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THE DIRECTOR AND THE COUNCIL.

The reports of the meetings of the common council are being regularly given to the public, and are not infrequently considered uninteresting to the average reader. Such reading matter, it indulged in occasionally, would be found to have within it many elements that would entertain, interest and even amaze.

Once again the rare and perilous feat of crossing "the Roof of the World" has been successfully performed. The two daring British travelers who have accomplished this achievement are military officers and they arrived last week in Shanghai, after having traversed Tibet from west to east along a route considerably more to the south than that followed by Captain BOWER on his famous journey.

The late GOVENTRY PATMORE had earned for himself long ago the title of 'The Children's Laureate.' His memory deserves to go down in fame. All over America the title has been bestowed upon EUGENE FIELD; but without, underestimating the wonderful pathos of such a poem as 'Little Boy Blue,' FIELD is far below PATMORE in poetic rank.

The cold wave this week did not get a warmer welcome from the coal trade than from the countless other lines of business which have been yearning for a good frost. To the very poor the coming of the inclement season will bring hardships but it may likewise bring work and charity which regards the cold wave flag as a signal call to duty.

The first true medical discovery made by means of the new Roentgen rays is now chronicled in the report from Berlin that the light has revealed the action of the heart, in case of asthma. It is declared that the right half of the diaphragm stops work during the attack and the left half is compelled to bear all the exertion.

\$2 00 per week must pay for this privilege. Another instance of the stupendous genius of this director is found in the blowing of the whistle of the ferry boat before she starts on each trip, as a signal to the collector to permit no more persons to pass through the turnstile for that trip.

There are a lot of people who preach economy and the doctrine that a penny saved is a penny made, but few of them practice it at all times. Perhaps it is just as well that they do not. A citizen walks through the country market in the morning and if he is unfortunate enough to have to buy dinner for that day he interviews the countryman and his produce.

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WHERE THEY MEET FOR PASTIME.

Halifax, Dec. 3.—Progress two weeks ago had something to say about the physicians of Halifax. A few lines supplementary to that would not be out of place. It is in reference to a member of the medical fraternity, and in kindness the words are spoken.

Another caution that comes in appropriately just here is one to parents, and wives too. There are such institutions in this city as small clubs and societies, some of them down town in respectable portions of the city that are little else than gambling places.

VERSES OF YESTERDAY AND TODAY

Love's Immortal Song. There comes a time at eventide, The necklace of the day; When love's sweet star its jeweled crown; Shines forth with golden ray.

There comes a time at eventide, When summer's bloom and shine; A Garland on the brow of day, Has loveliness divine.

There comes a time at eventide, When autumn leaves array; In all their deepest golden tints, The rich red robes of day.

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THE MORALS OF THE BATH.

The Americans are a Bathing People and the Faculties Afforded. More and more the Americans are becoming known as a bathing people. The most moderate house of the working man now has its bathroom.

I have often looked at men in business and wondered where their wives were when they left home. Unshaved, practically unshaved, save for a few splashes of water in the face, with either frayed or soiled linen, with clothes unbrushed or shoes unblackened, they appear at their places of business.

The bath has ever been recognized by controlling minds of every age as essential to progress and morality. The scientific application of heated air, or vapor as a means of cleanliness, and as a remedial agent, has been known and practised in all ages, and baths whose basis or principle is heated air, are now recognized as a necessity of civilization.

AMONG THE ISRAELITES.

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An Energetic Society.

HALIFAX, Dec. 3.—Clan McLean is an organization of hearty, whole-souled Scotsmen in this city who are banded together for mutual help. It is a mutual benefit society, and under the chiefship of H. M. McCallum, agent of the Canadian express company in this city, is having a vigorous and successful career.

Overwhelming Arguments.

Two well-dressed boys had come out to the street to play horse. They had a gay little harness, hung with bells that tinkled softly. There was a dispute as to which one should drive. One of the boys was less strong than the other, but he won his point by diplomacy.

Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report.

SKIN GRAFTING EXTRAORDINARY.

The unusually manner in which a piece of skin was cut from a boy's thigh and grafted in his eye to enable him to wear an artificial eye to replace one destroyed by accident has been brought to the attention of the physicians of the New York Academy of Medicine.

