

## A LADY SHOEBLACK.

Strange Sight in an Old London Street—  
Warned Off by the Police—Has  
No License.

London's only lady shoeblack, who did a little business in front of St. Pancras Church in the Euston road has, it appears, been warned by the police. The lady shoeblack took up what is really a strange business for a woman in order to help her husband. She put a gloss on the boots of a few pedestrians requiring a "shine," while he performed odd jobs in the neighborhood. The shoeblackening stand is also a kind of employment bureau for master plumbers, any of whom requiring a man can



A STRANGE SIGHT IN A LONDON STREET. at once be supplied there with the names and addresses of jobbing plumbers out of work.

After a picture of the lady shoeblack had appeared in Lloyd's special edition, an evening paper interviewed her. She then said: "I mustn't clean 'em (boots) on the box in the street any more—a police-inspector came round yesterday (he'd seen what was in the paper) and told me I mustn't. Because I haven't got a license!"

"I didn't think I was doing any harm," Mrs. Birchmore, the lady in question, went on artlessly. "It was earning a few 'apence instead of letting 'em go. And would the police let me have a license?" said Mrs. Birchmore, doubtfully, dimly conscious that the sex is under some peculiar disabilities. Time will tell.

—Lloyd's Weekly Newspaper.

## A CANADIAN AUTHORESS.

Mrs. Sarah Jeanette Coates Honored by  
Canadian Society of Artists.

On Saturday evening, 5th Dec., the Canadian Society of Authors tendered a reception to Mrs. Sara Jeanette (Duncan) Coates, the talented Canadian authoress, who is at present spending a short visit in Toronto. Her home is in Simla, India.

Mrs. Coates, who has now attained an assured position among English writing novelists, is the eldest daughter of Chas. Duncan of Brantford, in which city she was born in 1862. Educated at the Collegiate Institute there, she commenced her career as a contributor of The Toronto Globe, joining, later, the editorial staff of The Washington Post. On her return to Canada she became the Parliamentary correspondent at Ottawa of



MRS. SARAH JEANETTE (DUNCAN) COATES. The Montreal Star, and wrote a delightful series of essays each week, called "Saunterings."

In company with Miss Lily Lewis she made a tour round the world, embodying her impressions in a volume called "A Social Departure," which was followed by another book, "A Daughter of To-day," and still another, "The American Girl in London." In 1891 she married Everard Charles Coates, M. A., of the Indian Civil Service, who later became the editor of a Calcutta newspaper. Among her subsequent works have been: "The Simple Adventures of a Mensahib," "Vernon's Aunt," "The Story of Sonny Sahib," "His Honor and a Lady," "A Voyage of Consolation," "The Path of a Star," "On the Other Side of the Latch," "Those Delightful Americans," "The Crow's Nest," and "The Little Widows of a Dynasty."

Her latest story, "The Imperialist," is a strong, written story of present-day Ontario life. According to Mrs. Donaldson in The Bookman, "the humorous vein and crisp tone of her varied literary work has won her a special niche among the women writers of the day."

## German Statistics.

The statistics recently published by the well known statistician, Professor Paul Langhaus, announces that there are 53,322,000 of Germans in

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THIS

## Friday, Saturday and Monday next.

We will place on sale the following seasonable goods away under regular prices. The object of sacrificing these regular goods under the profit margin is to find out how many readers of this letter will ask for the goods here offered. We want to make a test to see if newspaper advertising to cash customers is any good.

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Men's New Spring Tailored Suits, 600 to choose from, \$10 Suits for \$7.50, \$7.50 Suits for \$6, \$6 Suits for \$5, \$5 Suits for \$4 We mark all our goods in plain figures. Come in and select your garments, then pay the prices above, with the password—seen your offer in the Herald, that's all.

Men's Separate Pants, hundreds of pairs to select from. Every size man can be fitted, \$3.50 Pants for \$3, \$3 Pants for \$2.50, \$2.50 Pants for \$2, \$2 Pants for \$1.50. With the same password, and you get the goods at once.

