

Popped the Question by Cable. An incident of an interesting and somewhat romantic nature has arisen out of the visit of the British farmer delegates to Canada. Mr. H. Simmons, of Wokingham, England, found at Moosomin, N. W. T., a bachelor friend of his who has been settled in the territories for some years and has done well. Mr. Simmons was so delighted with the surroundings of Moosomin that he purchased the section adjoining his friend's farm. A daughter of Mr. Simmons is engaged to be married to a young Surrey farmer, the happy event being fixed to take place immediately upon Mr. Simmons' return to England. It was the intention of the young couple to proceed to Australia to settle, but Mr. Simmons cabled them of his land purchase, and intimated that he desired his son-in-law and daughter to locate upon the property at Moosomin. The reply was promptly flashed back that they would do so. It appears, however, that Mr. Simmons has another unmarried daughter, and the Moosomin man suggested that, to make the little family arrangement complete, this lady should become his wife and the two families would be living side by side. Mr. Simmons confessed that the arrangement would suit him, but he could not speak for the young lady. However, he was urged to send a second message over the cable conveying the offer of marriage, and a prompt "Yes" came back.—Cor. Toronto Empire.

How to Get Rid of Icebergs. One of the greatest dangers to Atlantic navigation, and therefore of great practical interest to seamen, passengers and owners of ships, is the possibility of collisions with icebergs. This year these huge products of Arctic winters have been unusually common, and it is stated that more than twenty have been sighted in the course of twenty-four hours in the track of steamers plying from New York to Liverpool or the Clyde. A correspondent in The London Times makes a suggestion that these icebergs might be used as targets by cruisers, and thus broken up and dispersed. The suggestion is well received in England, and it is urged that the British meteorological department follow the example of that of the United States, and mark on charts the area within which icebergs are to be expected. The captain of a cruiser setting out with such charts in his possession would have a comparatively easy task in finding where the target floated at which he was to fire.

An English Duke. William John Arthur Charles James Cavendish-Bentinck, sixth duke of Portland, who with his wife is about to visit America, is described as an extremely democratic and level-headed young man of 32. His simplicity and bonhomie are attributed to the fact that he was born a commoner, and until he was 22 years of age remained the inconspicuous Lieut. Cavendish-Bentinck, succeeding to the title on the death of his cousin, the fifth duke. Only two other English dukes were not born to the "strawberry leaves"—the duke of Bedford, who was plain Mr. Russell, and the duke of Devonshire, who was Mr. Cavendish. The beautiful duchess of Portland was Miss Winifred Dallas-Yorke, only daughter of Mr. Thomas Yorke Dallas-Yorke, of Walsgate, Lincolnshire, who is said to trace his pedigree in an unbroken descent from Adam, and to look down on the whole British peerage as parvenu.—Harper's Bazar.

Elph from an Accident. A remarkable instance of the fickleness of fortune which occurred in Butte, Mont., several weeks ago, has just come to light. Dave Evans, a young miner, had been to see his best girl Sunday night. Returning home late he fell into an abandoned prospect hole, and was compelled to remain until the following morning, when, in ascending by means of a rope, he scaled off a portion of the wall and discovered a rich lead of silver. He leased the mine, and is now taking out ore that yields \$300 a ton in silver and a considerable quantity of copper. He has been offered \$50,000 to cancel his lease, but refuses to sell. He will be a millionaire, while the fellows used to him have already become bankrupts.—Cor. Chicago Times.

Candy Jubilee. A hillpitanian Hindoo state, presidency. Its area is that of London; it has and rejoices in an army of cavalry. The state may, possibly, whether the of England among the popes on the occasion is what the have done. She her sub-day in graft from sickness.

A Big Bargain. The new girl stood behind the counter in a South End bake shop. A young man walked briskly up and laid down two cents, with the words, "Two kisses." Doubtless he would have been satisfied with two of the white sugar and egg structures in the showcase, but the new clerk, who was brought up in Thompsonville, climbed upon a stool and pursed her red lips so temptingly that the customer got an extraordinary bargain—four kisses for two cents.—Springfield (Mass.) Homestead.

Ice Cold Tea Not Injurious. Ice cold tea, according to Dr. G. W. Barr, soon loses all the physiological action of theine. A man of nervous temperament, who was kept awake all night by a single cup of hot tea, could drink a half gallon of iced tea during the evening, and sleep soundly at his usual time of retiring. To avoid excess of theine the tea should be strained before being allowed to stand.—Arkansas Traveler.

No Use for Any of Them. "It's funny, isn't it?" he said to his companion, as they were riding up town on the elevated road. "What's funny?" "That there are two thousand seven hundred and fifty languages in the world, and not one of them is good enough for that brakeman."—Puck.

