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Best Canned Tomatoes.....8c. can
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6 Lbs. Rice.....for 25c.
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The following enterprising Druggists are authorized to receive TIMES WANT ADS and issue receipts for same.

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C. C. HUGHES & CO .. 109 Brussels St.

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E. J. MAHONEY, ... 29 Main St.

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W. C. WILSON, Cor. Rodney and Ludlow
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H. A. OLIVE, Cor. Ludlow and Tower.

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P. J. DONOHUE .....207 Charlotte St.

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BACK SHOP CUSTOM TAILORING. ALL work guaranteed first-class; special attention to outside custom tailoring; also, clothes pressed and cleaned. M. GARFINKLE & DIASKIN, Props., 42 Union street.

W. J. HIGGINS & CO, CUSTOM AND Ready-to-Wear clothing. 182 UNION STREET. 'Phone 1125-31.

COAL AND WOOD

WHEN YOU WANT A BIG LOAD OF DRY wood try CITY FUEL CO., City Road, or 'Phone Main 468. Kindling wood a specialty.

R. P. & W. F. STARR, LTD., WHOLESALE and retail coal merchants. Agents Dominion Coal Co., Ltd., 49 Smythe Street, 14 Charlotte Street. Tel 9—115. 3-a-1yr.

I AM now landing for Christmas trade all sizes Scotch Anthracite Coal, also Scotch and Sydney soft coals. James S. McGivern, Agent, 5 Mill street.

COAL TO BURN—We have it, all sizes, in Scotch Hard also Broad Cove, and Minudie Soft for prompt delivery. 'Phone Main 1227, We do the rest. G. S. Cosman & Co.

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EDWARD FARREN, CARPENTER AND Builder. Jobbing Promptly Attended to. Shop 69 Brussels street. Residence 727 Main street. Telephone 2326-11.

ROBERT M. THORNE, CARPENTER and Builder. General Jobbing a Specialty. Estimates Furnished. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Shop: 114½ Princess street; Residence: 80 Victoria street; Telephone 1724-21.

DYE WORKS

AMERICAN DYE WORKS CO—New life for your old garments—if there is life in the fabric, we can renew the color to look like new and serve you just as long. Works, 27-29 Elm street, North End; Office, 10 south side King Square; Phones, office, 1323: Works, 541-41.

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F. C. WESLEY & CO., ARTISTS AND Engravers, 59 Water street. Telephone 982.

FURNITURE

ALL kinds of second hand furniture and stoves bought and sold, repairing and refinishing promptly attended to, ranges and heaters always on hand. B. J. Barn's, Brussels street.

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CALL and see our Xmas stock of confectionary and fancy packages. It will pay you. Hot drinks of all kinds. C. L. Jenkins, 37 Waterloo street. 'Phone 1986-41.

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GROCERIES—NOW IN STOCK, A FULL line of Choice Family Groceries. All new goods. Teas a specialty. TIMOTHY DRISCOLL, 21 Mill Street.

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ST. JAMES HOTEL, No. 7 St. James street, facing near American Boat. Accommodation for transient and permanent guests. Newly furnished and thoroughly renovated. Prop., James Bartley. 'Phone 1993-21.

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UNION FOUNDERY & MACHINE WORKS, Limited, George H. Waring, Manager, West St. John, N. B. Engineers and Machinists, Iron and Brass Founders.

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LADIES' TAILORING — MRS. TRECARTAIN, Ladies' Tailoring—594 Main St., N. E.—and first class Dressmaking. All work promptly attended to.

MILLINERY

MISS M. CAMPBELL, in the new millinery parlor in the Royal Block has some lovely pattern hats she is giving at half price for the Christmas trade and has some lovely fur turbans at different prices. A few Beaver Turbans in stock yet. Feathers curled to order. 55 Germain street.

MASSAGE AND ELECTRICITY

ROBT. WILBY, MEDICAL ELECTRICAL Specialist and Masseur. Assistant to the late Dr. Hagyard, England. Treats Nervous and Muscular Diseases, Weakness and Wasting, Rheumatism, Gout, etc. Eleven years' experience in England. Consultation free. 27 Coburg street. 'phone 2057-21.

