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CANADIAN WINE.

THE USE OF PEANUTS.

There are many new peanuts, called the "Japanese White Mammoth," grown in Matagorda County, Texas. It is of giant size and is said to yield eighty-seven barrels to the acre.

One reason for being interested in this news is the fact that the peanut crop of the old time peanut growing region of the South has been diminished alarmingly of late years, large areas that formerly produced from fifty to one hundred bushels an acre now yielding not more than twenty bushels. The cause of the trouble is careless farming—neglect to fertilize the soil, and lack of rotation of crops. Virginia, however, still has an annual output of something like 3,000,000 bushels; Tennessee and North Carolina come next.

It is now believed that the peanut was originally a native of Brazil, and that it should properly make a fifth in the list of plants of great commercial importance credited to America, the others being the potato, tobacco, maize and cotton. As far back as the seventeenth century it was extensively cultivated in the old world, and has been some such an important article in Africa that the slave dealers loaded their vessels with it, using it as provender for their cargoes of captives.

African peanuts, which are small and nearly round, and contain a single kernel, used to be imported largely into this country, but they have been driven out by our superior varieties. However, the African nuts contain a greater percentage of oil, for the sake of which immense quantities of them, mostly raised in Senegambia and along the east coast, are shipped in Massachusetts for conversion into "oil-cake." The poorer peanuts are employed for soap; the residue, after pressing, is known as cake, and brings \$30 a ton as cattle fodder, and the shells are utilized as material for paper.

Recent experiments by dietetic experts have shown that one pound of peanuts meal contains nearly as much nutriment as three pounds of lean beef. The meal, which is obtained by grinding the "cake" costs four cents a pound in bulk, and the Germans have prepared from it several agreeable articles of diet—such as "milk" being ground and bolted like ordinary flour. Palatable crackers have also been made from this crude by-product of the oil mill.

THE LIQUOR HABIT.

A HARMLESS ANTIDOTE DISCOVERED. The most highly recommended treatment for Alcoholism in the world. It quickly and permanently removes all craving or desire for intoxicating liquors, and leaves the patient in the same condition mentally and physically as before the habit was acquired. It had after effects, no institute or injections, a home cure which does not interfere with business or other duties. For particulars and pro write to Mr. Dixon, 81 Willocks St., Toronto, Ontario.

CUNNING JOHN.

"John," said Mrs. Brown to her husband, as he was about to start for town, "I want you to step into Ribbons & Remnants on your way and buy me six yards of ribbon like this sample. Be sure to get exactly the same shade for those shop-girls are so lazy and indifferent that they will give you the first thing that comes to hand if you don't watch them closely, and then they are never willing to rectify their mistakes. Besides, I must have the ribbon this evening, for want to use it the first thing tomorrow. Now, don't send that stupid office boy of yours to get it. He would be sure to blunder. You need not tell me you haven't time, either. It won't take you a minute to run in there, and you won't have to hunt all over the place looking for the ribbon counter, for I'll tell you exactly where it is."

"Oh, I know where it is," interrupted John. "That's where that pretty little brunette is. I can find the place all right. Six yards, did you say?" "John," said Mrs. Brown in freering accents, "you need not trouble yourself. I don't believe you would be able to match the ribbon. I'll go myself."

"What changeable people you women are!" John says, going out, winking to himself.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMPORT Powders will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes. BREASTWORKS OF SNOW OFFER SAFE DEFENSE. Recent experiments made in Norway have proved that snow is a substance which offers surprising resistance to penetration by a rifle bullet. Its resistance has been found to be far greater than wood, though not, of course, so great as earth. It was shown that a

wall of snow four feet thick, is absolutely proof against the Norwegian army rifle, which is an arm of great penetrative force. Volleyers were fired at a distance of half a mile, and then gradually at decreasing distances, until the range was only fifty yards, and the white walls were not once penetrated. This suggests a new means of field defense in winter campaigning, snow being much more easily handled than earth or sand bags. Troops intrenching themselves in snow banks would be a novel and picturesque sight. It is disputed whether or not Andrew Jackson made use of cotton bales in his defense at the battle of New Orleans, though he got the credit for having done so. Whether he did or not he will have to give place in the matter of novel breastworks to the general who shall first use field fortifications of snow.

MONTREAL.

An Amazing Spectacle at the Liberal Rally Last Night.

