

Terms, Four Dollars per Year.

"This is True Liberty, when Free Born Men, having to advise the Public, may speak free."—EURIPID

Single Copies two cents.

VOL 37

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. ISLAND, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1897.

NO 292

OUR CAVALRYMEN BEST.

French Horses, However, Are Superior to Those Used Here.

The French horseman does not ride as well as his prototype in the United States regular army, but the horses of the French army are better and more serviceable than those in the United States. The half bred barbs of the chasseurs are up to any amount of work, and the heavier Normans and Bretons of the dragoons and cuirassiers, although perhaps too light for the weight they carry, are splendid specimens of horse-flesh. The French artillery—believed elsewhere than in France to be the corps d'élite of the army—was beyond praise. The physique of the personnel of the field and horse batteries is superior to that of the line, and the average efficiency of the officers is higher. The steel gun that it is armed with is a most effective weapon—the fieldpiece of 90 mm., weighing 10.43 hundredweight, and firing a 17.98 pound common shell, 18.5 pound shrapnel; the horse artillery gun weighing 8.36 hundredweight, with a 13.15 pound common shell and a 13.84 shrapnel.

The large number of batteries attached to an army corps—more than four guns to 1,000 infantry and cavalry—is not the only indication that the French place great reliance upon their artillery. The batteries as they marched past presented an admirable appearance. The old maxim of "spit and polish" was not as minutely carried out as in the case with the batteries of the United States regular army. The steel hames and collar chains were in some instances not as bright as they might have been, nor were the leather harnesses absolutely immaculate, but the horses are beyond criticism, and everything pertaining to each piece and each caisson is thoroughly serviceable and businesslike.—New York Tribune.

The Most Costly Fruits.

Hothouse grapes are the costliest of fruits. They are never less than 75 cents a pound, and when they are most costly, in February and March, they sell for \$1 a pound, sometimes going as high as \$10 a pound. At prices ranging up to \$2 a pound there is a ready sale for them. At the higher prices they are sold almost exclusively for the use of invalids. There is a sale for all that are produced, but the production is great, and the vines may die from exhaustion after a single season of forcing.

The next most costly fruit is the hothouse peach. Hothouse peaches sell in February at \$2.50 each. They are used mainly by invalids, but such peaches are also often sold for gifts. They are presented as flowers or as bouquets would be. Three or four peaches are packed in cotton and set off with a few peach leaves in a handsome box. Hothouse peaches run down to about 60 cents each in April and May, when we begin to get the first of the peaches from the south.—New York Sun.

An Explanatory Hint.

"Why," asked Pat as he came hiccupping into the Quippery, "is the humble goat always held up as the simile for intoxication—for instance, 'full as a goat'?"

"I cannot guess," answered Tim, "unless"—and he paused meditatively and looked at Pat as if he expected an invitation—"unless it is because he is always ready to throw a horn into anybody."—Pittsburg News.

All animals, domestic ones included, become restless before a storm. Cats and dogs scratch and move about, while their fur looks less bright and glossy than usual. It is always a sure sign of rain when horses and cattle scratch their necks and sniff the air.

WOOD'S PHOSPHODINE.

The Great English Remedy.
Six Packages Guaranteed to promptly and permanently cure all forms of Nervous Weakness, Epilepsy, Spasms, Stomachic, Insipidity and all effects of Abuse or Excesses. Mental Weakness, excessive use of Tobacco, Opium or Stimulants, which soon lead to Insanity, Imbecility, Consumption and an early grave. Has been prescribed over 35 years in thousands of cases; is the only Reliable and Honest Medicine known. Ask Druggist for Wood's Phosphodine; if he offers some worthless medicine in place of this, decline price in letter, and we will send by return mail. Price, one package, \$1; six, \$5. One will cure. Pamphlets free to any address. Wm. Wood Company, Windsor, Ont., Canada.

Sold in Charlottetown by Geo. E. Hughes Druggist.

For Sale.

SCHOONER "SAN JUAN," now on her way from St. John's Newfoundland to Charlottetown; built in 1889, registered tonnage 94 tons; has a good outfit. Apply to PEAKE BROS & Co. Nov 16—tf

ASTONISHING, UNEQUALLED UNAPPROACHED

are the values we will offer in all classes of goods for the balance of the year

Ready made Clothing must go. Fur and Cloth Caps must go
Underwear and Shirts must go. Fur Coats and Robes must go
Staple Dry Goods must go.

We Have a Tremendous Stock

A beautiful assortment of goods and values the best in the city.