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"OLD CLOTHES MADE NEW," at Wm. H. S. Myles, 130 King Street, West Side—Pressing, cleaning and repairing for Men or Women.

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POST CARDS, Novelties, Local Views and Souvenirs, etc. at the lowest possible prices east of Montreal. Send for free catalogue to The Canada Post Card & Novelty Co., 71 Dock street, St. John, N. B

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NEW AND SECOND-HAND SLEIGHS AND Pungs. Repairing in all its branches promptly attended to. GRAHAM, CUNNINGHAM & NAVES. 46 Peter street.

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STORAGE FOR FURNITURE IN BRICK building, clean and dry, cheap insurance. H. G. HARRISON, 529 Main street; 'Phone 924. 556-tf

STOVES

STOVES—NEW AND SECOND HAND Stoves and Pipe. All work and jobbing promptly attended to. KEENAN & RATCHFORD, 21 Waterloo street. Phone, Main 784.

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WATCH, CLOCK, JEWELRY AND OPtical repairing. Gems set to order; alterations and refinishing on gold and silver jewelry by skillful and reliable workmen on the premises, No. 77 Charlotte street. W. TREMAINE GARD, Goldsmith, Jeweler and Optician. 'Phone 1389.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

ANY person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

Duties—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother, or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.00.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.
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KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.
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Accommodation for Both Permanent and Transient Guests
Rideau House
Cor. of Union St. and Hazen Ave.
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Thoroughly Renovated, Newly Furnished
'Phone 1993-21

Alex. Way, seaman on the steamer Louisburg, now in port, has a silver watch, which the citizens of St. John's, Nfld., presented to him on his return from the polar regions in the Peary expedition of 1905-06.

HELP WANTED — FEMALE

WANTED—Girls to sew by hand or machine on shirt waists. Apply 107 Prince William street, 2nd floor. 2439-1-6.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply at 141 Douglas Avenue.

WANTED—Experienced, also girls to learn operating and finishing pants; also work given out. Good wages and steady work. Apply at once to L. Cohen, 212 Union street, entrance on Sydney street. 2431-1—3.

WANTED—Kitchen girl. Apply Grand Union Hotel.

WANTED—Capable girl, for general housework. Apply, with references, to Mrs. Waterbury, 220 King street east. 2387-t.f.

TO LET

TO LET—Middle flat 93½ Adelaide street Rent $9.00 a month; practically new flat, possession at once. Apply on premises. 2441-1-6.

TO LET—Two rooms, furnished, gentlemen only, at 72 Sydney street. Apply after 6 o'clock. 2444-1-6.

TO LET—A Store, 12 North Market street. Apply to Dr. J. H. Frink. 2433—tf.

TO LET—Self-contained house, 53 Hazen street; modern improvements. Present tenant moving out of town. Possession immediately. Apply Geo. H. Worden. 2418-tf

ROOMS TO LET—Large comfortable furnished rooms, heated by hot water at very reasonable rates by day or week at Metropolitan Hotel, 109 Charlotte street. 2388-1-14-09.

TO LET—Large front room, furnished, beautifully situated on corner Princess and Sydney street, 66. G. J. Price. 2363—tf.

TO LET—SELF CONTAINED HOUSE ON Douglas Ave., All modern improvements Terms easy to 1st of May. Heated. Apply G. W. HOBEN, 2151-t.f.

TO LET—FOUR ROOM HOUSE. ENquire of GARFIELD LEAMAN, 64 Metcalf street. 2054-t.f.

FURNISHED ROOMS TO RENT. ONE large front parlor; very sunny and pleasant, rent moderate; also, one small room, very cozy. Centrally located, 25 Carleton street, two doors from Stone church. 2058-t.f.

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Single seated sleigh, delivery pung, set of bobs. Also a number of second hand stoves. Apply W. A. Steiper & Co., 125 Mill street. Phone 649.

FOR SALE—Light sleigh in good condition, built by Crothers, Henderson & Wilson. Apply Graham, Cunningham & Naves, Peter street. 2423-1—3.

FOR SALE—Small, quiet horse, five years old. S. C. Ratcliffe, 26 St. Patrick street. 2415-tf

FOR SALE—Double seated ash pung, with two black fur rugs, in good condition. Apply G. A. L. Times office. 2410-tf.