MONTREAL, Jan. 7.—An amazing spectacle was presented tonight in the liberal rally in St. James division of Sir Wilfrid Laurier withdrawing the candidate selected by himself and his Quebec lieutenant, Hon. J. I. Tarte, so that a liberal kicker might be elected. It will be remembered that Tarte abruptly refused to accept J. R. Brunet as the liberal candidate, and that after a stormy meeting, attended by both Laurier and Tarte, J. A. Drouin was selected as the liberal candidate. Brunet announced that he was in the field to stay until the ballots were counted. The situation was rendered more interesting by the announcement that Hon. J. G. H. Bergeron would be the conservative candidate. The chances of Bergeron being elected, with the liberal vote divided, were exceedingly bright. The opinion of the liberals was that Bergeron's election was sure unless one of the liberals refused. Brunet refused, and so in order to avert certain defeat the Laurier government was humiliated into retiring its candidate and recognizing the kicker. Many liberals are angry over the outcome, and say they will vote for Bergeron. As for Tarte, Drouin's retirement, Laurier referred to him as a patriot. Among the speakers was Hon. W. S. Fielding.

MR. BLAIR'S MOVEMENTS.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 7.—Hon. A. G. Blair, Canadian minister of railways, accompanied by his private secretary, J. M. Currier, and Geo. McAvity, of St. John, New Brunswick, arrived at Old Point tonight in the Canadian government private car, attached to the Chesapeake and Ohio express from Richmond, where the party spent the day. Mr. Blair is making a tour of the south in search of better health. He will visit the Newport News ship yards tomorrow.

DENONCE VOTE FOR BEER.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Ministers of Chicago are a unit in denouncing the action of the trustees and house committee of the Harvard union in voting to allow students to have German "Kommers," with lager beer, ale and claret. Chicago ministers say that it is in direct opposition to the spirit of the age, and absurd in view of the nation being taken by most large business enterprises, requiring employees to be total abstainers. Only one minister interviewed today refused to condemn the proceedings, but he condemned the idea. He would not question the wisdom of the action as the best course out of a difficulty. Others thought it would be a blot on the almost spotless record of Harvard. Being strong temperance advocates, the ministers refuse to acknowledge that admitting beer and wine to college buildings will improve the standard of undergraduate meetings. Rev. Charles Inglis, the English evangelist who is conducting revival meetings here and lecturing to students at the Moody Bible Institute, said today: "I am surprised at such a thing in America. I have always told the people of England that she was shamed by all college students in this country. Some undergraduates in England do drink ale, but I always thought that those in American colleges were such hard students and so sound that they did not care for such things. I must condemn anything that recognizes ale for any good whatever."

SPORTING NEWS.

SKATING.

An Exciting Race. There was a large crowd at the Victoria rink last evening. The ice was in excellent condition, the music good, and the fifth and sixth bands there was a lively race. The starters were Logan and Bissard, half ice hockey, Walsh, Daily, Brown, DeLeon and Willis, scratches. At the word the scratch men looked at each other like quannies, and by the time they got away Logan was within a few yards of them. As they loomed along the latter trailed in behind the bunch and held position until the tenth lap. There were several bursts of speed, Walsh and Brown setting the clip, but it was not until the tenth lap that a real hard clip was struck. Willis then went to the front and the handicap man commenced to fall behind. Brown, DeLeon and Walsh were close to the pees, and in the last lap were well hunched when Willis went down. Brown, DeLeon and DeLeon crossed the line first for scratch men, but Logan's handicap gave him the race, while Walsh slid across the finish in third position. It was an exciting finish, in as much as it was a peculiar mix-up. The time was slow.

HOCKEY.

The following schedule of games has been suggested for the church and school league for the de Souza cup at the Queens rink: High school v. Trinity; Trinity v. Rotherham; High school v. Trinity; Rotherham v. Trinity; Trinity v. High school; Trinity v. Rotherham; Rotherham v. High school; Trinity v. Trinity. The Mohawks meet this evening at the Queens rink for practice. The Halifax Wanderers beat the Wanderers at the Wanderers beat the Wanderers 6 to 1. The champion Shamrocks this season are only a shadow of their former selves. Saturday night they were beaten 10 to 0 by the Montreal. At Ottawa the home team beat the Wanderers 10 to 4. Carter of Montreal is playing goal for the Halifax Wanderers. Quite a pugilistic atmosphere pervaded the Clermont rink, Brooklyn, during the playing of a hockey game between teams of the Brooklyn Skating Club and the New York Hockey Club. Upper cut, swinging, jab and counters were frequently witnessed. Knock-downs were also scored on both sides.