McKay Woolen Company

LEADERS OF VALUE

As Nearly as Possible.
She—Tell me truly, now, is your heart wholly mine?
He—As nearly as it is possible, I being a loyal patriot. George Washington, you know, is first in the hearts of his countrymen.—Boston Transcript.

Must Be a Boston Girl.
In Anna's heart I fain would ask a working claim for me, her fond Ike. But, lo, she is a small Alaska. And twice as cold as any Klondike! —New York Journal.

The full intensity of living is reached only by the perfectly healthy. Sickness discounts the capacity for enjoyment. If his body is all out of order and run down, he will not be able to enjoy anything, no matter how full of enjoyment it may be for other people. If he is just a little bit out of order, if he is not sick, but doesn't feel just right, he will only be able to enjoy things in a half-hearted sort of way. The nearer he is to being perfectly well, the nearer will his capacity for his enjoyment be perfect. If this condition doesn't exist, something ought to be done. That means nine cases in ten the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It works directly on the digestive organs, and on the blood and through these on every tissue of the body. It makes the appetite good, digestion and nutrition perfect and supplies rich, red blood to all the tissues, building up solid, healthful flesh.

Send 31 cents in one-cent stamps to World's Dispensary Medical Association, Buffalo, N. Y., and receive Dr. Pierce's 1008 page "Common Sense Medical Adviser," profusely illustrated.

The finest assortment of American cloth caps in town. The latest styles, the lowest price.—McKay Woolen Co.

WANTED!

5,000 men, women and children to call and inspect my New Goods. Compare prices with other stores, and be convinced by buying from me your watches, clocks, jewelry, silverware, spectacles, eye glasses, etc, you will save money, and the goods bought from me will be warranted to give satisfaction.

C. C. JURY

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS DESIGNS COPYRIGHTS &c.

Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents. Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice, without charge, in the

Scientific American.
A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers.

MUNN & Co., 361 Broadway, New York
Branch Office, 625 F St., Washington, D. C.

Italian Ware House

Cor. Grafton and Gt. Geo. Sts.

North side Queen Square

De Kuypers

and Herman Jansen

Genuine Rotterdam

GIN.

JOY & DAVIES,

Wholesale Wine Merchants.

WARE - HOUSES

TO LET

PEAKE'S WHARF

(NO 1)

Wharfage storage and yardage, at reasonable rates.

Arthur G. Peake.

Nov. 4

JUBILEE SOAP

A new and superior white soap—a marvel of beauty, purity and efficacy, the queen of fine Laundry, Toilet and Bath. Should you buy it, once you will always use and forever thank

Jas D. Laphorne & Co., Makers

Makers of the Famous Royal Oak Soap.

Beautiful

That is what Everyone says of our Display of SILVERWARE

New stock just received. The latest novelties in artistic designs.

QUALITY A 1

G. H. TAYLOR

Charlottetown

PORTO RICO

Molasses

and Sugar

OF CHOICE QUALITY

Ex Schooner Edna S.

Will be sold low while landing.

Horace Haszard

THE CLINTONIA.

In California, where great redwoods grow, The tall Clintonia stands—a stately sight, Shedding in ferny ways its scarlet light— A lily in red robes, as if to show A life more royal than pale lilies know. The brooding first through winter's fog and gloom Dream of the time when these bright torches bloom. This flower of cheer was loved by great The reat Through Mair's dark pines and Lichen's greenery— By our beloved Thoreau, ordained to be A priest to lead us to God's temples grand, Whereon the wonders of his skill are spent First of these, the tall Clintonia stand. The altar candles of a continent. —Lillian H. Shuey in Overland Monthly

POCKETS.

Pair of Them Made in a Pair of Breaches of the Year 1611.

Perhaps the best proof of the advance of the Japanese in civilization is to be found in their use of pockets. The people of that country have usually six or eight pockets cunningly inserted in the cuffs of their wide sleeves. These pockets are always filled with a curious miscellany. As common as the twine in the pockets of young Americans is the prayer amulet written on sheets of rice paper and composed by the bonzes. In accordance with their faith, these amulets are swallowed like a pill in cases of mental or physical distress. Another essential seldom missing is a number of small squares of silky paper. These are put to unexpected uses, such as to hold the stem of a lily or lotus, to dry a teacup or to wipe away a tear. Among the Chinese and other nations a pouch is used instead of a pocket. This was also the case in western Europe in the middle ages and for some time afterward. The pouch was attached to the girdle, along with a dagger and rosary. It was often ornamented with curious patterns, gold and silk threads, coats of arms and religious sentences. A dramatist of the time of Henry VIII wrote:

From my girdle he plucked my pouch; By your leave he left me never a penny.

