corkscrew.

They live pretty well out, in a handsome home, but not near enough to a fire station to be "handy in case of accident." As the house is their own and their all the husband had been somewhat in terror of a blaze for some time. So he laid in a stock of hand grenades, those little glass bottles which are supposed to put out any fire that may start.

One day the blaze came. The cook started it in the kitchen. Then she fled howling to her room and began to pack her trunk. The wife prides herself on her ability to keep her head, so first she stepped to the telephone and turned in the alarm, and then she went for the hand grenades.

When the fire department did arrive. the men found her standing over the sideboard rummaging through the drawers. Copious streams of water soon drowned the blaze and ruined the lower floor, and the department left. Still she rummaged. Her husband came, called by the phone girl. He saw

"Why, my dear girl," he said, "why didn't you use the hand grenades and stop the fire as soon as it started? Then the whole lower part of the house

wouldn't have been soaked." "John," she responded icily, "if you would just keep the corkscrew where it belongs, I could use the horrid old grenades. But it is gone and how was I to open them?"

The Grand Medicine Man.

The ceremony of the Grand Medicine is an elaborate ritual, covering several tys, the endless number of gods and spirits being called upon to minister to the sick man and to lengthen his'life. The several degrees of the Grand Medicine teach the use of incantations, of medicines and poisons, and the requirements necessary to constitute a brave.

When a young man seeks admission to the Grand Medicine lodge, he first fasts until he sees in his dream some animal, the mink, beaver, otter and fisher being most common, which he hunts and kills. The skin is then ornamented with beads or porcupine quills, and the spirit of the animal becomes the friend and companion of the

The medicine men have only a lim-That is a long lock out. In this ited knowledge of herbs, but they are expert in dressing wounds, and the art of extracting barbed arrows from the flesh can be learned from them.

In olden times-yes, to within the memory of living Ojibways-the medicine man at the funeral ceremony thus manufacture of cigars that the addressed the departed: "Dear friend, you will not feel lonely while pursuing your journey toward the setting sun. require the experienced hands I have killed for you a Sioux, [hated enemy of the Ojibways], and I have scalped him. He will accompany you and provide for you, hunting your food as you need it. The scalp I have taken -use it for your moccasins."

When Mayor Meets Mayor.

Civic characters of local fame imbued with a sense of their own importance are not wholly unknown in this country, a fact which may account for the familiar ring of the following story found in "Highways and Byways In East Anglia:"

Mayor Wakefield one day set out for the next town with a load of hay. On the way a truss fell from the load, and he applied to a passerby for assistance in replacing it. The man addressed. instead of rendering willing aid, drew himself up to rather more than his normal height and said:

"Are you aware that you are addressing the mayor of Lynn?"

"Man," replied Wakefield, "that don't make no odds. I'm the mayor of Cattle Rising. Now will you lend a hand?" "With pleasure," replied the mayor

Antique Clocks. A common trick of clock makers and

repairers of years ago, when the craze for antique "grandf. her" clocks first showed itself, was to alter the names and dates of the original makers on such of these clocks as came to them. the exact age of an old clock now, even by experts, and still more difficult to learn the name of the real maker. Reprtable repairers do not follow the practice in these days, having realized

There is nothing odd or peculiar about the sleep of the lions and tigers. In captivity they show the same indifference to danger that they manifest in the jungles and by day or night will slumber through an unusual tumult,

unmindful or unconscious of the noise.

Lions and Tigers.

Their sleep is commonly heavy and peaceful.

She Believed. Hester-I hope you don't believe what Fred Saunders says. He has been in love with every girl in town, first and

last Bertha-That's why I value his judgment, you know. A man of his experience may be trusted to know a good thing when he sees it.

Not Needed.

He was obviously anxious, and she seemed almost willing.

"I shall refer you to papa," said she, with a becoming blush, "before giving you a final answer.

you without any reference," said be magnanimously.