CURLING.

The St. Stephen club invited the St. Andrew club to send four rinks to the border town at an early day. The invitation will be accepted. The St. Andrew club last night elected the following skips in the competition for the trophies presented by Dr. J. M. Magee, F. S. White, W. C. Whitaker, F. L. Harrison, U. Thomas, C. K. O'Brien, W. S. Thompson, John White, C. T. Nevins, G. P. Fisher, Geo. A. Kimball, R. M. Magee and M. Harrison. R. K. Jones and W. Barker have been selected by the St. Andrew club to meet a committee from the Thistles to arrange for the annual match between the two local clubs. The first series in the game for the Jones skip completed at the St. Andrew rink last night, the score standing: J. U. Thomas, skip, 14 C. B. Allan, skip, 13 W. A. Stewart, skip, 16 F. S. White, skip, 17 C. T. Nevins, skip, 12 G. P. Fisher, skip, 10.

AT THISTLE RINK.

A meeting will be held on Thursday, when skips will be chosen for the St. Stephen match. Skips and rinks will also be selected for the St. Andrew matches. The points play will come off next Tuesday, and as announced yesterday.

SPORTING NOTES.

The contest between Tom Sharkey and Peter Maher, who are matched to box six rounds in the Ring, at the Philadelphia rink, on Jan. 17, has been formally clinched. The receipts and expenditures for the Harvard-ale football game were as follows: Gross receipts, \$1,550; expenses, including building rent, \$250; net receipts, \$1,300. The 25-round bout between Terry McGovern and Dave Sullivan will take place before the Southern rink, at the Philadelphia rink, on Jan. 17, at 8 o'clock, after dinner of Washington's birthday, Feb. 22. Cresceno is still going; at Dallas, Texas, from the world, on the 15th. He is a wonderful horse; he has been trotting since early last year, but he still retains all his old form, and in last quarter of a mile being in 2 1/2 minutes.

COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.

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STOCK MARKET.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Schrs. I. N. Parker, M. Lipsett, from Annapolis, lumber. Schrs. St. Croix, 1,064, Pika, from Boston; India and Pass. Coastwise—Schrs. Louisa, from fishing; Ethel, Burrell, from Harbordville. Cleared. Schrs. Onward, Wesson, for Galan F. G. lumber. Coastwise—Barge No. 3, for Parrboro; barge No. 4, for Parrboro; schrs. Susie Prescott, for Quaco; Harry Morris, for Quaco.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports. HALIFAX, Jan. 7.—Arr. schrs. Beta, from Jamaica, Turks Island and Bermuda; Gleason, from St. John, N.F., and sailed to return. Schrs. Mackay-Bennet (cable), for sea; Harlow, for St. Pierre, Mic.

Foreign Ports.

BROW HEAD, Jan. 6.—Passed, str. Dominion, from Portland for Liverpool. MOVILLA, Jan. 7, 10:35 p.m.—Arr. str. Parrboro, from St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S., for Liverpool, and proceeded. BROW HEAD, Jan. 8, 2:35 a.m.—Passed, str. Dominion, from New York for Queenstown and Liverpool. LEARD, Jan. 8, 5:10 a.m.—Passed, str. St. Paul, from New York for Southampton. QUEBEC, Jan. 8, 2:37 a.m.—Arr. str. Oatle, from New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

Foreign Ports.

CITY ISLAND, Jan. 7.—Bound south, schs. Annie M. Allen, from St. John; Abner Taylor, from St. John; and Schs. St. John, N.B., and Halifax, N.S., for Liverpool, and proceeded. PROVINCETOWN, Mass., Jan. 7.—Arr. str. Tux, destination unknown; two unknown schooners. ST VINCENT, CV, Jan. 7.—Arr. str. Victoria, from Cape Town for Halifax. Reports. PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 7.—The Spanish str. Ballasteros I, from Bilbao via Metcalf, N.S., with iron ore, which arrived here yesterday, reports having encountered heavy weather during the entire voyage and sustained slight damage to bridge. The vessel is apparently undamaged from grounding at Metcalf, N.S.