Breeches, however, had pockets at an early date. In an old play written about 1611 it is mentioned that a man had 30 pockets. But pockets did not attain their proper position until the adoption of the modern style of men's garments. With waistcoats a great opportunity for pockets presented itself. Later they were made very broad and deep and were covered with embroidery and buttons. In the reign of George III waistcoat pockets reached such size in England that they became objects of ridicule, so that they soon began to resume more moderate proportions.—New York Post.

A MOST PECULIAR PEOPLE.

Some of the Remarkable Ceremonials of Southern Alaska Indians.

One of the most remarkable of the festivals celebrated by the Alaska Indians is a carnival of ghosts which is held each winter. It seems to be derived from a tradition that tells of a journey made by an adventurous individual to a region beneath the earth inhabited by phantoms. The celebration itself is a mimical representation of the visit to hades aforesaid, and the performer who represents the submundane traveler wears a necklace and head-dress set round with skulls.

This festival requires elaborate preparations. Speaking tubes of dried giant kelp are laid under the foot of the lodgehouse so as to terminate in the fireplace. When the ceremonial is in progress, the performer disappears into a ditch previously dug behind the fireplace, and then many voices are heard coming out of the flames—really the voices of persons hidden in adjoining rooms, who speak through the tubes. Later on an image representing a ghost is seen to rise out of the ground, carrying the performer.

Cannibalism is very conspicuous in the myths current among these people, who have themselves been eaters of human flesh up to a recent period. Indeed, though the whites are supposed to have put a stop to such practices, it would seem that secret indulgence in them has not been wholly done away with.

Quite a number of strange demons are worshiped as guardian spirits, among them a cannibal demon that lives on the mountains and always is engaged in the pursuit of human beings for his table. The smoke of his chimney is the color of blood, and he has a female slave who gets food for him by catching men and collecting corpses. In his house is a fabulous bird with an immensely long beak, which lives on the brains of persons whose skulls it fractures with its bill. Anybody who is so unfortunate as to encounter the cannibal spirit may be transformed into a grizzly bear. On the other hand, if he can please the demon, he may obtain power to handle fire without being burned.

Another guardian spirit is a fearsome warrior, who lives in the far north. He travels constantly and never leaves his canoe. By obtaining his protection a man may become invulnerable, or he may acquire power to catch the invisible disease demon. This demon is at all times flying about in the air in the form of a worm. The fortunate protegee of the warrior spirit catching the worm can throw it into the body of an enemy, who will die at once.

These Indians wear wooden masks in their ceremonials. Some of them are of enormous size and astonishingly grotesque. The mask worn by a performer who represents the cannibal spirit, for example, is a huge crocodilelike head. Another, representing the bird servant of this spirit, is like the head of a bird, with a bill four feet long. By means of strings, pulled by the wearer, the great beak is made to open and shut rapidly, producing a loud clapping.—St. Louis Republic.



SOWING SEEDS OF HEALTH.

Scattering the seeds of good health in the dark corners of disease and sickness. Seeds of purer blood and stronger constitutions. These are the seeds sown by Abbey's Effervescent Salt.

Much of the pain and disease that is racking humanity might be avoided, if the little irregularities of the system are not nipped in the bud. They become chronic diseases that you sometimes cannot get rid of.

Regulate your system—keep it in a healthful state and keep free of sickness.

Abbey's Effervescent Salt

The standard English preparation, will do this for you. Its use purifies the blood and adds strength and vim to the constitution. It builds up the system and strengthens and eases pain-racked nerves. Here is what those who know say of it:

Dr. Thos. E. Lovgrove, M.R.C.S.E., London, England, says— "Abbey's Effervescent Salt is a safe and useful family medicine, and is especially beneficial in cases of indigestion and Rheumatism."

Dr. W. H. Wright, L.R.C.P.I., L.M., London, M.R.C.S.E., L.S.A.I., Eng., says— "I still take your Abbey's Effervescent Salt every morning. I am daily recommending your excellent preparation."

These are extracts from only two of the many letters we have received from prominent English physicians. Ask your druggist for it, if he hasn't got it he can get it for you. Price 2/6 or 60 cents a bottle.

THE ABBEY EFFERVESCENT SALT CO., LIMITED, MONTREAL, CANADA.

Buy a dress.—We make it easy by giving 25 per cent off all our stylish dresses lengths.—Moore & McLeod.