FOR SALE—CHICKEN FOOD. Apply for regular supply in quantity at 48 Celebration street. 2409-tf.f

FOR SALE—A twenty-five cent dressed doll for 17 cents. McGrath's Furniture and Department stores, 174 and 176 Brussels street.

XMAS SALE of Fancy Work, Home Cooking. Best Fruit Cake, 58c. lb.; Mince Pies, Preserves, Etc. Women's Exchange, 47 Germain street.

NEW HOME and New Domestic Machines from $9. Buy in my shop and save $10. I employ no agents. Genuine needles and oil, all kinds. Sewing Machines and Phonographs repaired. William Crawford, 105 Princess street, opposite White Store.

A BARGAIN—1,000 yards of velvet in all different shades, from 65c to $1.00 per yard, to be sold at 25c. per yard at H. Baig's, 609 Main street.

LARGE OFFICE SAFE FOR SALE AT A bargain. Apply to LOCKHART & RITCHIE, 114 Prince Wm. street. 1883-tf

GRAHAM, CUNNINGHAM & NAVES, 46 Peters street—New and Second Hand Carriages and Express Wagons for sale. Repairing and Painting promptly attended to.

Christmas Flowers

Very choice Roses, Carnations, Narcissus, Violets, Lillies, Hyacinths, Swansonia, &c.

Also fine plants in bloom, suitable for Xmas Presents.

Holly and Mistletoe.

Send your orders early and get the best.

H. S. CRUIKSHANK

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.



The great Uterine Tonic, and only safe effectual Monthly Regulator on which women can depend. Sold in three degrees of strength—No. 1, $1; No. 2, 10 degrees stronger, $3; No. 3, for special cases, $5 per box. Sold by all druggists, or sent prepaid on receipt of price Free pamphlet. Address: THE COOK MEDICINE CO. TORONTO, ONT. (Formerly Windsor)

WANTED—MALE HELP

WANTED—Male undercook, state wages and where last employed. "B" Times Office. 2438-1-1.

WANTED

TEACHER WANTED—Second class female teacher for Model Farm School District No. 7, Parish of Rothesay for term commencing January 3rd., 1910. Apply stating salary to H. W. Clark, Secretary to School Trustees, Model Farm, Kings Co., N. B. 2437-12-31.

WANTED—An up-to-date experienced baker. For further particulars call at 95 Union street, West End, Carleton or before Dec. 31.

WANTED—By the first of May, in good locality and central, flat of about seven rooms with modern conveniences. Apply at once to Box 300, Evening Times. 2427—tf.

WANTED—Two rooms and board for gentleman and wife, with two children. Must be in good locality. Box 30. Times office. 2412-t.f.

LOST

LOST—On Monday evening, at the corner of Union and Waterloo streets, a White Boston Terrier, with a dark brindle mark on one side of head. Finder will please return to H. Talbot, 264 Brussels street. Any person harboring dog after this notice will be prosecuted. 2416-tf

NOTICE.

To— George R. Bent formerly of the City of Saint John in the City and County of Saint John and Province of New Brunswick Piano Builder and Mary Bent his wife or to the heirs executors administrators or assigns of the said George R. Bent and all others whom it may concern.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of a power of sale contained in an Indenture of Mortgage dated the sixteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundered and eighty five registered in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the City and County of Saint John Libro 17 of Records pages 475—476—477 and 478 and made between George R. Bent and Mary Bent his wife of the one part and Margaret J. Bustin of the said City of Saint John widow of the other part there will for the purpose of satisfying the monies secured by the said Indenture of Mortgage default having been made in payment thereof and in pursuance of the said power of sale be sold at public auction at Chubb's Corner (so called) corner of Prince William and Princess Street in the City of Saint John in the Province of New Brunswick on Friday the twenty-eighth day of January A D 1910 at twelve o'clock noon the lands and premises mentioned and described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:—"All that certain lot of land situate and being in Sydney Ward in the City of Saint John aforesaid fronting on the south side of Main Street forty feet and running back the same width southerly one hundred feet known and distinguished on the map or plan of the said City by the number 1358 (thirteen hundred and fifty eight) and also all that certain lot or piece of land situate in Sydney Ward in the said City fronting forty feet on the south side of Main Street and running back preserving the same breadth one hundred feet and known on the map or plan of the said City on file in the office of the Common Clerk by the number 1359 (thirteen hundred and fifty nine)" together with all and singular the buildings and improvements on the said lands and premises and the rights and appurtenances to the same or any part thereof belonging or appertaining.