INFERNAL MACHINE—COPS FLED.

"We Die Together." Said Capt. Price to the Man Who Brought It. While the reserve squad of twenty policemen were waiting dismissal at Capt. Price in the Tremont police station at 8 o'clock last night an elderly man carrying what looked to be a cigar box very carefully in his hands approached Sergeant Sheldon.

"I've got an infernal machine," he whispered. "Good Lord!" shouted Capt. Price. "Here is a crank with an infernal machine. Grab him." For once every man in the reserve squad obeyed orders and made a dash for the rear door. Sergeant Sheldon was out the front door just as quickly, but Capt. Price made a dash for the stranger, who ran out after the sergeant. Capt. Price overtook him on the street in front of the station house, but only succeeded in knocking the box from his hands. Sergeant Sheldon was out the front door just as quickly, but Capt. Price made a dash for the stranger, who ran out after the sergeant. Capt. Price overtook him on the street in front of the station house, but only succeeded in knocking the box from his hands. Sergeant Sheldon was out the front door just as quickly, but Capt. Price made a dash for the stranger, who ran out after the sergeant. Capt. Price overtook him on the street in front of the station house, but only succeeded in knocking the box from his hands.

HUMOR ON SIGNBOARDS.

"What's in a sign?" might be asked about many of the bulletins posted all over the city to advertise business or call attention to some particular thing. The queer turn that is occasionally given to a sign often serves to attract attention to it. However, it is doubtful if the proprietor of a Market street dry goods store was pleased with the choice in his sign which occurred recently. He had a notice in front of his place which read, "The Cheapest Store of the City." Some one put a theatrical poster over the first four letters of the "cheapest," so that the sign read, "The Best Store of the City." The merchant wondered why so few customers called that day.

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MORNING'S NEWS.

P. Dinan, one of Quebec's prominent stevedores, is in town, stopping at the Victoria. Mr. Dinan does all the Dobbell's work at Quebec.

The members of the Cathedral choir were entertained at dinner at the bishop's palace last night by His Lordship Bishop Casey. Tomorrow night at the Victoria rink Hudson Breen and Len Daly will skate a one mile race from opposite sides of the rink. These skaters ought to be a great drawing card, as both men are in fine form.

Work has been commenced on Haslam, Irons & Co.'s new foundry on Market place, Carleton. The firm will put up quite an extensive shop, which is required by their rapidly increasing business. The steamer which is to replace the Beaver on the Basin of Minas route is at Channing, and will be brought shortly to receive her machinery, which is being built by the Messrs. Fleming.

AMUSEMENTS.

It was expected the schooner Annie M. Parker, which is being built at Tynewood Creek for R. C. Eskin and others of this city, would have been put afloat, but unforeseen delays have occurred. It is thought now she will be launched next week. Str. St. Quentin, Capt. Bennett, finished loading last night, and will sail today for South Africa. Her cargo consists of 2,250 tons of hay, 500 tons of flour and 327 tons of oats. This makes 4,055 tons in all, a big cargo for a ship of 2,170 tons. John Collins was the stevedore. Isaiah M. Wortman, formerly an employe of the St. John Ice Co., leaves today for Tipham, where his wedding occurs tomorrow to Miss Minnie Fowler, who has for several years been bookkeeper with the Globe Laundry Co. here. It is the intention of the couple to reside at Perth Centre, Victoria Co. Mr. Wortman is a brother-in-law of Officer Robert Crawford. The proprietor of a well known hack and livery stable is instigating a campaign among the city hackmen to have the charges for coaches at funerals increased. The gentleman in question has in circulation a round-robin, and it is understood three of the leading concerns of the city have signed the same.

STEAMERS.

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DEATHS.

STORM.—Died suddenly at 213 Gorman street, on January 8th, Ada F. Storm, an old and valued friend of Mr. and Mrs. G. West Jones and family.

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That is just what they say of Vapo-Cresolene. The vaporizer is practically indestructible, and the Cresolene is certainly not expensive. This way of treating affections of the throat is most economical, and also most effective. Our little picture illustrates how it's used. You put some Cresolene in the vaporizer, light lamp beneath, and then breathe in the soothing, healing vapor. For whooping-cough and croup it's a perfect specific.

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