No Possibility,

"Are you never afraid, Uncle Rastus," asked one of the scoffers, "of falling from grace?"

"Cunnel," replied Uncle Rastus, "how kin a pusson fall f'm de bedrock?"-Chicago Tribune.



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PROGRAM OF S. S. CONVENTION

BASS RIVER, SEPT. 19 AND 20, 1901. First Session-2 o'clock p. m. of the 19th. Preparatory worship led by Rev Mr. Townsend.

Introductory words by the President. Christ's Instructions to S. S. Teachers -Rev. Mr. Vans.

Appointment of Committees by the Report by County Sec'y, Rev. Mr. Bay-

ley, and discussion on any part of the work that may seem to be neglected. An address on the "Home Department

Work" by Rev. Mr. LePage. An address on the mutual relations o Province and County, Rev. Mr. Lucas. Offering and Announcements.

Second Session-7 o'clock. Song service led by Rev. Mr. Vans. Minutes of previous session.

A Conference on "Why Temperance teaching in the S. S. and methods of said work," led by Mrs. D'Olloqui.

Report of Normal Supt. Normal lesson conducted by Rev. Mr.

An address by Rev. Mr. Meek. Reports of Committees, and offering Questions answered by a Com'te of ciergymen present.

Third Session-9 a. m. of the 20th. A half hour with the open Word, Rev. Mr. Wheeler.

Minutes of previous session. A Conference on Primary Work led by Miss Trinda Wathen.

Next Sunday's lesson taught to a Prim-"The relation of the S. School to the

Home," Rev. Mr. Fraser. Offering and unfinished business. Fourth Session-2 o'clock.

Prayer and praise service led by the President.

Minutes of previous session. The "Test of S. S. work," Rev. Mr.

Induction of new Officers. An address by Rev. Mr. Townsend. "What ought we to expect of the S.

School," Rev. Mr. Lucas. Offering and reading of minutes. Closing words by Rev. Mr. Vans.

Note 1 .- Discussion at the close of any address if time permits.

Note 2 .- Exercises interspersed with music by the choir.

If you take a Laxa-Liver Pill to-night before retiring, it will work while you sleep without a gripe or pain, curing biliousness, constipation, dyspepsia and sick headache, and make you feel better in the

"Dld you ever notice this paradox?" Remarked the crusty summer border on the porch of the seashore hotel. "What paradox?" inquired the other.

"That the easy chairs are always hardest to get."-Philadelphia Press.

Itohing, Burning Skin, Cracked Hands, Sore Ear.

Two Illustrations of How Dr. Chase's Ointment Cures Itching Skin Diseases and Eruptions.

Mr. James McIsaacs, 25 Elgin St., Ottawa, Ont., writes: -"I suffered with salt rheum for upwards of ten years the skin on my hands cracking and breaking so as to make them useless. After trying all sorts or remedies in vain, I became discouraged and thought my sufferings would never end. Last spring I used Dr. Chase's Ointment and in a short time was perfectly

Mr. B. Nicholson, Manor House, Winnipeg, Man., states :- "For several months I had been troubled with eczema on my ears, and for weeks I doctored with a prominent Winnipeg physician, but to no avail. I was induced by a fellow sufferer to try Dr. Chase's Ointment, and am happy to say "But I am perfectly willing to take that the first application gave instant have had no return of this troublesome disease."

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"I have been doing a little figuring on time," remarked an erratic citizen yesterday, "and I have reached some rather interesting conclusions. I wanted to find out how much time man consumed in keeping tab on time, and 1 found that, if the whole world is considered in the computation, years would be crowded into a second of

"To illustrate what I mean, take a city where 100,000 watches are wound up every day. Now, it takes probably an average of 15 seconds to wind a watch. It would take, then, 1,500,000 seconds to wind 100,000 watches. Shis would mean 25,000 minutes of 530 hours and 10 minutes, or 25 days and 16 hours. I suppose there are in the city of New Orleans 100,000 watches and clocks to be wound up every day, so that nearly a month is spent in the city every day in winding watches and

"One man in a year's time would consume 5,475 seconds in winding his watch if he is prompt about it and is willing to give 15 seconds every day to this useful article. This would mean several hours during every year that he kept up the practice. Allowing 35 years as the average life, a man would spend 191,525 seconds, or 3,190 minutes and 41 seconds, or 530 hours and 10 minutes, or 22 days and 20 hours, in winding his watch.".