Dated this twenty fourth day of December A D 1909.

GILBERT SAMUEL JORDAN.
Surviving Executor of the Last Will of Margaret J. Bustin, Mortagee.
Signed in the presence of
E. A. WAYNE.
CLARENCE H. FERGUSON,
Solicitor.

BIG FIRE LOSS IN THESSALON, ONT.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 29—Fire, which wiped out half the business section of Thessalon, started this morning at 9 o'clock in the office of the Wilson Printing Company, from an unknown cause. Though an up-to-date water system has just been installed, the fire department were unable to cope with the flames, which spread with lightning rapidity among the frame buildings in the vicinity until damage to the extent of $100,000 was done.

The principal business houses destroyed are: Wilson's printing office; Argue's men's furnishing store; Lewis, candy store; Flesher's tobacco store and pool room; Bateman's clothing store; Fulton's butcher shop and White's barber shop. The fire started in Sandie block in Argue's store. The Imperial Bank, Masonic hall and Opera House in this block were damaged.

WAS NO HURRY

(Winnipeg Post.)

Speaking some time ago on a Shakespearean subject, Sidney Lee, whose name figures prominently in connection with the National Theatre movement, told an amusing story of a scorcher who was riding through Stratford-on-Avon. He was bent over the handle bars, and beads of perspiration were trickling down his face.

"Hi, sonny," he called to a passing youth, "Am I right for Shapespeare's house?"

"Yes, you're right, mister," was the dreamy reply, "but you needn't hurry. Shapespeare's dead."

SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Schr L. A. Plummer (Am), 336, Foster, from Portland (Me), C M Kerrison, ballast.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Stmr Louisburg, 1182, Marsters, for Sydney, R P & W F Star, ballast.

SAILED YESTERDAY.

Stmr Sardinian, Henry, for London and Havre, Wm. Thomson & Co, pass and mdse.

Stmr Bonaventure, Cross, for Port Hood (N S).

DOMINION PORTS.

Halifax, Dec 28—Ard, Manchester Importer, Manchester.

Sld—Stmrs St Pierre Miquelon, St Pierre; Contra Amiral Caubet (Fr cable), sea.

BRITISH PORTS.

Barbados, Dec 15—Sld, ship Norwood, for Boston.

Glasgow, Dec 24—Sld, stmrs Wakefield, Sydney (C B); 26th, Salacia, St John.

Liverpool, Dec 27—Ard, stmr Manchester Shipper, St John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Rockland, Me, Dec 29—Ard, schr St Bernard, New York for St John, lost sails.

Sld—Schrs Edward Stewart, New York; Annie B Mitchell, do; Ida B Gibson, do.

Boothbay Harbor, Me, Dec 29—Sld, schr Domain, Salem.

Calais, Me, Dec 29—Sld schr W E and W L Tuck, St John.

City Island, Dec 29—Bound south, bark Herbert Fuller, New Haven.

Baltimore, Md, Dec 29—Ard, stmr Orthia, Glasgow via St John.

New York, Dec 29—Sld, stmr Lusitania, Liverpool; Teutonic, Southampton.

Boston, Dec 29—Sld, stmr Victorian, Liverpool; Kronprinz Olav Louisburg (C B).

Rosario, Dec 26—Ard, stmr Atbara, Dalhousie.

Boston, Dec. 27—Ard, schrs Quetay; Saunders, from Perth Amboy for Weymouth; Calabria, McLean, New York for St John; arrived Sunday morning and anchored at quarantine for a harbor.

Cld—Schr P J McLaughlin, for Kingsport.

Salem, Dec 27—Ard, schr George W Anderson, St John for Providence; Sequin, Port Liberty for Calais.

Calais, Dec 27—Ard, schr Hortensia, Boston.