Dr. Chambers resolved to try a delicate feat of Thiersch grafting to remedy the defect. Previous successful experiments at skin grafting had been made when the skin was grafted on a flat surface. The difficulty in this lay in making the flesh grow into a cavity like the eye socket, and as too much pressure destroys all chance of the grafted flesh growing upon the surface to which it is applied, the undertaking was particularly hazardous.

Before this was done, however, the surgeon had to devise a means of holding the graft in place without too great pressure. He hit upon expedient of using an ordinary flat-surfaced overcoat button about an inch in diameter.

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EUGENE FIELD AND THE FARMER.

Having Killed the Laster's Duck, the Poet Presented His View of the Matter. A few years ago the late Eugene Field and Stanley Waterloo went duck hunting on Murdoch Lake, near St. Louis.

Late in the afternoon Waterloo banged away at a flock of mallards, and brought one down. The wounded duck, however, was not seriously disabled, and before it could be bagged rose and went waddling down the lake toward Field, and dropped within easy range of the poet's gun among a number of tame ducks which belonged to a neighboring farmhouse.

Field rested his gun across the bow of his boat and let both barrels go. The mallard went flying away. The tame ducks set up a quacking and paddled ashore—all but one. One of the farmer's pets had received its quietus. The farmer himself didn't like it, and after indulging in certain emphatic remarks well calculated to impress the erring Nimrod with the enormity of his offence, began throwing stones and inviting him to come ashore and fight.

How do you figure that? queried the poet. 'Do you mean to deny that you killed my duck here?' demanded the granger. 'That's true enough,' said Field, 'but where does the responsibility really belong?'

'I don't understand you.' 'Why, that duck of yours was particeps criminis; that's what it was.' 'I don't care what you call it, but I want a dollar for the duck just the same.' 'Well, now, see here,' insisted Field, 'you must acknowledge that your water fowl was at least guilty of contributory negligence. Instead of keeping away from me while I was gunning for ducks, that misguided fowl deliberately invited death by getting right in front of my gun just as I was about to terminate the earthly existence of a mallard.'

NUMEROUS ALPINE ACCIDENTS.

Nearly 200 Fatal Ones in Thirty-six Years on the Swiss Alps. Since the year 1860 nearly 200 fatal accidents have occurred upon the Swiss Alps alone.

Of these how many were occasioned by maladroit, feeble or timid climbers? asks the London Telegraph. The safety of every mountaineering party demands in advance that each member of it should be a practical and steady climber; that no serious ascent should be undertaken by any man who cannot rely upon his own nerve and capabilities, his power of braving fatigue and standing cold; and, finally, that the party should be accompanied by a sufficient number of personal guides.

On the other hand, he adds, 'there is no mountain which may not be excessively dangerous if the weather be bad, the guide incompetent, the climbers inexperienced, the conditions of rock or snow unfavorable.' Who, for instance, can say with confidence until he has been tried that he has nerve enough to stand the crucial test which Professor Agassiz confesses was almost more than he could bear, when, in 1841, he was one of a party of twelve who ascended the Jungfrau, half of them being professional guides, and the celebrated Jacob Lenthold, who died soon afterward of consumption, at their head?

'We started,' wrote Agassiz, 'from the Grimsel hospice at 4 o'clock a. m., on August 27, 1841, sleeping the first night at the chalets of Meril, and completing the ascent of the Jungfrau next day. Our difficulties were not a little increased by heavy mists and intense cold. At last the ascent became more and more steep, and every step had to be cut in the ice. Lenthold kept us close to the edge of the ridge of snow, because the ice yielded there more easily to the ax. It was, however, so trying to our nerves that I, for one, should not like to repeat the experience. The awful precipice beneath us was constantly in view, and we could drive our alpenstocks through the rim of frozen snow and gaze sheer down through the hole into a vast amphitheater which seemed yawning to swallow us thousands and thousands of yards below. The apex of the Jungfrau is so small that only one person can stand upon it. At 4 p. m. we started upon our downward path, turning our faces to the icy slope, and feeling with the foot for each step below, these steps being more than 700 in all. At 11:30 o'clock p. m. we reached the chalets of Meril, which we had left that morning at the earliest dawn of day.'

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Tailor Made Gowns.

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