What She Saw.

It was at the Normal school that this happened, and the class laughed. It was a laugh on the teacher, too, but he didn't get angry, although it did break into the serious contemplation of serious studies with which he was trying to interest the students.

It was in the study of psychology, and they were discussing what ideas first entered the human mind when certain words were spoken or writtenwhether the mind thought of one certain object designated by the word or the whole general class which is embodied in that word. To experiment on this mental phenomenon in order to bring it more clearly to the attention of the students the professor said he would write a word on the board and then let one of them tell instantly what impression was made upon her mind.

He called upon one of the pupils to be ready to think quickly and tell exactly what her first thought was after she saw the word which he was about to write. He stood close to the board, so that the word was hidden by his shoulders until he turned. He wrote the word "pig," and all of the class saw it except the girl who was standing ready to make reply. When he turned, he didn't get out of her way, and she couldn't see the word. In reply to his sharp, quick question, "Now, what do you see?" she replied naively, "I see you." And the class laughed.

Advice In His Answers.

The Rev. John McNeill was holding a revival service at Cardiff, Wales, and announced that he would answer any question about the Lible. At once a note was sent up to him reading as

"Dear Mr. McNeill-If you are seeking to help young men, kindly tell me who was Cain's wife."

That seemed a poser, and the audience waited with intense interest, tempered with amusement, to see how the good man would extricate himself. After a pause he said:

"I love young men, especially young inquirers for light, and I would give this young man a word of advice. It is this: Don't lose your soul's salvation looking after other people's wives."

The Inventor of the Flouring Mill. About the year 70 B. C. Mithridates,

king of Cappadocia, one of the most ingenious and able princes of the time, invented the first mill driven by water. This triumph of his skill and ingenuity he caused to be erected in the immediate vicinity of the royal palace. In the course of time the Cappadocian bakers became celebrated and were in great demand throughout all parts of the world as then known.

These mills were usually placed upon boats on the river, being so elevated and contrived as to be easily driven by the water, and the millers were thus enabled to move from place to place, distributing the meal to their custom-

A Professional Blunder. "I am satisfied now that I have made a professional blunder in your case," the physician said, noting the symp-

toms of his patient. "A blunder, doctor? Don't I seem to be improving fast enough?"

"You are improving too fast. Your malady had begun to interest me exceedingly, and I wanted to see what it would develop into if allowed to run, but I stupidly gave you a prescription that has knocked it entirely out of your system.".

Not Correlative. Mrs. Housekeep-Do you really mean to say you are looking for work?

Harvard Hasbeen-No, lady; that's neither what I said nor what I meant to say. I said I was looking for employment.

Settled.

Two ladies contended for precedence in the court of Charles V. They appealed to the monarch, who, like Solomon, awarded, "Let the eldest go first." Such a dispute was never known after-

In the fourteenth century the slaughter of women and children after a town or castle had been taken by storm was one of the most common occurrences of war.

The rooster makes two-thirds of the noise, but the nen does all the work .-Chicago News.

A Startling Sermon. Once when Father Honore, a celebrated Capuchin of the seventeenth century, was preaching on the vanity of the world he suddenly produced a skull, which he held up to view. "Speak!" he cried. "Were you not perhaps the head of a magistrate? Silence gives consent." Then, clapping upon the skull the cap of a judge, he continued: "Ah, ha! Hast thou never sold justice for gold? Hast thou never been snoring many times during a hearing, etc.? How many magistrates have sat under the fleurs-de-lis only to put virtue at a disadvantage?"