CHARTERS.

Lumber—Br schooner Hartney W. 271 tons, from Moss Point to north side Cuba, $5.50; schr Marjorie A Spencer, 336 tons, same, two trips; Br bark St Paul, 449 tons, from Moss Point to Cardenas, $5.62½.

SPOKEN BY WIRELESS YESTERDAY

8.35 a m—New York, southeast of Cape Sable, bound west.

9.26 a m—Pennsylvania, 110 miles southeast of Cape Sable, bound west.

SAILINGS TO ST. JOHN.

Melville, Port Natal, Nov. 30.
Pythia, Glasgow, Dec. 18.
Manchester Importer, Manchester, Dec. 18
Pomeranian, Havre, Dec. 23.
Grampian, Liverpool, Dec. 24.
Salacia, Glasgow, Dec 24.
Montreal, Antwerp, Dec. 29.
Empress of Ireland, Liverpool, Dec. 31.
Bengore Head, Belfast, Dec. 28.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Steamers.

Corsican, 7298, C P R.
Glenarm Head, 2527, Wm. Thomson & Co.
Mount Temple, 6661, C P R.
Manchester Mariner, Wm. Thomson & Co.
Parthenia, 3310, R Reford Co.
Shenandoah, 2492, Wm. Thomson Co.

Schooners.

Abbie C Stubbs, 295, J Splane Co.
Adonis, 315, A Cushing & Co.
Annie A Booth, 165, A W Adams.
Arthur J Parker, 118, J W McAlary.
C J Colwell, 82, C M Kerrison.
Cora May, 117, N C Scott.
Clayola, 123, J W Smith.
George W Anderson, 169, C M Kerrison.
Elma, 299, A W Adams.
Fanny, 99, A W Adams.
H J Logan, 772, J H Scammell & Co.
Hunter, 187, D J Purdy.
Helen Montague, 344, R C Elkin.
Jennie A Stubbs, 159, master.
L A Plummer, 336, C M Kerrison.
Lotus, 98, C M Kerrison.
Lucia Porter, 284, P McIntyre.
Minnie Slauson, 21, master.
Norombega, 286, R C Elkin.
Oriole, 124, J Splane & Co.
R Bowser, 373, R C Elkin.
Rewa, 122, D J Purdy.
Romeo, 111, (P McIntyre.
Rescue, 277, C M Kerrison.
Roger Drury, 307, R C Elkin.
Stella Maud, 99, C M Kerrison.
Tay, 124, P McIntyre.
T W Cooper, 106, A W Adams.
Virginian, 99, J W Smith.
W H Waters, 120, A W Adams.

(See also page 3.)

TURNED ROUND.

(From the Youth's Companion)

It was the first time Bobby had ever been away from home without his mother, and he had gone with some reluctance to visit his city cousins. At the end of three days, instead of the expected week he returned to his family, accompanied by a letter which stated that the little fellow was so homesick they were really afraid to keep him longer. "What made you homesick, Bobby!" asked his mother at the confidential bedtime hour.

"I wasn't 'zactly," said Bobby, "but the sun sets in the wrong place there, mother, over in the east, by our barn, and it scared me so I thought I'd better come home and see if everything was all right here.—and 'tis!"

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCERS.

America leads the world in the production of automobiles. The United States each year produces 80,000 automobiles, Italy 30,000 and France 45,000.

France can be claimed as the home of the automobile, yet the production from that country is much smaller than from the United States. Canada also produces many autos.

AMUSEMENTS

NICKEL Bumper Matinee Today!

BIOGRAPH HOLIDAY PICTURE "A TRAP FOR SANTA CLAUS"

"FRUIT GROWING AND SALMON FISHING IN OREGON" Travel Picture. | "A Modern Dr. Jekyll" "Handy Man of Our Navy"

NELLIE LEAVITT and MASTER PACKER

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC REALISTIC EFFECTS | OPEN 10 A. M. ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

GERTRUDE LeROY, CONCERT CONTRALTO MONDAY

DOORS OPEN 10 A. M. NEW YEAR'S DAY

ORPHEUM **ENOCH** THE MAN FISH ALL NEXT WEEK

The World's Champion Deep Water and Tank Swimmer. Performing 3 times daily in a huge tank containing 1.000 gallons of heated water. See reading column.