Sharp Diamond Smugglers. We are informed that a jewelry firm not far from Madison square, on Broadway, succeeded in getting a number of diamonds past the customs officials in a peculiar way. The diamonds numbered between eighty and ninety, and were worth in the vicinity of \$12,000, as they were all large stones. On the invoice they were billed as imitation French jewels of the new kind. These diamonds are made of brilliant pieces of glass highly polished and deftly covered with a thin coating of genuine diamond shavings. These stones are so expertly made that it is almost impossible to detect the imitation even by the use of a strong microscope. The tell-tale feature of the imitation stone is a roughness around the circular edge at the widest part of the stone, where the two layers of the diamond coating join. This is really the only way that the imitation can be detected. Emeralds, pearls and rubies are also made in this way. It is necessary to use a microscope to detect this roughness about the edge. When the consignment of supposed imitation diamonds arrived the assistant appraiser assigned to gauge their value examined each stone carefully with a powerful microscope, and found that all of them had the tell-tale roughness on the edges. He accordingly allowed them to be delivered to the consignees on payment of the duty based upon a valuation of \$600. This saved the firm some \$1,200 in duty. As a matter of fact the jewelers knew the means taken by the custom house authorities to discover if the stones were imitation or not, and had filed the edges of the diamonds before shipment from the other side, so that they resembled the spurious articles.—Jewelers' Catalogue.

An Octogenarian Up a Spire. A venerable athlete of Leyweller, who is known throughout Lothringen and the Erekmann-Chatrian country as "Okt Vetter Michel," made a wonderful exhibition of his undiminished prowess one day. Although he has passed his eightieth year, the lively old gentleman actually climbed to the top of the spire of the parish church of Saar-Alben, which is 132 feet high. There he stayed some minutes, turning the weathercock round and round, and performing a few other gymnastic feats. He then came down again as quietly and composedly as he had ascended, amid the cheering of the crowd of admirers. The athletic world will surely acknowledge "Vetter Michel" to be the champion grand old man of the profession, although less sympathetic critics will probably say that there is no fool like an old fool.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Color of Natural Wool. There are certain fallacies abroad concerning the proper color of natural wool, and of natural silk, too, for that matter, so that a furnisher is very often compelled to keep his "natural" wool under wear of a decidedly gray color, and his "natural" silk ditto of a rich salmon pink, which he furthermore is expected to verify as being the natural color of the undyed thread. Now many a long hour's soak in the dye tub do both silk and wool undergo to acquire the "natural" color demanded by the public, and the customer is now so used to the deception which his persistently false notion compels the manufacturer to practice that he would not believe the real undyed fabric to be genuine if he saw it.—Clothier and Furnisher.

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ARCHBISHOP CLEARY. His Investiture With the Pallium—Sermon by Bishop McQuaid of Rochester. Sunday last was a gala day for Kingston, Canada, Catholics. It was the date set for the investiture of Archbishop J. V. Cleary with the Pallium. The exercises began in St. Mary's Cathedral at 10:30 a. m. There were in the procession Cardinal Taschereau of Quebec, Archbishops Walsh of Toronto, and Cleary of Kingston, Bishops McQuaid of Rochester, N. Y., O'Farrell of Trenton, N. J., O'Connor of London, O'Connor of Peterborough, Dowling of Hamilton, the bishop of Pontiac, the bishop of Endocia, Monsignor Gleeson of Buffalo, N. Y., and about one hundred priests. Solemn high mass was celebrated by Bishop O'Connor of Peterboro; assistant priest, Vicar-General Rooney, Toronto; deacons of the mass, Dean Gauthier, Brockville, and Rev. C. Murray, Toronto; masters of ceremonies, Fathers Neville, of Kingston and Hand of Toronto; deacons of honor to the cardinal, Mgrs. Farrelly and Marechal of Montreal. Bishop McQuaid preached the sermon. The Toronto Empire gives the following brief synopsis: "The sermon was preached by Bishop McQuaid of Rochester, whose discourse was very eloquent. His text was the first verse of I Thessalonians, and he at the outset said the experiences of Paul and Peter were not unlike those of the first missionaries sent by Quebec to this country. They suffered, but were successful. In speaking of the individual liberty allowed by tyrannical Rome, he said it was greater than many had any idea of, and that Rome was not hampered by a murderous standing army, which oppressed the suffering people of today. He gave great credit to the Highlanders of Scotland who settled in this section, and who would not forsake their faith for the allurements of the court. They made Kingston, like Ephesus, a mother of churches. She in turn sent word to Toronto to become a centre for spreading the gospel, and that city and Hamilton responded. The Catholic church in this section had been surrounded by heresy after heresy, and attempts were made to crush her, but she came forth from the struggle, though scarred, stronger and braver than ever. In speaking of the church in free America, he said: 'We are untrammelled. The government protects the good and punishes the bad, and the church is allowed to prosper in accordance with its might.' No man or nation, he said, had a right to prevent the people from receiving the salvation afforded by Christ. He prayed that the day would come when all would be as one with one faith." After the mass the ceremony of investiture began. Again we quote from the Empire: "Cardinal Taschereau was robed in his various vestments, after which he was escorted by Mgr. Farrelly to the altar where he became seated. Archbishop Cleary then robed and knelt before the cardinal, who proceeded with the ceremony which was very brief. The pallium, a small white insignia, was dropped over the archbishop's head by the cardinal, and it being fastened upon his shoulders by the deacon, a few words by the cardinal and the ceremony was over. The archbishop then gave his benediction to the people, and became seated on his throne." Then an address in French was read to the cardinal, followed by several addresses to the archbishop. In the evening an eloquent sermon was preached by Bishop O'Farrell of Trenton, N. J.

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