Casting aside the skull, he held up another, which in like manner he addressed, "Wast thou not perhaps the skull of one of those beautiful ladies who occupy themselves only with ca hing hearts after the manner of bird catching?" Then, arraying it in a headdress, he continued: "Ah, ha, Empty head! Where are those lovely eyes which cast such fascinating glances, that pretty mouth which shaped such gracious smiles, that made so many unhappy ones to weep in hell? Where are those teeth which chewed upon so many hearts only to make them more tender for the devil's eating?" and so on, bringing forth skull after skull and appropriately decking them to receive his reproofs.

Europe's Ice Supply.

Few perhaps among the tourists who visit Norway for the pleasures of its scenery are aware that here they are at the headquarters of Europe's ice supply. To the mountain lakes of that country the continent looks for ice: The ice is of the finest quality, for the lakes are of crystal clear water, high up in the mountains, and are surrounded by very tall pines. The ice supply is controlled by syndicates.

After having been cut into great squares by plows the blocks of ice are sent down the mountainside on slides. On the way they acquire amazing velocity and plunge into an inclosed pool beyond which are the ice ships await-

ing their frozen cargo. It sometimes happens that through delay in the starting of the vessels or the cutting of unusual quantities from the lakes to supply exceptional demands the supply runs short. Then it is that ice becomes dear and even in winter time is a luxury that must be indulged in sparingly. But ice is used in Europe far less commonly thau in America, and a deficient supply does not occasion the sense of loss that it

would cause in this country.

Gilbert Islands Tipple. Neither tea nor coffee is drunk in the Gilbert islands, but liquor named karafee, or toddy. It is the juice of the cocoanut tree, from which it is drawn daily at sunrise and sunset. To obtain it the natives climb up the tall trees and while extracting it keep up a constant yelling to let those below know that they are at work. The sap when fresh is a harmless and delicious beverage, but after it has been kept a day or two fermentation sets in, and it becomes intoxicating. Karafee does not, however, fly to the head, but a man who drinks it to excess loses the control of his legs. However, when this befalls a native he has sense enough to remain indoors and shows his face to no one, for if his chief should ever hear of it he would be tried

heavy fine. In former days a native found intoxicated was tied to a tree and received a hundred lashes, the blood fairly streaming down his back. Besides this, all his lands were confiscated to the king

and sentenced to hard labor and a

Witty Barrymore.

Talking of Maurice Barrymore recently, a man who knew him well told this story of him: Once a wine agent intruded upon a

party of which Barrymore was one. The agent told Barrymore he was a man of good taste, and all that, and wound up by saying: "When you want a bottle of wine in

future, will you not gratify me by asking for my wine?" "Why, of course," answered Barry-

more most graciously. "I shall be de-

lighted to ask for your wine. But, heavens! Suppose they should have Tommy's Mistake.

Father-Come, young man, get your

jacket off and come with me. Tommy-You're not going to lick me, are you, dad?

Father-Certainly. Didn't I tell you this morning that I should settle with you for your bad behavior? Tommy-Yes, but I thought it was only a joke, like when you told the

him.-Tit-Bits. Pinched on the House, Jack-I just saw your wife, old man.

grocer you was going to settle with

She was simply stunning. By the way, you're looking rather miserable yourself. What's up? Tom-Don't get enoug, pourishment;

that's all. You see, I arranged with my wife a month ago to give her a certain amount each week, out of which she was to pay household expenses and buy her clothes.

The Play.

Henry J. Byron, one of the wittiest of English playwrights of a score of years ago, remarked on one occasion: "A play is like a cigar. If it's good, everybody wants a boxe if it's bad, all the puffing in the world won't make it

Sarcastic.

"Why did you leave your last place?" "Master was too sarcastic."

"How was that?" "Well, I told him I seen a snail on the garden path, and he says to me, 'You must have met it.' "-Moonshine.