Men's Kid Box Calf or Kip Leather Boots, the new kinds received for spring. A \$2 pair of Boots for \$1.50. Just say the word

Men's \$2 Fur Felt Hats for \$1.50. Men's \$1.50 Fur Felt Hats for \$1. Men's \$1 Wool Hats for 75c.

Men's \$1 new Dress Skirts any size for 75c.

Men's \$5 Spring Rainproof Coats for \$4. Men's \$7.50 Spring Rainproof Coats for \$6. Men's \$10 Spring Rainproof Coats for \$7.50

3 Linen Collars, any shape for 25c.

2 pairs Woolen Hose for 25c.

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## Discredited Natives.

In the government of their East Indian possessions the Dutch have a law which provides that the testimony of one white man shall be equal to that of seven natives.

## INDIAN MAGIC.

A Trick That Mystified Lord Lytton and One That Didn't Work—Plausible Explanations.

The following story of Indian magic was told me by the person to whom it was told by the late Lord Lytton. I give it in my own words for the excellent though humiliating reason that I have mislaid the manuscript.

When in India Lord Lytton often sought out conjurers, but never saw any but the usual feats, such as the mango tree trick and the basket trick. The method in each case is known, or at all events plausible explanations have been given by Mr. Maskelyne and other experts. On the occasion Lord Lytton liked something in the looks of the conjurer who was performing in an open space before his house. After the ordinary exhibition His Lordship asked the magician if he could not do something more out of the common way. The man said he would try and asked for a ring, which Lord Lytton gave him. He then requested an officer to take in either hand a handful of seeds. One sort was sesame. The name of the other sort my informant did not know. Holding these seeds and having the ring between his finger and thumb, the officer was to go to a well in the corner of the compound. He was to dispose of the seeds in a certain way—I think on the low wall round the well, into the depth of which he was to throw the ring. All this was done and then the magician asked Lord Lytton where he would like the ring to reappear. He answered, "In my dispatch box," of which the key was attached to his watch chain, or, at all events, he had it with him on the spot. The dispatch box was brought out. Lord Lytton opened it, and there was the ring.

This trick would be easy if the British officer was a confederate of the juggler and if he possessed a duplicate key to the dispatch box. In

that case he would not throw the ring into the well, but would take it into the house, open the box and insert the ring. But this explanation involves enormous improbabilities, while it is unlikely again that the conjurer managed to insert a duplicate ring into the dispatch box beforehand. Lord Lytton then asked the juggler if he could repeat the trick. He answered in the affirmative, and a lady lent another ring. Another officer took it, with the seeds, as before, and dropped the ring into the well. The countenance of the juggler altered in the pause which followed. Something, he said, had gone wrong, and he seemed agitated. Turning to the second officer, he said, "Did you arrange the seeds as I bade you?" "No," said the officer. "I thought that was nonsense, and I threw them away." The juggler seemed horrified. "Do you think I do this by myself?" he said, and, packing up, he departed.

The well was carefully dragged, and at last the lady's ring was brought to the surface. That ring at least had certainly been in the water. But had the first ring been as faithfully consigned to the depths? Experts will be of various opinions as to that, yet the hypothesis of confederacy and of a duplicate key to the dispatch box is difficult.—Longman's Magazine.

After crosses and losses men grow humbler and wiser.—Franklin.

## READ IT THROUGH

It would Spoil this Story to Tell it in the Headlines.

To use an eighteenth century phrase, this is an "o'er true tale." Having happened in a small Virginia town in the winter of 1902, it is a story very much of the present. Up to a short time ago Mrs. John M. Harmon, of Melfa Station, Va., had no personal knowledge of the rare curative properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. "Last January," she says, "my baby took a dreadful cold and at one time I feared she would have pneumonia, but one of my neighbors told me how this remedy had cured her little boy, and I began giving it to my baby at once and it soon cured her. I heartily thank the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for placing so great a cure within my reach. I cannot recommend it too highly or say too much in its favor. I hope all who read this will try it and be convinced as I was." For sale by all druggists.

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### Legislative Notice.

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