MOST SENSATIONAL ACT IN VAUDEVILLE.

BAND TONIGHT **VICTORIA RINK** BAND TONIGHT

A delightful programme of 10 numbers has been prepared by the big 62nd Band for tonight. Good Ice, Excellent Music, Perfect Order, Large and Commodious Dressing Rooms is the Magic Vic Combination.

THE GAUGE OF A GUN, WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Dealer is Floored and He Investigates—How the Standard of Measurement Now Employed Originated

(Philadelphia Ledger).

"A man who came in to buy a shotgun the other day," said a well-known sporting goods man recently, "asked me a question that floored me completely, and I've been in the gun and ammunition business for a great many years, at that. I have just found out the answer to it, and for the time being I had to wiggle out of the matter as best I could.

"He was after a twelve-gauge gun, to take up onto Cape Cod with him when he went ducking this fall, on the chance that he might have an opportunity to get a little hunting for snipe and plover. He picked out a twelve-gauge gun that suited him in the weight and the hang of the barrels, and was about to leave when he began to look at some of the ten-gauge guns of the same make. He was comparing the two, when all of a sudden he asked:

"'Say, what is a gauge, anyhow? You say this one is twelve, that one is a ten, and some of the smaller ones are fourteen, sixteen and twenty. I can see the size of the bore varies, but what's it based on?'

"Well, I was floored. It was a question that had never occurred to me, and in all my experience in the business I never happened to hear it asked. I ahemed, and fiddled around, sort of stalling for wind for a few minutes, and then went to one of our regular gun books for facts. I showed him that an eight bore is .835 of an inch in the inside diameter. The book had that. The ten gauge is .775; the twelve .729; the fourteen is .693, and sixteen is .662 and the twenty is .615. I showed him the figures in the book.

"'How do you know?' he asks. 'I can read that bunch of decimals as well as you, but they don't mean anything to me. Somebody wrote them in the beginning, I suppose. But who told him that all eight-gauge guns must be .835 of an inch?'

"I told him I hadn't time to explain then, but if he'd come around in a few days I would show him the whole thing. Then I got busy and began to investigate. I looked in the encyclopedia. There's a frightful lot of going on about guns and powder and trajectories and angles of impulse and things in that book. But there wasn't anything about gauges in the book I saw. The dictionary was silent. Nobody in my store knew, and I disliked to ask outside.

"But at last, in an old book that had antedated the new high explosives and the advent of the choke-bore guns, I found what I was after. It is the simplest thing you ever heard, only no one would ever know about it if he didn't read it somewhere.

"It is a long explanatory affair, but in substance it went on to say that in the early days of firearms, before such a thing as rifling was known, all missiles were round, and, of course, were shot from barrels that were smooth in bore, like an ordinary shotgun is now. Those were the days of the big calibres in guns—I was going to say in rifles, but that would be wrong, because there weren't any rifles, or, at least, what the early marksmen thought were rifles weren't rifled.

"In those days gauge and calibre were the same thing. The openings were large and the missile, be it single round lead bullet or a conection of little ones, went out of the same barrel in any case.

"Then the perfection of the gun increased, and smaller pieces of lead from smaller openings began to be fired. A spiral core was cut in the barrel to give the ball a twist as it went out, and then we began to have the forerunner of the modern rifle. The rifled barrels were so small that they made the earliest cartridge according to calibre, instead of gauge."

GRANDMAMMA'S TEACHING

(From the Gentlewoman)

There are some qualities of the Early Victorian woman which one would like to see more frequently today. If the modern woman combined with some of her mental brilliancy and "smartness" a little of the quietness and gentleness of the Doras and Amelias, it would be all for the best.

Opera House

The Robinson Opera Company

IN POPULAR OPERAS

Tonight

"Bohemian Girl"

Tomorrow Night

"Boccacio"

Matinee Saturday

NOTICE

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera House Company will be held in the Opera House on Thursday, January 6, at 8.30 p. m.

A. E. McGINLEY,
Secretary.
A. O. Skinner,
President.

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"A negligee, I guess. My doctor told me to keep away from all starchy things."

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